

Bringing Jesus to Brown

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We are two weeks into the school year here in Providence, and I am **loving** being back at Brown!! I've been amazed at how easy a transition I've had so far. It has obviously helped that I know the area and can find the grocery store, the bank, the mall ©. And I have a few friends who still live here and a home church to get plugged back into, which has definitely been comforting relationally.

What I didn't expect was how comfortable I would feel back on campus with Brown students. It really has felt like coming home! I have had such a great time just being with students here, freshmen, Christians, random people I've met at Rosh Hashanah services or on trips to Target. I guess after living here for five years, I *should* have some understanding of Brown students!

Our staff team has been revisiting the current spiritual reality on Brown's campus, and asking the question, "How would Jesus live his life if he were here on campus?" We estimate that 95% of Brown students never get involved with any Christian activity while here. We are totally dissatisfied with 95% of Brown students leaving here without a chance to deeply encounter Christ.

We are approaching this fall with the intent to be **"the touch of Jesus"** to our campus, living our lives as Christians openly and authentically with Brown students, in every area of campus. We, as staff, are getting involved in various campus groups to be a resource to and develop relationships with students, and we are urging the Christian students involved in CCC to live their lives more openly and vulnerably with the people around them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That God would lead us to the right campus groups to get involved in
- For Christian students to catch God's heart for their friends to know Him
- For continued vision and direction from the Lord about how to approach ministering here this fall
- For God to soften students' hearts and bring many, many into a relationship with Himself
- For God to provide the additional \$700 in monthly financial support I need this fall

