



Ministry Update for the Browns
October 2016

THE WEDDING



We praise God for October 1, 2016 — the day that our interns, Joel and Kristen, were married. We loved being a part of their special day as a family! Samuel served as their ring bearer, Jena sang during the ceremony accompanied by one of our students Stephanie, and Andrew was hysterical as the announcer of the bridal party at the reception.

We were overjoyed because we were able to see their relationship unfold and had the privilege of encouraging them along their journey. As we looked out at the wedding guests we were delighted to see so many students and alums who have been influenced by the Cru ministry in general and specifically by Joel and Kristen.

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

FALL RETREAT!

Fall Retreat was the highlight of the fall! Our hearts are full BECAUSE:



- We saw over 80 students in attendance worshipping the Lord in spirit and truth
- Of those students, 25 were from PVCC, which is indicative of the God-sized growth happening in that ministry. (We've had more students each week come to the weekly meeting which is unheard of. 40 came last week!)
- Our dear friends, Dr. Pat and Tammy McLeod, were the keynote speakers for the retreat. Pat and Tammy direct the Cru ministry in Boston and are Harvard chaplains. Pat did an excellent job connecting with the students hearts and minds from the book of Acts.



- Our men's and women's times at the retreat were very impactful for the students. During the men's time there was a sense of openness that Andrew had rarely seen before among student men. A handful of men cried while sharing about

their past struggles of finding community and true friendship with other men.

- Last year it rained the entire weekend. This year it was sunny the entire weekend! The good weather definitely added to the enjoyment of all the students in attendance.

Finally, here are some quotes:

"God taught me a lot about the Holy Spirit during the retreat and how we have to overcome our reluctance to share Him with others"

"What I liked most was the loving atmosphere. It felt very much like a big family. Every person there was supportive and caring."

"I learned to rely on the Holy Spirit rather than my own strength."

PRAISES FOR DESTINO!

Jena was unsure of what the Lord would do through Destino this year, as the former president of the club and most of the other participants graduated. She didn't know if any students would want to continue to participate in the ministry, much less lead.



But the Lord did something amazing: He sent us Daniela, a graduate student recently graduated from Old Dominion University, who was the president of her chapter of Destino! Praise God for Daniela and for His provision

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for the first ever Destino regional Fall Retreat!
- Please pray for our student leaders to experience the great love and mercy of Jesus and that they would seek Him daily.
- Pray for Jeff, a new student at PVCC that accepted Christ after our fellowship meeting a few weeks ago! Pray for growth
- Please pray for our support. Andrew is stepping away from campus to focus on raising monthly support as we are in need of raising \$1,500 per month. Pray that the Lord would provide and the ministry would continue to thrive in his absence.

I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed... You are my witnesses, declares the Lord, that I am God. — Isaiah 43:11-12

Love in Christ,

Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel