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The Browns Ministry Update
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CHARLIE BROWN!

This year Jena directed the show "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at the kid's school. The show had been the result of her teaching theater after school since January. Jena successfully directed 18 children (ages 6 to 11) in singing, dancing and acting. It was truly a remarkable feat! The show earned the school some much needed funds and was a great success! It is a pleasure for us to know that we can bless the community with the gifts God has given us. Below are some highlights:



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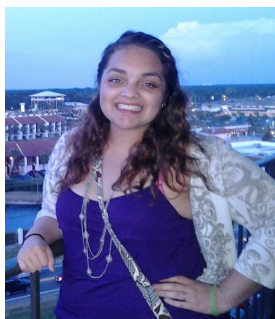
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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL



A few weeks ago I got a very exciting text from the president of the fellowship at Bunker Hill, Michelle. She said that a guy named Tony had just accepted Christ during a campus meeting that the gospel was presented at. While this was amazing news, there was some question if Tony really understood the decision that he had made.

Last week Andrew had the privilege to join Michelle in a follow-up appointment with Tony. A few minutes into the discussion it was clear that he had a ton of questions and he didn't fully understand the Gospel yet. By the end of the conversation in which we reviewed the Gospel again with Tony, he seemed like he not only understood it but was ready to make a decision. Unfortunately, he had to go to work. God is working in his life though! He has only been involved with our fellowship for about a month. Please pray that I would soon have an opportunity to meet with Tony and continue the conversation and if he hasn't yet received Christ, that he would!

ENDING WITH VISION

Last Friday we held our final Boston CityWide meeting, complete with our in-house band from Berklee College of Music, dozens of homemade sweets and a couple of hundred students from campuses around Boston. Pat McLeod, the director of Cru in Boston, spoke to students, and called out the seniors in particular, on what truths they base their lives upon. It was a moving talk that challenged students to be missionally minded as they entered the workforce. Following the talk the seniors stood up and were commissioned by Pat. It was a great celebration and we can't wait until CityWide starts up again in the fall!

ECHO BOSTON

Before you know it, the summer will be here — and we are getting busy preparing for Echo, the two week summer project that Andrew will be directing right here in Boston! We currently have 18 students signed up to attend but would like to expand that number to close to 30. Join us in praying that the Lord will increase our numbers! One of the students attending is Michelle from Bunker Hill! This year we have many incredible speakers lined up, including Roger Hershey (an amazing speaker: www.rogerhershey.com), Holly Ashman (who we met on the Santa Monica Summer Project in 2010), and the President of Cru, Steve Douglass! We are excited for this opportunity to build into the lives of students and can't wait to see what He does in their lives! Please pray for Jena too as she will be overseeing the six outreaches that we will be having throughout the city.



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for more of our students to commit to Echo this summer, and for those that aren't able to go, that they would have a plan for fellowship and being in the Word for the summer.
- Please pray for our children to continue to draw closer to the Lord.
- We will be in Boston for most of the summer for the first time since we moved back here in 2008! Please pray that we could use this time strategically to build relationships with our neighbors and serve them.
- Please pray for our marriage to be strong and for us to serve on another in love and good deeds.

It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." — Romans 14:11

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia and Logan Brown