



Ministry Update for the Browns February 2021

AN UNEXPECTED GIFT

Just as the Lord surprised us with a temporary visitor for the month of November, He has provided us with ANOTHER temporary placement for Lynchburg—the Carreros!

Kylie and Cris Carrero are both graduates of Liberty University where they met, fell in love, were married and where the Lord captured their hearts to serve the nations! Both Cris and Kylie have been accepted as missionaries with The Every Initiative—a ministry of Cru in Sweden. But because they have still not yet received their visas, they agreed to join our Cru family here in Lynchburg. They have jumped in with tons of energy and enthusiasm! They are helping to coach our Liberty student leaders, as well as coaching the high school ministry. We are so grateful for them and consider them a gift from the Lord! Please pray for them to enjoy their time in Lynchburg and for the Lord to bless their ministry!



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LOTS GOING ON IN LYNCHBURG AND BEYOND!

Proverbs 16:3 says, “Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” We are constantly amazed by our Lord and His establishment of our hopes and dreams, through His relentless pursuit of us! It amazes us that through this pandemic, the Lord has been faithful to continue to bless, and even add to, our ministries. Pictured above are Lynchburg students that volunteered for a morning for World Help a ministry that provides humanitarian aid around the world. We helped load over 15 pallets of new clothing to be sent to those in need. It was fun for us to be together and at the same time know we were helping those in need.

DIGITAL EVANGELISM...

Based on our trip in January, our students and staff decided to train students at Liberty how to do digital evangelism in a closed country setting. We have dedicated Monday mornings to reaching out to North Africans and through Facebook, trying to engage them in spiritual conversations. In this one month alone, we have initiated nearly 100 conversations and have continued several conversations with others who are seriously considering the claims of Christ. It has been inspiring and has challenged us to consider how to make transitions to the gospel from a Muslim worldview.

WHICH LED TO...



Recently Jena took on a new role as International Placement Director of Peru, and have been praying through how to begin partnering with Peru's in country staff. Prior to Covid restrictions, they had hoped to launch ten new movements on campuses around the country, beginning with the city of Arequipa. After sharing with them about our digital evangelism success, we suggested that we place ads to target Peruvians in Arequipa who were believers, to see if they would want to start movements in their area. It has been successful so far: 20 contacts have indicated interest! For each of the new contacts we will take them through the Key Volunteer Challenge—Cru's primary tool used to challenge students to be multiplying disciples.

WHICH BROUGHT THE OPPORTUNITY TO...

With the success of the Peru connections, we were challenged to consider hosting a digital summer mission to Peru, as travel is still restricted and uncertain. We will be leading a ten day experience for students to engage in ministry and evangelism to Peru...all from the comforts of Virginia! Our hope is to use the summer mission as a vehicle to endear students to the nation, with the hope of having them go over in person next year for a spring break trip, a full length summer mission, or even for a year as an international intern.

We praise God for the many, many ways He is leading us to innovate and step out in faith!

WINTER CONFERENCE 2021



In 20 years of going to this conference, this was by far the most unique because it was completely digital.

However, we did have an in person viewing at a church which had a big room so social distancing was possible.

The messages were very impactful as students were challenged to step out in faith. We also had a few fun elements: group games, pizza, and a birthday celebration for one of the students. To the right is our staff team during the conference, masks off just for the picture.



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for the Carreros! Pray that the Lord would use their time significantly for His glory while they are here.
- Pray for our new partnership with Peru — that we would be a blessing to them and serve them well.
- Please pray for our high school ministry! God has blessed us with seven new students who are earnestly seeking God, who come from very trying circumstances.
- It's recruiting season! Please pray for our upcoming recruitment for summer mission trips and interning with Cru! As a matter of fact, why not consider joining us yourself? :)

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