



The Browns Ministry Update April 2017

CVCC LIFE CHANGE

Christa, a student at CVCC shared a story at the Vision Dinner of something that had just happened the day before:

"Yesterday afternoon at our weekly Cru meeting, I sensed the Holy Spirit prompting me to pray for myself and for the group. Specifically, that God would take truths about His love that have been head knowledge for years and make it heart knowledge.

As soon as the prayer was over a student who had walked in several minutes before expressed that He had been running away from God for the past 8 years, but was ready to recommit his life to Jesus. By the end of our time together, it was a struggle to find a dry eye in our group as we became more aware of the tangible presence and love of God in the room with us."

An amazing answer to prayer! At the meeting there were no Cru staff that day. We just got the ball rolling for them and have coached the leaders along the way. We had no idea what God would do at CVCC when we first visited there in October. We are thrilled to have 20 students involved and now 2 students that have accepted Christ!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



VISION DINNER 2017

It was an amazing night of fellowship, rejoicing and vision. On April 8th we hosted our 3rd Vision Dinner for Cru at UVA and beyond with over 100 in attendance. We were pleased to raise nearly half of our budget for the upcoming year through the donations received at the dinner.

The evening began with a team of students from PVCC leading everyone in a time of worship. 2 years ago there was no Cru at that campus,; now they are over 60 students involved!

Andrew gave the ministry update for the evening. Most exciting to report is that we've had nearly 600 spiritual conversations of which the Gospel was shared 300 times which has led to 13 people placing their faith in Christ! He also shared about all the changes with our team for next year which we will highlight in our next letter as we have a number of folks coming and going.



The keynote speaker was Mark Gauthier, Vice President of Cru and Executive Director of the Campus Ministry. We were so excited to have someone that could share from a national level what the Lord is doing through Cru. He gave a powerful message for why it is essential for Cru to exist and why our ministry is worthy of support. Mark shared a story from his time as the Cru Boston Metro Director of an MIT student named Jed that decided he wanted to have a major impact for Christ on his campus while a student. Jed wrote a letter to the president of MIT and explained the gospel and asked for a follow-up meeting to share more about the most important thing in his life. This is the type of student we are inspired to see God raise up-hose that will take the Gospel everywhere on campus while they are in college and across the world once they graduate!

For those of you who attended, thank you so much for sharing your evening with us to rejoice with us

and for your continued partnership. It is because of your giving and prayers that we have seen the kingdom of God advance.



SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

We will be in Colorado this summer to take seminary classes with the Institute of Biblical Studies (IBS) through Cru. All staff are required to take 9 classes within their first 10 years on staff. Once Andrew finishes this last round of classes, he will graduate with his IBS certificate! Following 4 weeks of classes, we will have our week long US Cru Staff Conference at Colorado State University. This is always a special time with lots of events happening and many friends to connect with.

The children are especially excited for their programs that will be happening during the summer. Logan and Olivia will both be in the middle school program this time. In addition to the work we will be doing, we love being in a place where we are surrounded by the beauty of God.

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for the student at CVCC that was an answer to Christa's prayer. That he would continue running toward God.
- Praise God for how the Vision Dinner was a blessing for all that were in attendance. Praise God for the funds that were provided so that we can continue to reach students for Christ at UVA, PVCC, CVCC and beyond!
- Pray for a smooth (long) car ride out to Colorado for the summer. Pray that God would use the time together as a family to grow us closer together as the last few weeks have been hectic.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! - Philippians 4:4

With love,

Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel