

The High School Ministry of Cru in LA Metro



Prayer Request:

- Pray for our students as they return home to their communities. Many of our students said that they “*Didn’t want to leave Getaway*” and “*I wish I could stay here forever!*”
- Pray for Downey as he begins to volunteer with Cru FV this fall!
- Pray for Jessica and I as we transition to full-time staff this summer.
- If we can be praying for you, please contact us!

1 TIM 4:12
“LET NO ONE
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A JUNE & JULY UPDATE FROM THE CARSON FAMILY

Getaway 2017

Every year, Cru LA Metro has a summer retreat called Getaway. When Jessica and I first began recruiting at our school Fountain Valley (FVHS), we had four students interested. With the registration deadline coming up in a few days, we fervently contacted students to sign up! By the end of the week, we had recruited 25 students and we were now trusting God to provide \$5,000 in scholarships. Through a few simple fundraisers, God so greatly provided that we were able to cover all of FVHS and also fund other schools! Here is a personal testimony of what the Lord did through Getaway!



Downey Huynh

“Before Getaway, I was in a very dry season spiritually. I was only going through the motions when it came to attending church and Cru. For some reason, nothing really interested me. To make things worse, I was constantly failing with upholding my sexual purity. Going into Getaway, I was praying that God would bring revival into my life. Through the amazing sermons and sharing my struggles with my brothers, I’m thankful to say that He answered my prayer! This conference really helped me understand the grace and power of God.



Before going to Getaway, Christianity was a just a religion. Afterwards, it became a passionate relationship and a way of life. While I was driving home from Getaway, I felt that God had asked me to help a homeless man who was in need of a ride. I obeyed and ended up sharing with him how much God had changed my life through the Gospel! Getaway readied me for this experience as I never would have shared my faith or picked up a stranger based on a “feeling from God”. Once I had returned home from Getaway, I was able to share my testimony with my local community! I am hopeful that I was able to inspire other people to grow in their faith just as I have!” - Downey Huynh

In addition to Downey, many of our students encountered Jesus in a life changing, radical way. For the first time, Jaz shared her story of being raped by her uncle. Tom began to overcome his racism toward African Americans and shared the Gospel with a black man. Daniel and many others confessed to struggling with pornography. These along with other countless students were able to experience healing for the first time. Thanks be to God who is bringing restoration in the lives of our students!

Going Full-Time

Our Journey

In the fall of 2014, Jessica began to volunteer with Cru LA. In this journey, she felt God asking her to leave her career in Social Work and to pursue full-time high school ministry. At that time she prayed, "Lord, I really desire to continue my career in Social Work. If you want me to work with Cru LA, then I am asking that you would provide a husband for me as I don't want to go through this process alone." Later that same day, I (Brandt) asked her on a date not knowing the prayer that she had lifted up to God only hours earlier. Since that day, Jessica and I have been pursuing a full-time position in Cru.

After a two year journey, we were ready to apply full-time with Cru. At the end of our Getaway conference on June 27th, we finally received the email that we had waited so long for; we were both accepted to go full-time! We cried because we were so thankful that our dream was starting to become a reality. At the same time, we received notice that our apartment's rent was increasing substantially; we had to move. Again, we went to our knees and asked for God to provide a new residence for us while we finish support raising. After asking a few close friends for connections, God lead us to the Ly's. The Ly family opened up their home for us to live rent-free through the month of February to help support our ministry! Thankfully, this home will be in proximity to Cru LA, Cru OC, and our home church! We are so thankful that God provided just in time!



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Travel & Training

Now that we have been accepted, Jessica and I will begin the process of completing our staff training and raising our full support. We have listed our major calendar events on the right to clarify our schedule over the next few months. Arguably the most important event is that Jessica and I will be removed from the field until we are fully funded. Because FVHS averages 45 students a week, other staff will be maintaining it in our absence. As we are currently the only Cru leaders with a focus on FVHS, it is imperative that we return to this thriving ministry as soon as possible.

Looking back, God has provided for our every need in the exact moment that we needed it. I am excited to see how He will provide for us in this new season! Thank you again for your continued support of God's ministry here in LA! God Bless!

Brandt and Jessica Carson

Our Schedule

- Aug 31: At the end of August, we will be moving in with the Ly family.
- Sept 14 - 24: We will be in Orlando FL for Cru training.
- Sept 24 - 30: We will fly into TN for one week of support raising.
- Oct 1: After our first training, we will be removed from the field until we are fully funded.
- Jan 7 - 24: We will fly back to FL for our second Cru training.
- By the end of Feb 2018, we are planning to be fully supported and back on the field.



FVHS MINISTRY

Here is a picture of our weekly Monday night meeting at Bumble and Jenny's house!