



Ministry Update for the Browns  
April 2020

## CELEBRATING NEW LABORERS!

In a time where the economy is uncertain, God continues to raise up laborers to be sent out into His harvest field. We have had the privilege of seeing twelve Liberty students accepted as interns with Cru, as well as one VUL student and one Randolph College student, for both domestic as well as international placement. We praise God for being able to leverage the opportunity to influence these students to join with Cru's mission to bring the gospel to the world so everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus.

We'd like to announce as well that one of those interns will be joining our team next year! Alexis Davis, a graduate student and Cru student leader at VUL, will be joining our team in the fall. Alexis is a gifted intercessor and great evangelist. Please join us in praying that Alexis, as well as all the other Lynchburg-called interns with Cru, would be able to raise the support they need to serve next year!



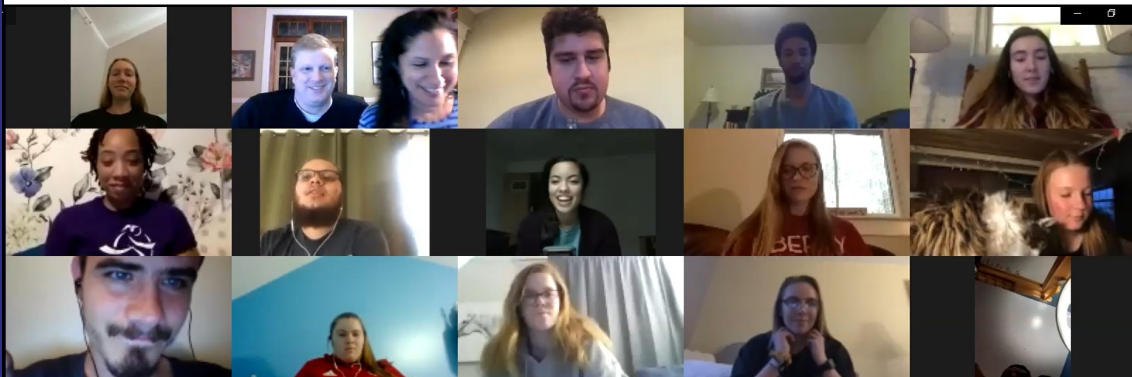
Our beloved Alexis, new Lynchburg intern

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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## THE WORKINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW NORMAL

1Thessalonians encourages us to "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." In a time where so much seems to be uncertain and in upheaval, we continue to give thanks for you, our supporters, and for your enthusiasm for what the Lord is doing!

We recently held Lynchburg Cru Vision Night as a YouTube Premiere where we were able to cast vision for what the Lord continues to do in and among students in Lynchburg and throughout the world. We were able to raise some funds to be able to bring the gospel to the six colleges and three high schools in the area for next year. Though it was a disappointment not to hold this event at the historic and elegant Craddock Terry Hotel as planned, it was a joy to be able to invite friends from all over the world to participate! Missed the event? Watch it here: <http://lynchburgcru.com/visiondinner>

Though it would seem devastating as a college minister to not be able to set foot on colleges or have access to college students face to face, God cannot and will not be stopped by social distancing. Acts 1:8 holds Jesus' promise that "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Our students are filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and they are bearing witness to Christ in their families, to their peers, and even around the world!

### Families

During a Liberty leader's Google hangout, Jena challenged students to think about how they could love and serve their families now that they were unexpectedly reunited with them. One student, Kat, shared her conviction that she hadn't been considering her parents' needs but only her own, and though the ministry of presence, she actually got into a conversation for the first time about Jesus with her father, an unbeliever, and was able to share the gospel with him!



### Peers

Alexus (see sidebar), was actively checking in with students to see if they were okay and to ask how to be praying for them. Sensing that one of her friends, Jordan,

did not fully understand the message of the gospel, she was able to share it with her using Cru's Knowing God Personally booklet and led Jordan to the Lord! She is now discipling her and encouraging her in her faith weekly!

### World

Though we are not able to travel internationally, we had the privilege of hosting Eric Carlsen, missionary to East Asia, on our Lynchburg Cru weekly Zoom meeting! Eric has been serving in EA for two years until his removal due to safety concerns associated with COVID-19.

Eric was able to share with our group of about fifty students stories where the Lord put people in his path for the express reason of sharing the gospel. One student he met randomly at a stopover in Thailand, Aus, committed his life to Christ after Eric and another staff member shared the gospel with him through Google translate in Thai! Aus is now being followed up by Thai Cru staff. Praise the Lord for technology that enables communication of the gospel!



Eric, 2nd from left, next to Aus, to his right

## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for the interns who are raising support this summer: for Nolvyn and PJ, who will return to our team as second year interns, and for Alexis, who will be joining us anew in the fall. There is one other potential intern placed on our team for the fall; please pray she decides to join us!
- Praise God for our friends and partners who joined us on our Vision Night. If you would like to give a gift to help provide scholarships, evangelism resources and other essential ministry needs you may do so at [givetolynchburgcru.com](http://givetolynchburgcru.com)
- Pray that we would continue to meet the spiritual needs of our students even through social distancing!

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- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

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