



Ministry Update for the Browns
May 2015

SUMMER CLASSES

Cru staff are required to take graduate level seminary courses through the Institute of Biblical Studies. There are eleven core courses that are foundational for our biblical and theological development as missionaries. These courses are designed to equip Cru staff for a lifetime of ministry. This summer we will be taking the following classes:

Bible/God/Holy Spirit

This class introduces the doctrine of the Bible, the doctrine of God, and the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

Biblical Interpretation

We will learn to faithfully interpret God's Word through understanding the various literary forms through which God has revealed himself, applying sound hermeneutical principles, and connecting every passage to God's redemptive message throughout the Scriptures.

Biblical Communication

Building upon the Biblical Interpretation class, experienced communicators will help us to become a worshipping communicator and develop audience-sensitive skills that help our message find relevant, true-to-life application.

Old Testament Survey

This class will explore the message of Old Testament books and how their messages work together to form a revelation that points to Christ.

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



VISION DINNER



On May 9th at the Doubletree in Charlottesville we held our inaugural Vision Dinner. It was an amazing night of celebration, worship and fellowship. Over 150 were in attendance!

Some highlights of the evening were Ken Elzinga (pictured above) sharing his reasons why he supports Cru, Dr. Heather Holleman's message on following Christ in the world of academia, stories by students Nick Taylor and Esther Antwiwaa-Bonsu and a celebration of all that God has done through the ministry of Cru within the last year.

We presented our funding needs for the upcoming year which will be considerably higher as our ministry has grown in the number of staff and students during the past year. We are pleased to report that \$42,000 was given toward our budget request of \$75,000. These funds will go towards scholarships, matching funds for interns, events to bring the gospel to new students, launching Destino (ministry for students of Hispanic/Latino descent), launching Cru at Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC), and much more. He is a God who provides!

An unexpected part of the evening was even used to provide an illustration. Esther (Rising 4th year) was about to tell everyone her story of transformation that began at the Maze event in October and continued through attending Big Break and ongoing community

within Cru at UVA when she couldn't speak. She had been struggling with laryngitis but thought she would be able to do it. Without skipping a beat, Jena jumped on stage and read her story to everyone while Esther stood and smiled. At the end of the dinner, Jim, the pastor of Charlottesville Vineyard Church got up to close in prayer. He said he was struck how Jena exemplified what ministry is: literally being the voice for those that cannot speak.

We continue to praise the Lord for ALL of those who support the gospel going forth at UVA! Thank YOU for partnering with us through a challenging year of ministry — we are delighted and honored to be serving with you.



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for safe travels as we head out to Colorado in our well traveled mini-van on June 8th. It's a long drive!
- Thank God with us for the awesome night that was had at the Vision Dinner and for the provision of funding for next year.
- Please pray for our summer classes; we are a bit nervous that the coursework will be challenging to balance with raising our family.
- Pray for the Lord to supply all of the funding necessary for the 7 UVA students that are going on Cru Summer Mission Projects.

He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. — Colossians 1:18

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel