



Ministry Update for the Browns
May 2016



VISION DINNER

On April 9th at the Doubletree Hotel in Charlottesville we held our 2nd annual Vision Dinner. There were 135 in attendance which included UVA faculty, alumni, parents, current students and other ministry partners. This is always a highlight for us as staff as we are able to showcase the work that the Lord is doing at UVA and PVCC.

The message for the evening was given by Dr. Sonia Cabell, research scientist at UVA, and powerful stories were shared by students from UVA and PVCC. We are pleased to report that for the funding we requested for ministry at both schools for next year we exceeded our goal of \$80,000. The funds that were raised were not for personal support of our current staff but for the ministry at each campus. The majority of the funds will go towards evangelistic materials, two major outreaches we are hoping to have during the next year, scholarships, operations, etc. We are so grateful for the generous giving of our friends and partners!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



FINISHING WELL AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Pictured above with Andrew are the three new staff interns that will be joining our team in August! We are so excited to add 3 more to our growing staff team. While we are losing Joe Teichman (who will be working full-time in finance with the Cru Mid-Atlantic office), we will still be increasing the size of our team to nine! Dagoberto Valladares, Mike Bunting and Evan Chappell are three very gifted and yet humble followers of Christ that we are beyond thrilled to be adding to our team. In addition, all of current interns (Kristen, Nick and Joel) will be returning for a second year. We are trusting the Lord to use us in big ways next year at UVA and PVCC. In addition we will be visiting other campuses in the area to see if there is an open door to launching Cru.

Our last meeting of Cru was one that many will never forget as we had a last-minute surprise guest in UVA Men's Basketball coach Tony Bennett. He shared from his heart and encouraged our students to stay centered in Christ. Our speaker for the evening, Bill Wilder (Director of the Center for Christian Study at UVA) gave a very timely message on what the bible says about rest. He pointed out that our current understanding of the concept is very different from how it was understood in biblical times.



Last weekend we hosted 4th years for our annual 4th Year Celebration Dinner in our home. Nearly 20 of our 30 students that will be graduating later this month were in attendance.

It was really powerful to hear the stories of how God has impacted each one of them through their involvement in Cru while at UVA. Also exciting was hearing where each of them are headed to next year. From grad school at VCU to Dish Network in Denver to a Fellows program in Nashville to being a nurse in Utah, our graduates are headed to 8 different states!

PERSONAL FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



Logan was in his school's (Covenant) production of *The Lion King* and did an amazing job. He has an incredible stage presence. He really enjoyed the whole process and is looking forward to being in the next show.

Also at Covenant, the Faculty vs. Parents Basketball game took place and four UVA basketball players played in the game. It was a blast to see some high flying action, monster dunks and a surprise basket by myself. I was able to fake out my defender (Isaiah Wilkins, son of Dominique!) and hit a shot.



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Prayer for the 6 interns that are raising support this summer, especially the three guys doing it for the first time.
- Praise God for a wonderful briefing we had with our team going to the DR. Pray for all of us to raise the necessary funds to go on the trip. See attached letter for more info.
- Praise God for the amazing results at the Vision Dinner, the 9 students that came to Christ in the past year and the many students that took steps of faith and grew closer in their relationship with God.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. — 2Thess 3:16

Love in Christ,
Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel



May 18, 2016

Dear Friend,

This summer, our whole family will have the exciting opportunity of serving the Lord overseas. Andrew and I will be directing and leading a team of 19 to Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, to share God's love with college students. For five weeks, we will do outreach and build relationships, mainly at Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD), where many students have been eager to hear about Jesus in the past. We'll also help out the missionaries and the Cru movement that is already there. We have an opportunity to do some pioneering as well. We will be going to San Pedro for one week as well with the hope of starting new Cru ministries on the campuses in that city. This is our family's first trip overseas and we are thrilled to have an opportunity to be serving the Lord together!

The expenses of the trip come to about \$7,000, including travel, housing, and food. **Would you prayerfully consider partnering with me in reaching university students in the DR through a special gift of \$100, \$200, \$500 or some other amount?** Of course, whatever the Lord calls you to give is the right amount. The easiest way to give is through Cru's online giving site:

<https://give.cru.org/0498095>

If you prefer, you can also send a check made out to Cru to our home address:

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Most importantly, we ask that you would pray for our team for safety, for opportunities for spiritual conversations, and for radical growth in our relationships with God. Thank you so much for considering supporting our effort to share Christ's love with the people of the Dominican Republic!

Love in Christ,

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