



Ministry Update for the Browns November 2020

THANKFUL FOR OUR TEAM!

Through the most challenging semester in our years of ministry, we have been blessed to have a loving, supportive team to work with. Nolvin, PJ, Alexus, and Jeralyn have all been the most enthusiastic, supportive, aligned, and authentic teammates that we could have asked for.

One thrill for me (Jena) personally was our team participating in "Survival Saturday," a day filled with disaster preparedness, shelter building, and fire-starting. It meant so much to me that though it wasn't something they normally would have signed up for, they jumped in with zeal and enjoyed it because I enjoyed it. So grateful to be a part of a team that appreciates one another!



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CULTIVATING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 exhorts us to "rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." In an unprecedented season of loss and conflict, we have determined to praise the Lord for the excellent and praiseworthy things He has blessed us to be a part of!



GRATEFUL FOR VUL WORK DAYS!

Although we have not been able to do much with VUL students, we have been developing relationships with the administration and have gathered students from other Lynchburg campuses to help beautify the campus. Students came to "VUL Workday #2" and ripped up floors, painted dorms and took out trash to bless the campus. In addition, we prayer walked the campus and asked for the Lord to meet the men whose dorms we were working on to desire to pursue Him with their whole hearts and to incite revival on campus and in Lynchburg.



GRATEFUL FOR IN-PERSON GATHERINGS!

You might recall that three of our campuses (Randolph College, VUL, and CVCC), did not meet in person, and in addition, Liberty University would not allow partner ministries to come on the campus. We have therefore cherished our ability to meet with students in person and have been willing to go to any lengths to do so.

Initially, University of Lynchburg had extremely rigid protocols regarding COVID and partnership groups, and were prohibiting anyone not attending or working at the University on campus. However, with the advocacy of our

staff advisor, we were able to once again re-enter the campus in order to help facilitate meetings, lead time in the Word, and pray for our students. Though our movement was reduced in size due to the amount of students opting for virtual learning, we have had a core of dedicated students who attended and continued to seek God's will for the campus. A few students also were regularly sharing their faith on campus during the semester.



GRATEFUL FOR...ICE CREAM

Normalcy brings comfort in uncertain times, and as a ministry we have endeavored to continue to do the things we have always done. One of the joys of ministry is just being together: the ministry of presence. We have had the pleasure and joy of facilitating socials at each of our ministry contexts: from pumpkin carving, to cookie decorating, to mini-Thanksgiving meals. Below is a picture of our students from Liberty University at the infamous Goody's. Though it was freezing out, we enjoyed the time of doing something simple, normal, and enjoyable!

For this and so much more, we are truly thankful to the Lord, and to you, our friends and supporters, who make this dream come true for us of seeing students come to Christ, develop in their faith, and get sent out to fulfill the Great Commission.

PRAYER FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for our staff team, our family, and our students to experience restoration over the holidays.
- Please pray for us as we wrap up the semester with our team, that we would feel a good sense of closure.
- Please pray for our temporary staff, Jeralyn, to get her visa so she can join her team in Sweden.
- Please pray for our daughter Olivia who is up for a Questbridge scholarship, which, if rewarded, would give her free tuition to the school she is matched with.

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

With love,

Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel