



Ministry Update for the Browns
Summer 2017



HOW ARE THE KIDS?

This is our fifth summer as a family traveling to Colorado for ministry preparation and education, and our children have absolutely loved the institution of our biennial summers in "FoCo." Cru runs children's programs for missionary children from birth-18. Olivia, Logan, and Samuel have each had a fantastic, renewing summer participating in their programs and enjoying what summer camp has to offer: sports, games, field trips and more! Besides learning more about Christ and developing in relationship with Him, they have developed friendships with other Cru kids all over the US (their favorite friends are in Oregon, Pennsylvania and Idaho). We praise God for the connections they have made and for these godly relationships!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

We need to be
WITH Jesus.

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IBS GRADUATION!

After ten years, Andrew has completed his coursework at Cru's Institute of Biblical Studies (IBS). This summer we hit the books hard as Andrew took four classes (Christ/Humanity/Salvation, Church History, Christian Ethics and Apologetics) and Jena took two within the span of four weeks (Old Testament Survey and God/Bible/Holy Spirit)! The classes were graduate seminary courses taught by professors from Reformed, Southeastern and Southern Baptist Theological Seminaries; and Lindenwood and Cairn Universities (to name a few). Besides the satisfaction of getting top marks, we were overjoyed to have the opportunity to renew our minds and steward over our intellectual capacities.

At the end of the four weeks, Cru held an IBS graduation ceremony where the graduates were honored and received their certificates of completion. It was a wonderful evening as we celebrated God's faithfulness to us over the last ten years. We are grateful that Cru leadership has the acumen to give their missionaries ongoing equipping for the field!



Andrew and Jena at the IBS Graduation ceremony and with two favorite professors, Dr. Futato and Dr. Allison

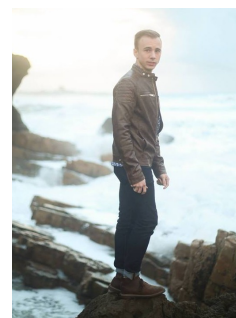


CRU 17: STAFF CONFERENCE

We are currently enjoying Cru's Staff Conference — an opportunity every two years for those of us who serve in all branches of Cru (Campus, Military, Family Life, and more) to celebrate what God has done and worship Him together. This year's theme is "WITH (see above logo)," and we have been hearing messages about how critical partnership is to glorify the Lord and fulfill the Great Commission. **We are reminded of our partnership with you, and how essential you are to the work we have been called to. We are so grateful for your prayers, support and encouragement!**

NEW STAFF!

We are excited to announce that we have two more staff assigned to our team! Soumya Sista and Daniel Hiler have just completed their new staff training after serving on the field in Sam's Place, an international partnership in a closed location in Africa. Please pray for them as the Lord prepares them for this assignment.



Soumya Sista and Daniel Hiler, new staff at UVA

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for His faithfulness through IBS coursework and pray that we would be good stewards of what we have learned.
- Praise God for our new staff! Please pray for Dag, Soumya and Daniel, Ryan and Christina who are all currently raising their support — we would love for them to be able to report to campus next month!
- We are in need of our own support— please pray for the Lord to meet our financial needs for our summer expenses. If you are able to contribute, please visit our giving site!

For when two or three are gathered in my name, then I am WITH them. — Matt 18:20

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