



Ministry Update for the Browns
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HEART CHANGE

At our weekly Large Group meeting at UVA, we often invite area pastors to come to speak to our students. This past week our long time friend Dr. Wayne Frye, lead pastor and founder of Faith Christian Church International, delivered a powerful message as part of our Beatitudes series on "Blessed Are Those That Hunger And Search For Righteousness Sake."

Pastor Frye challenged the students throughout his message with the things he said. At one point he said: "Your passion for your degree should never outweigh your passion for God." For students and staff it was just the message we needed to hear.

At the close of his message he prayed for our students and asked our students if anyone would like to accept Jesus as their Savior that evening, and a girl raised her hand! We were overjoyed as our students prayed and worshipped with her and welcomed her into the family of God. Please pray for this precious new believer, Rachel, to begin to walk intentionally with Jesus and enjoy an eternal relationship with Him!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

CRU AT PVCC: IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?



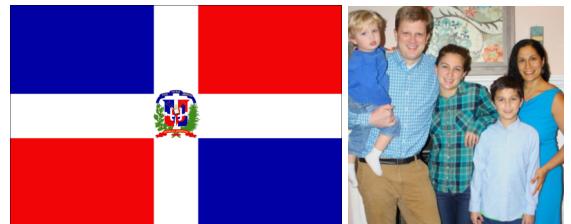
Back in September Andrew and the three staff interns (Joel, Kristen and Nick) set about to launch Cru at Piedmont Virginia Community College. We weren't quite sure what God was going to do but our hopes were high. What has happened in the 2 months since we first set foot on campus there has been nothing short of amazing. We now have over 50 students involved! We held our first social event of the year last month and 30 students showed up for pizza and visiting Cru at UVA's large group. Four of the students were there for the first time. Each week we see new students coming out to events and our weekly meeting.

Why? One of the biggest reasons is that our most involved students have loved having a Christian community on their campus where they are challenged to grow and share their faith with others. Additionally, they just like hanging out together. So they invite their friends and then those friends start coming out regularly and then invite their friends.

Last Wednesday after the meeting we invited students to man a table to promote Cru. So many students showed up to help out that Kristen ended up taking a few of the women out to go through Soularium (a set of picture cards that help engage people in spiritual conversations) with other students. They had a number of great conversations with people that they met. Two of the women that accompanied Kristen who are sisters thoroughly enjoyed the conversations they had. They said to

her afterwards, "this is the best thing ever!" Andrew and the interns have seen a great openness to the gospel on this campus and are hopeful to see more PVCC students accept Christ as their savior this semester.

Andrew and the interns have prayerfully decided to trust God to do something big within the last six weeks of the semester, to double the size of the ministry to 100 students involved. Even if we don't see it happen by the end of the semester, we will continue to trust God for this. What an impact 100 students could have on this relatively small campus of about 4,000 students!



MISSION TO THE DR!

We are so excited to share with you that we will be leading a team of staff and students on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer! We are hoping to bring at least five students from UVA/ PVCC along with another 10 from other campuses throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. We will share more details in upcoming letters but for now we just wanted to let you all know so you can be in prayer for the trip. Thanks!

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for our Cru movement at UVA to experience unity and that leaders would seek to love and serve one another and believe the best of one another.
- Please pray for wisdom in seeking to serve the needs of the Cru at PVCC movement.
- Pray for us as we begin to lay the foundation of the trip to Dominican Republic we are leading this summer, and that the Lord would provide in all areas, especially for the kids.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. — Psalm 84:10

With love,

Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel