



## Ministry Update for the Browns November 2021

### BLUE RIDGE PARTNERSHIP

This semester we have continued to forge a relationship with Blue Ridge Community Church, a church in Forest, VA. We have been sending our Cru volunteers from Liberty to their weekly Sunday night youth group to help serve the high schoolers there and develop relationships. It has been really encouraging seeing LU students so faithful and invested in connecting with the youth! Every week we have been attending the weekly meeting and then joining the students for ice cream at Mister Goodie's afterwards.

On Sunday, 11/21, we will partner with BRCC to prayer walk Jefferson Forest High School in Forest. This is a unique opportunity because we have not been able to set foot inside any high schools since the pandemic began. Please join us in prayer at 4pm on that day as we seek the Lord to bless the high school students, faculty and staff!

Also in Cru HS news, Jena received a grant to have the mobile Academy Center of the Arts come to our meeting to teach our students how to paint. Below is a picture from that amazing event!



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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



### GRACE UPON GRACE: UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

Every semester we host a Metro Meeting, an opportunity for all schools in Lynchburg to come together to worship, learn from God's Word, and encourage one another. It is always a fun and dynamic time for us as we see worlds collide: Randolph students high fiving Liberty students, University of Lynchburg students praying together with CVCC students. This Metro Meeting we had Ross Olson, staff from Cru Headquarters, speak on trusting the Lord in the midst of challenging circumstances, and proceeded to tell us a crazy story about how he found himself ill from flesh eating bacteria in Africa, and then mugged in the hospital and left for dead in the middle of the desert. He shared about how the Lord proves Himself as our only true hope, regardless of our earthly circumstances. It was a powerful evening!

#### Unexpected Blessing #1

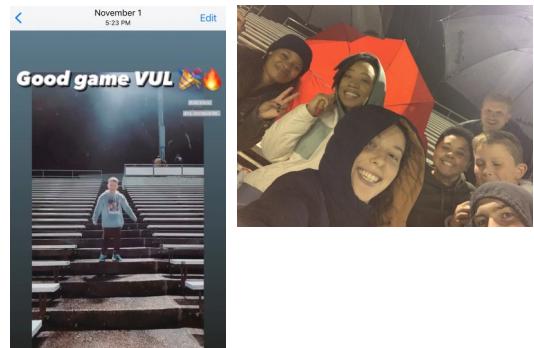
One incredible blessing for us was the attendance of four students from Sweet Briar College! Because of a smaller staff team this semester, we have had to step away from some opportunities, and have not been able to go out to SBC. But our incredible volunteer and ally, Bonnie (former swim coach at SBC), brought students out for the evening — it was an incredible gift to us!



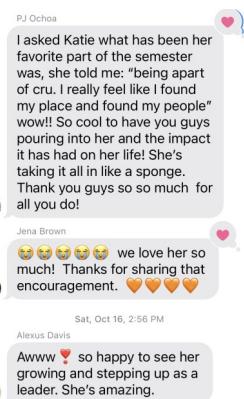
#### Unexpected Blessing #2

From outdoor hikes to hikes to favorite coffee places, Lynchburg Cru loves to fellowship together and spend time together! Virginia University of Lynchburg (VUL) is another school where we have been unable to engage with students (in this case, because Covid prohibits us from being on campus). We were blessed recently to attend VUL's homecoming game to watch JuJu Harris (one of the Cru leaders) and his team (the rain didn't stop us from cheering)— come away with a huge victory of 71-8!

Samuel even made it to VUL's Instagram page because of his enthusiasm!



Finally, we have been blessed with some great feedback from our student leaders this year! They have become an incredibly encouraging and enthusiastic group and it is a pleasure working with them! See below:



### PRAYER FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise the Lord for our opportunities to re-connect with our dear students from two movements!
- Please pray for our staff team, our family, and our students to experience restoration over the holidays.
- Please pray for us as we wrap up the semester with our team, that we would feel a good sense of closure.
- Please pray for the Lord to provide generously, as we need to raise an additional \$8,000 in additional support by the end of the year.

*And from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace. - John 1:16*

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