

## Mike & Debbie Brown

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Greetings from Orlando,

Schools are cranking up again! Situations on the ground vary quite a bit with the ongoing reality of Covid, but we're excited about the start of another year and the opportunity for students and faculty to meet and grow in a personal relationship with Jesus. I first placed my faith in Jesus on a campus and learned to share my faith on campus so let's talk about sharing Christ for a moment.

If you have a friend, family member, or co-worker who doesn't know Jesus, a huge part of our work with Cru is to provide resources to assist you, but the tools have changed since I was a freshman at ETSU. Cru has created an app called GodTools to help. The app has several tools you might use to share Christ, and while you must rely on the Holy Spirit, as He is the only one that can change someone's heart and prompt them to accept Christ, there are things you can do. Spiritual conversation is a skill that can be learned and that is why the GodTools team added a feature to the app called Lessons. Each Lesson attempts to solve a specific problem you may be having when it comes to sharing your faith. Are most of your conversations superficial and you don't know how to move to deeper topics? There's a lesson called "How To Move Your Everyday Conversations to a Deeper Level." Not sure what to do when you're stumped? Check out the lesson called "Three Things To Consider When Someone Asks You a Hard Question." The Lessons are very short and easy to scroll through on your phone whenever you have free time. Please download the app, look it over, and take a step of faith!

We've had a very good summer. We continued to work from home most of the time but have begun going back into our offices several times a week. I (Mike) am planning in person meetings for our National Team later this month and Debbie is bringing a group of our staff to Orlando for some training. The highlight of our summer was having our family together for a week of vacation. We loved every minute of it!

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayer and giving for us. We need it more than ever as the work is challenging with so much uncertainty these days. We are thankful for the firm foundation we have in Jesus Christ.

Grateful for you!

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