



Ministry Update for the Browns July 2021

HIGH SCHOOLERS “THRIVING” THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Our summer Bible study was a great success! We had an average of 8-10 students coming weekly for food, fellowship and fun. Using Cru's Thrive "How to Study the Bible" course, we taught students how to think of the 66 books in the Bible as one grander narrative that tells the story of Jesus. We are very proud of our students for being brave and tackling this challenge! Several of our students, who were originally reluctant to read ANYTHING out loud, ended the time not only reading selections of Scripture out loud, but also PRAYING out loud! This is an enormous developmental step as it demonstrates a feeling of safety and acceptance in regards to our community. We ended our time with a game/celebration night playing What Do You Meme, foosball, air hockey, and a friendly game of knockout (see the pre-carnage photo below!).

To check out our curriculum go to:

<http://thrivestudies.com/the-bible-series-leader>

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SUMMER ON MISSION: GOD-INCIDENCES

RECORD NUMBERS!

Despite COVID and the challenging last year we had, we saw the Lord shatter the record for students that have gone on Mission with Cru for a summer. With 25 students going to places all around the world including 10 of those on the DR trip that we told you about last month, we far exceeded the total of 13 students that went in the summer of 2019. We have students in Virginia Beach, Ocean City, Yellowstone, North Africa, and Costa Rica.



Above is a picture of staff and students on an eight week summer mission in Ocean City, Maryland. Three of our students from Lynchburg — Jeff, Evan, and Brant — went to serve and grow in their faith in Christ. They are having a great time!

Cru Summer missions are designed to give students leadership and growth opportunities. While staff welcome them and help acclimate them for the first part of the summer, they will leave partway through, and students assume the staff's responsibilities. We were delighted to find out that Evan was chosen to be the Student Summer Mission Director!



WHAT ARE THE ODDS...



One of the locations we were blessed to send students to was North Africa, a longstanding partnership that we've had — you may recall that Jena led a team

on a Digital mission trip there in January which prompted us to continue weekly digital evangelism at Liberty. We sent three Liberty students there (Sam, Josiah, and Sara) for five weeks to build relationships with Muslims in the hopes of sharing the gospel.

Imagine the shock of our team when one day, as Sam and her team were meeting North African students, they connected with a girl whose best friend had received Christ through our digital evangelism efforts from Lynchburg?!? What a sweet gift from the Lord for our students to be able to see the fruit of those seeds sown!



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for Evan, Brant, and Jeff to continue to grow in their faith and be a great influence for Christ both in their Cru community and beyond.
- Please pray for us as we begin to prepare to welcome students to Lynchburg, welcome returning students back, and use our time to honor Him and bless the ministry.
- Please pray for our family's final moments of being altogether as a family of five. Pray that we would be gracious and loving, knowing that the time is short! Olivia leaves for college in Sept.

...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. - Philippians 2:13

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel