



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## NEW ZIP CODE!

As we have rejoiced with the Lord, our students, and with you for all the things that He is doing in Lynchburg, a burden has been placed upon our hearts to advocate for a permanent team to be placed in Lynchburg to accommodate the ministry growth at Liberty, University of Lynchburg, CVCC and Randolph College. Earlier this year, Andrew met with Christy Gauthier (a national leader of Cru) and she gave the thumbs up to launch a team there. She then added: "If God calls you all to lead it, that would be great!"

After much prayer, wrestling, deep conversations with our children and counsel from wise friends, we have decided to do just that! With Andrew's passion for and gifting in pioneering, we believe it is going to be a great fit for us and for the kids. We remember Philippians 3 and considering all things rubbish compared to Christ, and have made the decision to joyfully follow Him into continued service to the King.

We will, however, continue to help bring leadership to the schools in Charlottesville for the upcoming year, as both Lynchburg and Charlottesville acclimate to becoming separate, healthy teams.

Please join us in praying for our current home to sell and for the purchase of one in Lynchburg!



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## DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## CRU SPRING BREAK: THE NEW "BIG BREAK!"

When we heard that Big Break was being retired last spring, we were sad. Andrew had attended that conference 15 times as a student and staff, and we had seen the extraordinary impact of Big Break upon the community of Panama City Beach and on our students. It provided an opportunity for students to experience deep fellowship, take steps of faith, and bring back what they learned to campus.

So when a group of campus directors decided to continue the PCB tradition with a smaller version of the conference, we joyfully volunteered to be Program Directors! Throughout the past few months, we diligently worked to create a fun and spiritually edifying conference, along with another staff. We also emceed the whole conference! Besides the obvious fun elements of awkward games and singing onstage (we even had a couple from PVCC get engaged!), it was a joy to train up students to share their faith. The results of the trip were remarkable: 3 students at the conference accepted Christ! After hearing a message on missions many students began asking God if he is calling them to go. Four students have now applied to go on Cru Summer Mission! During a men's time we had numerous guys share struggles and hard things that have happened in the past that they had never shared with anyone before. There was a ton of healing that night and in the days that followed. It was amazing!



Along with our schools and 10 others, there were 250 staff and students. Besides evangelism, the students were able to partner with Gain (Cru's humanitarian arm) to help provide clean up and relief from Hurricane Michael.



Here is what some students said:

*I really appreciate all of you and am so encouraged by how you love one another genuinely! I've experienced that kind of accepting, Christ like love through all of you this week. I've never felt so accepted and welcomed in my life than by you all. Thanks to Jesus and to His work through you all!*

*I want to thank you all and congratulate all the hard work and God-given heart behind this past week. I want to specially thank and congratulate Jena for her Christian authenticity and openness to us girls. Love you guys! Praying for you all as we commit to the decisions we took last week!*

All in all, Cru Spring Break 2019 managed to engage students in **over 1200 spiritual conversations** and led **50 students** to Christ! We could not have imagined such incredible results — indeed, we serve an incredible God. The excitement to tell others about Christ has continued. Whitney (pictured at PCB with Stepho from UVA) from CVCC who had never shared her faith before PCB, was able to lead someone to Christ at CVCC just a few days ago!



Whitney Harris

It was truly amazing to get to experience someone coming to Christ yesterday at cvcc. Such a blessing! 🙏 her name is Sarah, if you guys could all keep her in your prayers that would be awesome. She is going to start coming to cru @ cvcc. I am going to meet up with her for coffee next week too! She is so very sweet, another sister in Christ! ❤️ love you guys

PRAISE GOD!

## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for 50 new believers!
- Praise God that each student loved our Spring Break trip. Pray for wisdom in terms of whether or not we would replicate the trip for next year.
- Pray for our upcoming move and for our house to sell!
- Pray specifically about joining us for our upcoming Vision Dinner! To register go to [www.cruatuva.com/visiondinner](http://www.cruatuva.com/visiondinner)

*I run straight toward the goal to win the prize that God's heavenly call offers in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:14

Much love,

Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan, and Samuel