



# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

## February 2026

### It's GO Week!

Go week is a focused week where we reach out to students regarding our local and international opportunities through speaking in classrooms, dorms and at a table we host for four days. We had the opportunity to host Jeremy, TL for Ozark Lakes Summer Mission, and Dave, Jena's co-TL for Rwanda Summer Mission, as well as Julia, Mobilization staff with Cru. Similar to the type of work we do during Liberty's Global Focus Week, this week is unique as we are the only missions organization platforming our trips and employment opportunities, which gives us more dedicated time to talk with students.

It was a joy to work with our team on this, because every one of them was excited to be a part of what we were doing, making the work efficient, joyful, and fruitful. At the end of the week we hosted a get-together to celebrate all that God had done, and our staff surprised us with a gift of a map that we can scratch off places where we have had the joy of sending people through Lynchburg Cru. We praise God for such a generous and faithful team!! Here are some stats from the week:

**Speaking Engagements:** 46

**Surveys completed:** 160

**Attended Weekly Meeting:** 80

**Total students we spoke to:** 1,900!!!

### INTEREST IN:

**Cru Internships:** LYH: 10 , INT: 24 , France: 20

**Summer Mission:** Rwanda: 42, Tokyo: 50, France: 62, US:65

**Serving locally with LYH Cru:** 73



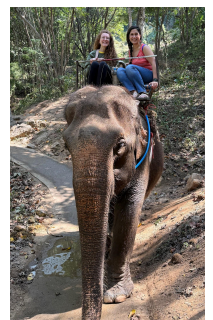
### Women's Overnight

Our women's overnight is instrumental in the building of a transformational community! This year our alum and former Cru staff, Emily Uhlmeier, gave lessons on resilience and developing strategies for managing life's difficulties and disappointments. The women also cut fabric for LuoPads, a Cru Unto initiative to restore dignity to women in low income countries where women lack access to sanitary products.



### Asia Midyear: Intercessory Prayer in Thailand

Finally, Jena recently returned from a trip to Chiang Mai with her mentor, Colleen, who serves Cru as a Prayer Catalyst. Jena assisted Colleen with fifteen one-hour long prayer sessions for Cru interns and international staff serving in Asia. It was a humbling experience to bear the burdens of missionaries who sought prayer for loneliness, team conflict, fear, stress, and feeling disconnected from God. Along with the incredible honor of serving the staff, Jena got to visit an elephant sanctuary and get up close to these majestic creatures -- a real life highlight!



### Prayer Requests:

- Praise the Lord for Go Week! Please pray that we would be faithful to follow up with every interested student from GO Week.
- Pray that we prepare well for our five upcoming spring break trips!

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