



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## OLD FRIENDS, NEW APPLICATIONS

One of the greatest blessings we have as missionaries are the connections we make over the years with ministry partners, pastors and co-laborers whom we are able to mutually encourage in one another's kingdom work. This month we had the tremendous pleasure of kicking off our new UVA Large Group series on 1 Timothy with an old, dear friend. The series, entitled "Living In God's Household," began with Walter Kim preaching and challenging both students and staff alike with Paul's exhortation to Timothy. We have known Walter and his wife Toni for almost twenty years!, as they were both formerly pastoral staff at Park Street Church in Boston (where Jena first began walking with the Lord). He has recently begun serving as Pastor of Executive leadership at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. We praise God for His provision of friendship over the years!



Walter speaking at UVA

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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## CRU WINTER CONFERENCE: MICRO AND MACRO

How can a conference affect the kingdom of God on both an international level and a local level? This year, we experienced God's faithfulness as both a microcosm and macrocosm of His purposes and fulfillment of His promises!

**Macro.** Picture 1,220 college students from the Mid Atlantic area — each attending with an expectant heart, waiting to hear from the Lord and making life decisions to go, do, say and give (text of Cru's Millennial Pledge — an opportunity to personally covenant with God) whatever the Lord would request of them. This is the joy we got to experience as the new year began — a macrocosm of young believers with a desire to change the world for Christ. 810 students signed the Millennial Pledge, 1200 engaged in local outreaches, \$87,000+ was raised for Puerto Rico relief, and 300+ staff served faithfully during the conference.

**Micro.** This year we brought 53 students from UVA, PVCC, CVCC and Liberty University. Here is one of the myriad stories of God's grace at the local level! We have a first year UVA international student, Jerry, that we met during the fall activities fair. (He is from a closed country where it is illegal to share the gospel.) In the fall, Jerry got plugged into a first year men's small group quickly. He was not a believer when he joined the small group, but began to hear the gospel over and over during the context of small group and Bible study, and placed his faith in Christ. Jerry has a girlfriend from his home country named Amy, who attends the University of Chicago. Amy was amazed by the rapid, positive changes in Jerry's life and wanted to learn more about his new Christian faith and about what was compelling him towards such a radical transformation.

Amy agreed to attend the Winter conference in Baltimore with Jerry to both celebrate New Year's together as a couple and to investigate his newfound faith for herself.

We intentionally had Amy room with three of our UVA multiplying students — Melinda, Amber, and Ashley. The three women were excited to share the gospel with Amy, but there never seemed to be an opportune time. Finally, on the last night of the conference, the four women connected and talked through what it means to have a personal relationship with Christ, and Amy placed her faith in Jesus! She returned to Chicago and quickly connected with Cru on her campus and joined a small group Bible study where she is learning about who God is, how to live in community and how to talk to others about God. We are so excited for what the Lord is doing in Amy and Jerry's lives!

*\*we are unable to post a picture of this couple for security purposes.*



Day of Outreach at CWC



## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for Amy and her new relationship with Christ!
- Please pray for students to be intentionally praying for and seeking opportunities to witness to their friends this semester.
- Please pray for our upcoming men's and women's retreats in early February and that the Lord would multiply our time together as a fellowship.
- Praise God for new staff, Daniel and Soumya who will begin working with us within the next week. They also just got engaged!

*...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

— Acts 1:8b

With love,

Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel