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## A Ministry Update from the Brakes

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"How is it Oct. already?" I (Emily) said to our neighbor at the bus stop this morning. Our apologies that this is really our Sept. update...a little late! This past month has been full of new beginnings, new rhythms, trips and lots of welcoming and making connections...from putting signs in our yard (*see photo above*) to handing out freeze pops, here are some glimpses of what that's looked like. Thank you for all your prayers: both from afar and for the many of you who joined for our pre-start of school year campus prayer walk (we had almost 40 ministry partners, students, professors and kids attend!)

Yours in welcoming others to know Jesus,  
Edward & Emily



## Keene State

I(Emily) and the NH team's 2 new interns\* drove the 2 hours to Keene State to help run the Cru table for the student activity fair. Along with some Keene Cru students (pictured), we braved 90+ degree weather, handed out lots of freeze pops and had some incredible spiritual conversations. As I chatted with one student, I learned how the church had deeply hurt her mother and therefore she wanted nothing to do with church. But she was interested in Jesus, so I gave her one of the books we had called, *The First Time We Saw Him*. We also gave out Bibles to interested students and at the end of the fair we'd seen 27



students and 2 faculty/staff sign up as interested in connecting with Cru at Keene! This is HUGE, given that last year we only had 10 students involved. **Please pray for many of these students to actually connect with Cru and be sharing Jesus on campus this year!**

*\*Thanks for praying for these 2 interns: both they and the other 2 Emily coached over the summer reported to their respective campuses!*



## UNH Faculty & Staff Commons

While we're just starting to connect with professors at Keene, this marks the 9th year my InterVarsity counterpart and friend Ginny (*pictured*) and I have been working with faculty and academic staff at UNH. We welcomed everyone to a new school year by delivering cookies, which with a 2 year-old along for the deliveries and 29 people in a dozen different buildings on our list was a longer project than planned...but was worth it to encourage and connect with faculty

familiar and new! **Please pray for opportunities for UNH faculty/staff to live as salt & light on campus.**



## Fall Getaway

Thanks for praying for Fall Getaway (9/15-17)! While we were bummed to have 3 of our Keene students unable to come last minute, we were glad 2 still made it, along with lots of UNH students, and a couple Colby-Sawyer students. Fall Getaway offers significant space for students to listen to God and each other through speakers (Emily was one this year!), discussion groups and just time away from campus and schoolwork.

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## Kid Updates

Both kids LOVED being at Fall Getaway and getting to mingle with students: we're so thankful to have kids that enjoy college students so much. Samuel has been flourishing in kindergarten: he says his favorite thing is "everything"!



Sophia asks frequently when she gets to go to school and was disappointed to learn that turning 3 soon is still not old enough for kindergarten. But she's enjoying playgroups and running errands (like professor cookie deliveries) and has handled Samuel being at school all day much better than expected. Thank you for praying!