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Left: Surveys and Info Meeting at Stony Brook Univ.

Top: Visiting fire station for Blake's birthday

Right: Brynn will be 1 on February 6

Launching at Stony Brook

In Queens there are 7 college campuses and 86,000 college students. Our current reality – ministries at Queens College and St. John's University. Our prayer, hope, and goal for this semester – launch and grow 2 more Gospel-Centered Missional Communities in Queens.

As we have been praying about where to launch those 2 ministries, Stony Brook University and LaGuardia Community College are two campuses that have surfaced.

We have been praying for months, our team took a day last semester to go to Stony Brook to meet with pastors and potential students and faculty in town, and we have talked about the best way to do it. Last week, our team took a HUGE step of faith as they traveled to Stony Brook and took the next steps to launch a ministry there.

After meeting students, having 400 surveys filled out and sorting through the responses, we had 114 students interested in being involved with Cru and 45 were interested in helping to lead the ministry. They had the chance to meet up with quite a few of the students to share the Gospel and **one girl named Tiya even prayed to receive Christ**!! At the informational meeting, though, only 4 students showed up and 3 of those were not believers. We do have one guy who will be leading the Bible study, so that is exciting!

The other exciting thing that happened was we found a group of athletes who are already meeting and have a desire to reach other athletes on their campus with the message of Jesus. They don't have anyone coaching or resourcing them and they seem really excited to get resources and training to help them reach other athletes.

Would you pray that the Lord would help us establish a movement at Stony Brook? A few members of our team are traveling back next Tuesday to meet with our guy student leader, help lead the Bible study, connect with the athletes, and connect with some more students.

Also, please pray the Lord will guide us and connect us with students who love the Lord and want to reach their campus as we seek to launch at LaGuardia in March!

Prayer Requests:

- Thankful for Tiya placing her faith in Jesus at Stony Brook and that we have a guy to lead the Bible Study.
- Emerson's boot is off and her foot is healed!!
- Pray for momentum and wisdom at Stony Brook and for next steps as we seek to launch at LaGuardia in March.
- Pray for Queens students to sign up for summer missions.
- We haven't had a lot of students applying for our NYC Summer Mission - pray that we will have an influx and a full project this summer!
- Pray for our family to stay healthy and accident free and for us as we address and trust God with some behavior issues with the kids.

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