

# HALVORSEN MINISTRY UPDATE



The Litchfields and their Cru team in Providence, RI

**Meet the Litchfields (Matt, second top left, and Rebecca, holding their youngest son) and their team in Providence! Aaron and I got to know this sweet family on summer mission and during our continued theological studies years ago. This month I have started coaching this family during a season of trusting the Lord for continuing to grow their team of partners to support their ministry. Please pray that the Lord would give me wisdom as I guide them in support raising, that God would lead them to provision for their family and ministry, and that He would give them strength through the challenges they are facing doing ministry in Providence, RI.**

## **Hear their most recent story:**

“I shivered as I stepped out of the coffee shop onto the windy, downtown street of Providence. Our team had just split into two sub-groups to walk around the campuses of downtown Providence and pray.

“In the last two years, we’ve been kicked off multiple downtown campuses for merely *asking* students if they might be someone or know someone who loves Jesus and talks about Him with others. Some of these campuses have never had a movement of believing, gospel-sharing, disciple-making students on them. So, despite the strong, brisk breeze and occasional shivers, we walked and prayed. If we want to see these realities change, then we need God to show up.

“My group walked past Johnson & Wales first, where I personally got chased off by campus security and where two of my teammates have pictures hanging in the security office. For having the audacity to say Jesus’ name out loud. For daring to open our mouths and talk to students. We felt the weight of what we were doing and what had happened before, but we prayed all the same.

“We next passed multiple coffee shops where, despite the obstacles, our team had met with multiple college students last year to talk about Jesus, faith, and their campuses. It crossed my mind how often coffee shop meetings serve as gateways for us, neutral ground in this ongoing war with our spiritual enemy for the souls of Providence’s college students.

“We lingered at a coffee shop at the Rhode Island School of Design. A school that sits literally in the shadow of Brown University, and even in the ministry efforts I know of has been an add-on to efforts to reach the Ivy and never the focus. My heart broke as I realized how little I understood about this school, and about the lives and mindsets of art and design students. We prayed hard for God to grant us both understanding and access to these oft overlooked students.

“As we sat sipping our coffee, I remembered a RISD grad I could talk to. A teammate shared about a RISD student going to their church who his wife had started mentoring. The third member of our group recalled a staff person who specializes in art ministry, and was an art student herself.

“Through our prayers, connections, and drive, God began to formulate a plan in our minds of how we might just maybe reach these students. And if He can do it for RISD, then He can do it for the whole city!

“We are grateful to know you are praying and will pray with us! We are grateful that God delights to listen to all of our prayers, and desires more than we ever could to reach these students with His gospel. We are grateful that we can link arms together and believe God that Providence is indeed not out of His reach!” - Matt Litchfield

**Thank you for being a part of my team to help me equip and resource Cru staff like the Litchfields in the great mission the Lord has called them to!**