



Ministry Update for the Browns  
October 2017

## THIS IS HOW WE DO CRU!

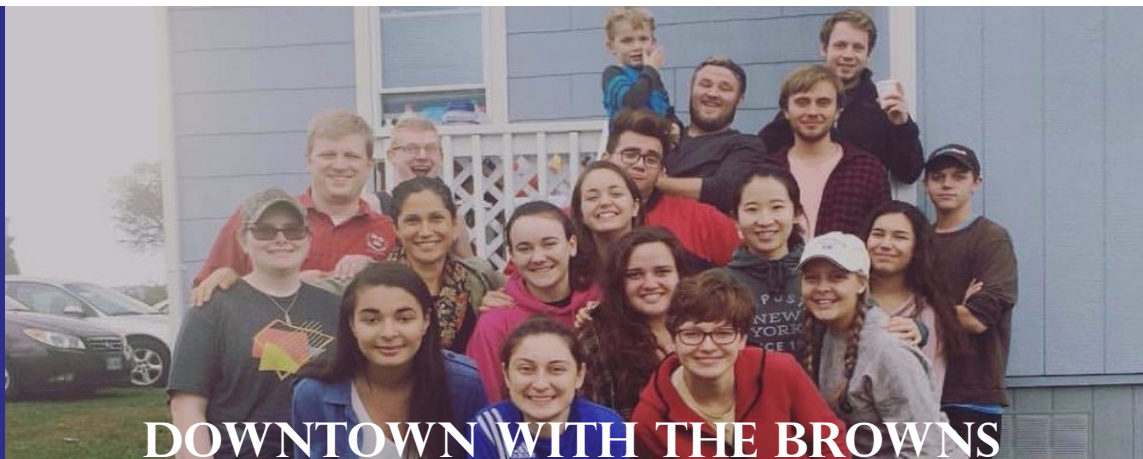
*And they devoted themselves to the apostles; teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. — Acts 2:42-47*

The above passage is one that we take seriously at Cru at UVA and PVCC -- it informs EVERYTHING we do. We desire to be a community where the gospel captures hearts, transforms minds and launches students into a lifelong journey with Jesus Christ. Our students are gifted in welcoming, loving and respecting one another, including learning how to function as a dual and growing ministry, how to make time for one another in a culture where time is a most precious commodity, and even to accommodate students with service dogs! This is the part of the season that we love to engage in, where students are becoming comfortable with one another and growing deeper in fellowship with one another. One way this is accomplished is through social events. Last week-end our students hosted a Cru overnight, group hike and cookout. It was such a blessing for us to see students enjoying one another and "doing Cru!"

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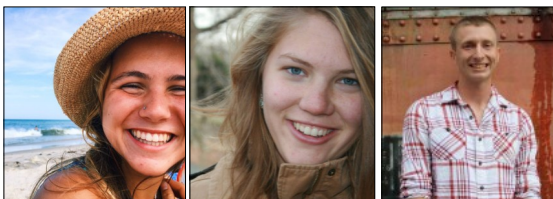


## DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

### MISSIONS NIGHT AT UVA

Every year we have a Missions Night to give our students exposure to what Cru is doing around the world in order to fulfill the Great Commission. This year we brought Drew Duncan, Global Missions Partnership Coordinator, to speak to our students about God's heart for the world and how that expresses itself through our "going." He highlighted three regional partnerships we send to: East Asia (a closed country in Asia), Sam's Place (a closed country in North Africa), and Puerto Rico. We are delighted to tell you how we are participating in each partnership:

### SAM'S PLACE



This year we will send three of our own Cru-mans to operate a Vision Trip to Sam's! Our second year intern, Evan, and one of our Liberty students, Caroline Hiler, will be directing the trip; and our UVA Servant Team Leader, Esther Gritsko, will be part of the team as well! This is a huge answer to prayer and very exciting for us (and for them!).

### EAST ASIA



At the end of our Missions Night, two UVA students, Rob and Daniel (3rd years), got up before everyone and announced that they would be attending East Asia Summer Mission. It was a jaw-dropping moment, particularly for the UVA community (third year summer is often when students will work at internships that secure employment upon graduation, so it is a very strategic summer to work a job -- not one to "give up" to the Lord). It was incredible to hear the way the Lord had spoken to them each specifically and uniquely!

### PUERTO RICO

There is a Vision trip for Liberty students to Puerto Rico planned for January. At UVA we have been seeking to help with the physical needs that have resulted from the Hurricane that hit last month. For the next month at our Large Group Meeting, we will be collecting supplies and goods to send to church partners in Puerto Rico. Cru students are excited to be the body we see in Acts 2, and have already been giving with generous hearts: batteries, water, lanterns, canned food, snacks, juice boxes, word puzzles, and books. Pray with us that UVA/PVCC Cru can show our fellow Americans generous love just as God shows us everyday.



*If you would like to participate in Cru at UVA's campaign to help Puerto Rico, email [jena.brown@cru.org](mailto:jena.brown@cru.org)*

### PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for the momentum in Lynchburg at Liberty and the students' desire to reach other Lynchburg campuses for Christ!
- Pray for students to take bold steps of faith in inviting friends and classmates to Cru events, small groups and Large Group.
- Praise God for Esther, Caroline, and Evan who are attending the Sam's Place Vision Trip, and Rob and Daniel, who have committed to go to East Asia! Pray that other students would follow their example to be bold for the gospel.

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands. — Psalm 19:1  
With love,  
Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel