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A FANTASTIC SUMMER

Following our incredible summer of ministry in Santa Monica, CA was a road trip from California back to Boston. Many of you were very generous in offering up your homes to us while we were on the road. We were grateful to visit with family and friends that we hadn't seen in ages, or that we were meeting for the first time! Our great and heartfelt thanks to all of you who took the time out to visit with us—we are so appreciative of your hospitality!

Here is a quote from one of the students Andrew discipled this summer regarding the Project:

"Oh how I remember the very first day of project like it was only yesterday. I prayed to God as I entered our beloved Palm Motel, offering my entire summer to Him, serving Him and His people joyfully and faithfully. I had my expectations for this summer. I had prepared myself for months for everything it can throw at me. Little did I know that God was going to break me down, tear me to bits, and then recreate in me something more beautiful than anything my expectations could imagine. What a Beautiful Exchange."

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



BACK TO SCHOOL!



It's that time of year again! Students have once again flooded our city, breathing new life and excitement into all of Boston. This year there are 300,000 students expected to embrace Boston as their place of residence during college. You may wonder how we might endeavor to reach such a massive scope with the gospel. How do we put into practice our motto "building spiritual movements everywhere, so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus?" What is our strategic plan?

1) Mobilize leaders.

At the end of August, we had a welcome back leaders meeting for UMass Boston students where we connected with students that share in our mission and vision. We asked them to share their hopes and dreams of what God could do on their campuses and prayed to that effect. We helped them come up with some objectives and a schedule.

2) Connecting with new students.

This fall we will do several tables where we do "giveaways" — we set up tables at activities fairs and give away water bottles, books, ice cream, etc., in exchange for a spiritual survey. If the student indicates that they would like to know more about having a personal relationship with God or more about Real Life on campus, we will follow up with them, make them aware of the many things we have happening on and off campus, and invite them to join us.

3) Life Groups and discipleship.

Students who have revealed themselves to be faithful, available and teachable facilitate Life Group Bible

studies on campus. We, in turn, disciple those students, offering assistance, input and encouragement.

4) Creating Transformational Community.

In addition to being on campus, we offer many opportunities to connect off-campus. As many of our students are at public schools without dorms, this can be a critical component in creating and sustaining fellowship. This fall we have our weekly Citywide meeting at historic Park Street Church; a three hour Boat Cruise with food, games and dancing; the Fall Retreat in New Hampshire on beautiful Lake Winnipesaukee; and an apple-picking trip. In addition to these, we also invite students over every other week for a home-cooked meal and fellowship. Please join us in praying for God's love to invade the hearts and souls of all the students we come in contact with!



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for Olivia as she enters second grade — that she would continue to excel in school and thrive in her new classroom. Also, pray for Logan in kindergarten, that his teacher would have the ability to cultivate his extroverted, creative nature and not see it as a threat or distraction.
- Pray for us as we continue to connect with freshmen and new students and that God would make apparent where to best invest our time.
- Pray for momentum for the Citywide meeting and that our students would see themselves as a movement.
- Please pray that God would provide for our ongoing support needs.

Enjoy the fall and the beauty that comes along with the change of season!

*Love,
Andrew, Jena, Olivia & Logan Brown*