



## Browns Ministry Update May 2017



This summer Andrew and I will be receiving incredible seminary training at Cru's Institute of Biblical Studies at Colorado State University (CSU). Andrew will be taking Apologetics, Humanity/Christ/Salvation, Christian Worldview and Ethics, and Church History. Jena will be taking Old Testament Survey and God/Bible/Holy Spirit. Each class is a semester-long, three credit course compacted into two weeks. After our classes are completed we will attend the Cru National Staff Conference at CSU.

In order to take these classes and attend our staff conference at the end of July, we are in need of additional funds. Housing, Travel Costs, Conference fees, and course fees all add up to our **total need of \$8,000**. Would you pray for God to meet this need for us? If you are also able to give towards this need, we would really appreciate it. You can send us a check to the address below made out to Cru or you can give online at:

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## SENDING INTO THE WORLD

We have now come to the end of the year, which marks the end of a season for many of our students. It is a bittersweet time for us as we lament the end of many students' time with us but rejoice in where the Lord is sending them.

At our final Large Group meeting, we held a final ceremony thanking the UVA graduation fourth years for their investment in Cru. We gave them gifts and prayed over their respective transitions into positions in such fields as nursing, engineering, armed forces, and graduate schools.

We also celebrated our interns who are leaving: three will be joining staff (Joel, Kristen, Dag) and one will remain an intern for the second year (Evan). Nick will be working with Habitat for Humanity in Charlottesville next year, and Mike will be working as an applications engineer at National Instruments in Austin, TX. Nick plans to continue to be involved with Cru as a volunteer. Mike hopes to continue doing ministry through a local church in Austin.

Even in the midst of the wistful feelings that goodbyes can bring, we are grateful for the crossover we have had with PVCC — two of our students will be attending UVA next year! We are hoping that remaining in Cru and having an instant community will make their transitions seamless.

We will be welcoming new staff onto our team in the fall! Ryan and Christina Slater have spent the past two years on STINT in East Asia and were recently married back in the fall. Ryan is a UVA alum and Christina went to James Madison (JMU). Both are excited to report to UVA and are currently working on finishing raising their personal support.



## SUMMER CONNECT



Although many of our students will be attending summer missions outside of Charlottesville, there are still many who will remain local in order to work and/or take classes. For those students, we are offering Summer Connect, an initiative to mobilize students to live on mission during their summer. Summer Connect organizes hubs across the country that connect to a weekly virtual meeting with amazing speakers and teaching. In addition we will have small group Bible studies, socials and evangelism opportunities. Nicole Teichman (our most seasoned team member) will be spearheading the effort. We are very excited to see how the Lord will use our students' summers as they learn to live life on mission, no matter where they go!



## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for our support needs for the summer and for the Lord to enable us to make up \$1,000/month in lost support this past year.
- Please pray that we would be good stewards of our studies this summer and that we would absorb the material in our classes well so we might in turn share our knowledge with our students.
- Please pray that our five staff raising support would be able to report quickly!

*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. — Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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