



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## LAUNCHING IN LYNCHBURG



A year ago we launched Cru at CVCC in Lynchburg. While we were excited to see that ministry launched and continue this semester, there are four other campuses in Lynchburg that have little to no form of on campus Christian fellowship.

Another school not part of those four is Liberty (LU). There are lots of opportunities for LU students to be discipled, study the bible, worship and other activities to grow in their faith. As a Christian university there is one thing that LU can't offer: opportunities for missions and evangelism on campus. We have already sent LU students around the world to strategic locations to share the Gospel on different mission trips. However, there has not been a local ministry for students to be involved in, but that looks to be changing. A few staff from our team and from Cru Global held an info session last week on campus. Andrew was blown away to see over 50 students in attendance! They all expressed interest in helping to launch Cru ministries on the other campuses in Lynchburg! Our plan going forward is to have a bi-weekly meeting time at LU for training in launching ministries and evangelism. We are working to establish groups of Liberty students that have ownership of launching and coaching ministries at the other colleges in Lynchburg.

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## WHAT A MONTH!

With a much smaller staff team (4 compared to 9 last year) we began the semester with a flurry of activity, including two events on the UVA move-in days to welcome first years and introduce them to Cru. In total we gave out over 1,600 Chick-fil-a nuggets and met hundreds of interested students. Other traditional events like the Root Beer Kegger on John Street and the First Year Hangout were well attended and have led to a larger number of first years involved compared to previous years.



Andrew gave the first message of the semester and addressed the events that happened in Charlottesville back in August. As Cru we wanted new students to know what we stand for and what we stand against. With UVA and Charlottesville racism and inequality unfortunately has a long history and while some things are better, it still exists today.

## PVCC

At PVCC we have been in awe of how God continues to bring out new students every week. Each week we have had over 60 students coming out to weekly meetings. There are now 7 small group bible studies and over 20 student leaders and around 90 students involved! It is amazing to see growth like this at a community college!

## DISCIPLESHIP



With less staff to disciple student leaders, that has meant that we have both taken on more disciples this semester. Andrew has gone from 1 student last year to 5 this year. Jena is now discipling 7 women from UVA, PVCC, as well as our daughter Olivia.

Our biggest event of the first semester is always our annual Fall Retreat at Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, VA. The weather was phenomenal, our speaker, Tim Henderson (executive director of the Blue Ridge Fellows program), challenged and engaged our students, and lots of fun was had during the various activities we did during the retreat. A first year student from UVA told us it was the best weekend of her life! Even students that have been attending Fall Retreat for four years said this was their favorite retreat. We are beyond excited to announce that 3 students from PVCC accepted Christ during the retreat! There were also 2 students that received Christ at UVA earlier in the semester so there are now a total of 5 new believers within Cru!



## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for the 5 that have begun new relationships with Christ; that they would continue to grow in their newly found faith.
- Pray for wisdom as we roll out the plan to launch Cru through Liberty students on all 5 other campuses in Lynchburg.
- Praise God that he has provided for many of our support needs. Thank you for praying! Please continue to pray for us and specifically that God would meet our need for \$500 in additional monthly support.
- Pray for the continued healing of Charlottesville and the community at UVA from the events that occurred in August.

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands. — Psalm 19:1  
With love,  
Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel