



Ministry Update for the Browns
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Thomas Lockwood, UVA graduate (2014) of the engineering school and Cru alum, recently caught the public eye when he created the first-ever Lego Rotunda (the most recognized building on grounds). To create his masterpiece, he used Thomas Jefferson's original plans, his own photos and a computer program that generates a 3-D rendering to plan the model. 6500 Legos form this idyllic building, now closed to the public for renovations through 2016. Thomas is one of myriad students at the University of Virginia with incredible talent, intelligence and influence. What a privilege we have to influence students like Thomas for Christ! Join us in praying for our new first year (freshman) class, where there are undoubtedly students with incredible abilities like Mr. Lockwood's that have the ability to influence culture!



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RETURNING FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE



As we prepare for the influx of thousands of new first year and transfer students to descend upon the University of Virginia, we have been blessed to help some of our current student leaders process the summers they devoted to the Lord's service at various locations. We were privileged to send **twelve students** to partnership areas with Cru ministries where they were able to express the love of God in word and deed. Our students accepted the call of the Lord to go to Thailand, India, East Asia, Africa as well as here in our own backyard in Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.

Mary Elizabeth, a rising third year and small group leader in Cru, spent six weeks in Botswana this summer, serving orphans and sharing the gospel with students. Here is an account of one of her experiences there:

“On Friday night, we showed the JESUS film in a big, dusty soccer field.

Although the winter nights get chilly here (cold for the Batswana people), we still had a decent turn-out, and 40 people accepted Christ! After the film, some of the Batswana started a circle singing and dancing to gospel songs. Our team joined in for an amazing time of celebrating and worshipping. As we were dancing underneath the breathtaking stars, I could not help but think about how great the celebration in heaven looks like. How exciting!”



SO...NOW WHAT?

We praise God for students like Mary Elizabeth and the boldness they have to share their faith across the globe! She has made an eternal impact on the lives of those forty people!

Often when students return from experiences where they were used in a powerful way by the Lord in a short term venue, it can be difficult for them to see how to translate that experience to their daily lives back home on their campus (or grounds, as UVA students affectionately call their campus). More than ever it is critical for us as college ministers to give our students a platform to share the events of the summer, rejoice in what the Lord has done, and process how to capitalize on their experiences so that they might encourage and teach their fellow students how to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with their God.

One of the ways we do this is by having a fall leadership retreat before the start of the semester at UVA. Besides, planning, teaching, casting vision and creating a semester-long calendar, this is an opportunity for our students to come together to share their stories of what the Lord has done in their lives over the summer and how they might use those experiences to serve faculty and students on grounds. Together we have the opportunity to celebrate and pray for one another that He will enable us all to build on what He has given us. Join us in praying for our students who are so passionate about sharing Christ with their classmates!

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for our students to bring the momentum and excitement they experienced serving the Lord over the summer back to UVA.
- Pray for the logistics of the first six weeks of school — for our events to go well and for many students — especially men — to get plugged in to Cru at UVA.
- Pray for our upcoming Fall Retreat! Our prayer is for 50 First Years to attend!
- Pray for Olivia and Logan as they transition to a new school year. Logan will be attending the school Olivia attended last year.

He hath shown thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? — Micah 6:8

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel