

THE NEW YORK MINUTE

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Lisary (bottom) took photos at the Chosen Watch Party

THE CHOSEN

It galvanized our students! For two consecutive Thursdays we screened the viral underground smash hit, *The Chosen*, at CCNY.

David & Nii a few months previously had shared the gospel with Lisary, CCNY Soph. She was definitely a believer, but had a million questions and desperately wanted to understand the bible. She came to our weekly meetings, soaking up everything from our

'I Am' series in John's gospel. She peppered David with questions in the cafeteria in between her classes. When the idea to screen *The Chosen* emerged, she dove in headfirst, bringing her marketing degree and Dominican flare to the event (posters, invites, a raffle and photo booth, video, cake!). Nearly fifty students between the two weeks watched the first two episodes, discussing them afterward. Jesus' love and power was palpable. Watch Lisary's recap videos for an inside look: tinyurl.com/chosenrecapvids

NYC CRU'S 1ST ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

CUNY students, generally born-and-raised NYers, commute 1-2 hrs daily for class; they're very connected to their communities. Parents, fearing city dangers, are naturally protective. To honor parents and intro them to Cru we hosted the 1st Annual Cru Family Day. What a great 1st event! David got to know several parents and church leaders. Pray mutual trust would form & we'd be a resource to each other as we love the students God's placed before us well!



Book

Freedom of Self Forgetfulness by Tim Keller

Verse

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil for he gives to his beloved sleep. - *Psalms 127:2*

Prayer

- Tim, Nii, Lisary & John (staff) as well as Isabella all did summer missions. Incredible ministry growth in all of them!
- Praise for The Chosen outreach and its mobilizing effect on our movement
- Future partnerships w local NYC body of Christ
- Emma is wrapping up her first year of Pre-K this month. She has grown a ton!
- Wisdom, growth/healing, relief with our next steps

NYC FAST FACT

OVER 600,000

DOGS LIVE IN NEW
YORK CITY



LAKE HART STINT & RELIEF FOR THE COFFEY'S

As many of you have been aware, life in NYC for the Coffey's the past few years has been very challenging. It is true, the Lord has worked surprisingly and powerfully in the ministry here (David led five to Christ this year, doubled the leadership team in number and skill, brought CCNY movement stabilization and sparks on other CUNYs). And since 2015, David & Ashley personally led 15 to Christ - no small task in a post-Christian city. Being on the cultural and evangelistic front lines has finely sharpened our ministry skills.

Yet, NYC does not make it easy for families with small children, marriages or finances; and we have struggled. We have needed all your prayers. We also have needed space and time to determine how best to manage the growing levels of complexity and challenge in the city. Cru offers a ten month program to boost staff in just such a way. In order to say 'yes' to future ministry engagement and 'yes' to the health of our family and marriage, we have said 'pause' to NYC for this upcoming year, and opted in for the *Lake Hart Stint* program.

What will this mean? We will temporarily relocate to Cru's international headquarters in Orlando, FL, to take up positions in the sprawling Floridian office. There, we'll lend our experiences sharing the gospel and building movements in the post-Christian NYC to enhance effectiveness at headquarters and advance the spread of the gospel in our changing cultural climate.

We will still be vitally serving in ministry in ways that improve the training, strategies, teaching and communication of Cru as a whole. All this while receiving intentional care and guidance from some of Cru's top leaders. We pray God will bring powerful leading, healing and rejuvenation through the entire process, so that in a year we will be healthier and better prepared for the ministry God has for us. We've included a recommendation letter from one of the program's supervisors if you have additional questions.

So grateful for your heart for the gospel to transform lives and your prayers on our behalf. God has sustained us through them over the years and we believe He will continue to do so this next year. **Praising God for you and the blessing you are.**



Coffey's at
the cherry blossoms in Central Park

CRU FAST FACT

Did you know the Cru umbrella houses 20+ organizations in addition to the well known campus ministries? Including ministries to:

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES (AIA) | NYC/DC POLITICIANS (Christian Embassy)
FAMILIES/MARRIAGES (FamilyLife) | HUMANITARIAN AID (Unto)
MILITARY | INNER CITY | as well as the JESUS FILM

In many sectors of society Cru has a gospel voice.