



Ministry Update for the Browns  
January 2020

## LYNCHBURG CRU IN NORTH AFRICA!

Jena had the privilege of briefing the nine students who went to North Africa during Fall Break. The team met in Washington DC and prepared everything from security measures and travel protocol to cultural competencies. The team had a blast role playing trying to downplay some Americanisms in favor of honoring the local norms!

It was an exciting time to serve the team as they prepared to go in the name of Jesus. Jena was able to facilitate an atmosphere of transparency where the team could share hopes, dreams, fears, and expectations.

We are pleased to report that the trip was a huge success and the students are all back safely! Please pray for the de-briefing on January 25th where Jena will have an opportunity to help our students process all they saw, learned and experienced.



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## CRU WINTER CONFERENCE: YOUR PATH TO MORE

This was the advertised tagline for Cru's Baltimore Winter Conference this year, where we had the privilege of taking 27 students from five campuses and one high school to experience an unforgettable week of teaching, training, and faith challenges! We heard some life changing messages from speakers and had great times of fellowship.

The Path system which was new this year, consisted of four tracks that students could enroll in, depending on where they were along their spiritual journey:

**Explore:** for students who were not believers or had significant doubts to the faith, to investigate Christianity and the claims of Jesus

**Inspire:** for students who were already believers, who wanted to walk more closely with the Lord

**Multiply:** for students who wanted to make an impact on their campus for Christ with students and faculty.

**Beyond:** for students who were graduating, to think about opportunities both in ministry and the marketplace to serve the Lord.

### NEW FAITH IN CHRIST AT CWC

Dinah\* was a student from our movement who joined us at the last minute. She grew up in the Middle East and had never heard the true gospel, but had assumed it to be one of good works. Dinah went through the Explore Path and enjoyed the morning talks but had an unusual response to the main sessions: during worship, she became incredibly agitated. Her whole body would shake and she would be filled with anxiety and would need to leave. They were several staff that noticed this and would go outside and sit with her. She would not allow anyone to pray for her or read scripture to her.



Lynchburg Cru on a prayer walk through Baltimore

On the last day of the conference, she approached a couple of staff women after the final Explore Path session and asked to talk with them. What began as a handful of questions turned into six hours of intercessory prayer. She told the women praying for her she was filled with fear but wanted to push through because if Jesus and grace were really true, it would be worth it. During the time of prayer, she would speak on behalf of an entity that had her in bondage for years, and said things like, "Dinah is not going into the new year without me." Though a grueling experience for both her and those that prayed for her, she was able to renounce it and asked Jesus instead to fill that space, and is now a daughter of the King! We are thrilled to begin to disciple her and build her up in her new understanding of the grace-filled Jesus.

*\*name changed to protect the identity of the student*



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## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for the start of the semester for our six schools and three high schools! It is about to get really busy!
- We are beginning a Cru High School meeting in our home starting next week. Please pray that we would elicit a welcoming and transformative community that honors Christ and draws high school students closer to Him.
- Praise the Lord for Dinah and her new faith in Christ!
- Pray for the upcoming North Africa debriefing.

Happy New Year to you and yours!  
Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel