



Ministry Update for the Browns
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MAZE FEEDBACK



In the last 2 weeks students and staff have been following up with students that either accepted Christ or wanted to have more information. Here are some of the quotes that the students wrote that night:

"This has reminded me why I believe what I believe. Thank you so much."

"Amazing. The small intellectual parts really grabbed me. UVA Philosophy is hurting my faith...You helped. Thanks."

"I loved it. But I don't know if I'm ready. I want to accept Christ but I don't believe hard enough."

While this last quote is hard to read, there is some good news. The student that invited this guy has been going through the book Case for Christ with him and we are hoping that he will come to a place where he is ready to accept Christ soon!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



AN A-MAZE-ING NIGHT!



For over a year we have been working out the details to bring in The Maze. The Maze is a performance piece that has traveled the world and bewildered audiences for the past decade with its unique and innovative approach to entertainment. Magician Jim Munroe founded The MAZE at the turn of the century. During the first part of his show Jim does mind blowing illusions. In the second part of the show he explains the gospel through his story of being healed physically through a bone marrow transplant. He explains how there was just one match out of millions of people in the bone registry and that is the same with Jesus Christ; He is the only one that could save us spiritually through his blood. It was an extremely powerful and moving story.

We had no idea what to expect as far as attendance and if people would come to Christ. We were blown away by the results. My prayer was that the room would be full and over flowing just a bit, not enough to attract the Fire Marshall. That was exactly what happened! There were 385 students packed into a room with seats for 360. This isn't the best news though...**39 people indicated that they prayed to receive Christ** when Jim gave them an opportunity to pray to receive him! The event was co-sponsored by Be the Match, the national Bone Marrow Registry. 180 students signed up to be donors at the event!

Jim spent over 2 hours performing magic on grounds at UVA and then inviting them to the show. It was great PR and generated a lot of excitement. See the pictures above.



CHANGED BY GOD AT THE MAZE

By Emily, a leader in Cru:

Esther is a second year in my sorority that I had not yet been able to get to know. She went to the MAZE with friends and circled her name signifying that she chose to accept Christ. We got breakfast Saturday morning and she explained that she did not get involved in a Christian organization her first year despite the encouragement of her parents because she was unsure of what she believed for herself. This year, Esther came to school intending to join a Christian fellowship but had not yet found one that felt right. At the MAZE Esther committed herself to Christ and has already been getting involved with Cru! She came apple picking with the women two days later and has joined a small group and come to large group on Thursdays nights.

Just a few weeks ago Esther didn't know what she believed. Now she not only has confidence in Christ but is growing in her faith!



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God with us for the 39 people that accepted Christ at the Maze!
- Pray for the continued follow-up of those that attended the Maze. We hope to see more students trust Christ as a result and to provide a place of fellowship for those that desire it.
- Pray for us to keep our priorities in order and to not neglect the things that are most important: God and family.
- Please continue to pray for our support needs. The busyness of ministry has made it challenging to give it the necessary attention.

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." — Luke 15:10

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