



Ministry Update for the Browns  
February 2022

## WHAT IS LOVE?

Our High School ministry is continuing to be a fun and authentic environment where we are able to share one another's stories, play games, worship God, and challenge one another in the faith! For Valentine's Day, which fell on a Monday this month (normally a Family Dinner night), we reserved the whole house solely for high school. The night consisted of: Heart shaped pizzas and Valentine themed cookie decorating Game playing (semi-spicy Uno, Impractical Jokers card game and Mafia), and breaking off into men and women to share testimonies and to have an honest conversation about what our expectations of love were (things like loyalty, sense of humor, attractiveness were mentioned) and what Scripture says love is (taken from 1 Corinthians 13). The girls opened up about things like past heartbreaks and hopes for the future — it was a night of bonding and laughter! We are grateful that the students are growing in their trust and affection for us!



*Valentine's Day 2022 with Cru High School: you can tell all 18 present were comfortable with one another!*

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## LYNCHBURG METRO: THE EVERY INITIATIVE TAKEOVER!



*Students signing in at our Metro meeting*

Last week we hosted our once-a-semester Metro meeting. This is our opportunity to be encouraged and excited about what God is doing on all the campuses in Lynchburg and beyond! There were students in attendance from 6 colleges and from EC Glass High School. This Metro meeting we had the privilege of hosting Cru's Every Initiative, a ministry based in Sweden that combines strategies to college students, refugees and the local church. These missionaries are very special to us because all three of them are Liberty University graduates! Daniel, one of the Team Leaders, was on staff with us when we were based in Charlottesville! Cris, an intern, was on staff with us last year in Lynchburg, and Charissa, another intern, was a student in our movement two years ago! Together they led worship, spoke on God's heart for the nations and world vision, and challenged our students to take the next steps in their faith journey. It was a fun and meaningful opportunity for us to spotlight our international partners.



*Alexis and Morgan, Metro Meeting Emcees*

## THE BYSTROMS, SALT OF THE EARTH!

Ron and Char Bystrom are Cru staff with Strategic Partnering and liaisons for The Every Initiative, and are always incredibly encouraging to us when they come into town! This visit was no exception. They presented us with two handcrafted pens with a card telling us that we are doing great work. We were surprised and overcome with gratitude for the gift, but even beyond that, for the gift of their friendship! They are Christian role models to us and we hope to be like them when we grow up! Join us in thanking God for the Ron and Char!



*TEI and Lynchburg Cru staff with the Bystroms (upper and lower right)*

## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for the upcoming mission trips to Sweden, North Africa, Dominican Republic and Florida — that they would be faith-producing and bear fruit!
- Pray for Nolvin Cruz, our staff who is raising support. He is currently at 85% and we are trusting God to raise his full support by spring break so he can take students to Florida!
- Pray for those that were at the Metro meeting. We challenged them to get involved in the Great Commission happening all over the world. Pray that students would make bold choices for Christ, and be able to trace their decisions to this night where the Lord asked, "Will you go and love these ones on My behalf?"

*...how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15*

With love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel