



Ministry Update for the Browns  
April 2015

## MOM'S CONFERENCE

This past week, Jena returned from the annual Mid Atlantic Cru Mom's Conference where she helped to lead worship and gave a short talk. It was an incredible time to experience respite from the demands of parenthood and ministry and a wonderful time of fellowship, encouragement and inspiration.

One of the moms who spoke, Lisa Highfield (staff at Virginia Tech), spoke about how following Jesus costs something, because Jesus counted the cost for us, and we were bought at a price. She and her husband Jeff and their five children will be spending the next year in Africa after hearing the Lord tell them to go. Jena was incredibly inspired by her willingness and surrender, and it has prompted a discussion in our household on whether or not the Lord would invite us to take a trip overseas to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. Please pray with us that if the Lord would have us travel overseas, that we would be willing and count it an honor to serve Him!



Lisa and Jena, Hokie and Hoo, united in Christ

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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## FINAL MOMENTS

It is a bittersweet time of year, as we begin to wrap up small groups, our Large Group meeting, community events, and outreaches. Recently we had a Fourth year Appreciation Dinner at our house where we celebrated the graduating seniors who are moving on to jobs, grad school and ministry. It was a wonderful time for our students to feel honored, have a lot of laughs and remember all of the ways the Lord had blessed them and been faithful to them over their college years.

It was fascinating to hear where these students are headed: Fortune 500 companies, the State Department, law school, graduate school, veterinary school, medical school. We are thrilled to know that the Lord has given our students access to leadership opportunities that are unthinkable for the majority of the world. It has been an honor for us to serve these men and women and encourage them in the gospel, influencing them for Christ and for the kingdom of God. Join us in praying for the twenty UVA graduates who have served and participated in Cru.



Baylee (4th from Left) and Lina's (far right) fourth year small group. Baylee and Lina are both disciples by Jena

## EXCITING NEWS!

**WE ARE NOT PREGNANT** — but our staff couple is! Joe and Nicole Teichman are expecting their first baby (boy!) at the end of August. We are beyond thrilled for them. Deuteronomy 32:39 exalts God as the Author of Life, and we stand with them in joy celebrating this new life.

In addition to this new life, we will have new life on our staff team. The Lord has raised up THREE UVA students to join us on grounds as Cru interns in the fall! Pictured below are Kristen Hickman, Joel Reynolds and Nick Taylor. They are all graduating fourth years and will spend the summer raising their support to join us in ministry at their alma mater.



## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for our new staff team! Pray that the Lord would bless our team dynamics.
- Please pray for our upcoming Vision Dinner — that the Lord will provide abundantly and for the evening to be a great encouragement to all involved.
- Pray that in the midst of the busyness, we would have great times with the Lord and with our family!
- Pray for the Lord to supply all of the funding necessary for the 8 UVA students that are going on Cru Summer Mission Projects.

*"See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand." — Deuteronomy 32:39*  
Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel