



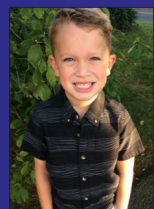
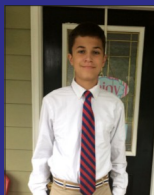
Ministry Update for the Browns
August 2018

WELCOME BACK FOR THE BROWN CHILDREN, TOO!

We celebrate the beginnings of new educational adventures for our children:

- Olivia is homeschooling and taking classes at PVCC (college student!)
- Logan is entering his last year of middle school
- Samuel is starting kindergarten

We couldn't be more proud of our children and the people the Lord is raising them up to be! Join us in praying for a fantastic, fruitful year for each of them!



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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



WELCOME BACK! (THEN WELCOME BACK! THEN WELCOME!)

It's time for new beginnings and an outpouring of hope: to brainstorm and dream of the possibilities of what the Lord would have us do, and to celebrate being a part of it!

As **Team Leaders**, we posture ourselves for weeks with hospitality and a welcoming spirit:

First, we welcome back **our dear staff team** and spend days praying, strategic planning and organizing calendars for the upcoming year. We also have some fun together to strengthen our bonds as a team.



Then, we welcome back our **student leaders** in the form of leadership retreats. This year, we led a whopping five Leadership Retreats for UVA, PVCC, CVCC, Liberty and Randolph. These retreats are our most critical times of planning and pursuing the Lord in unison.



Finally, we prepare to welcome **new students** by hosting tables at our colleges' Activities Fairs. Pictured below is PVCC and next week it will be all hands on deck for the fair at UVA. As we gather new contacts, we invite students to Cru weekly meetings and events and often have opportunities to talk about their faith and the One whom they worship, Jesus.



It is beyond daunting to think that our small staff team of eight could reach the **75,000+ students in our scope** with the gospel. It is indeed only by the grace of God that we are able to accomplish anything at all in the way of providing fellowship opportunities with our limited time, ability to travel between cities, and energy. As we dedicate this year to God, we are in eager anticipation of seeing Him exemplify the phrase, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for bringing in much needed support over the summer! Thank you to those who generously joined our team or increased your giving. If you are still interested in giving, please visit give.cru.org/0498095.
- Pray for the staff and student leaders as they reach out and endeavor to have the mind of Christ in their ability to be hospitable. Many of our students are introverts—for them this is indeed suffering for Christ! Please pray for supernatural strength and for their intimacy with the Lord to increase as they rely on Him.
- Pray that many students would catch the vision and mission of Cru and want to be a part of making Christ known on their respective campuses!

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." - 2 Corinthians 12:9

With love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel