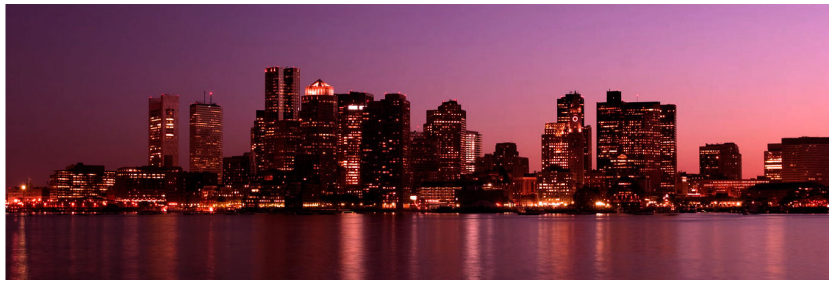


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Nestor the Wrestler's New Walk with Jesus

Freshmen guys across Boston are trusting Christ

Malisa & Brian Ellis - Evisting God for 250,000 students in Boston.

"I've got him beat by a hundred pounds, but I still think he could take me." That's what I was thinking when I first met Nestor, a freshman wrestler from Boston University. But he's not that tough – I mean, sure, he's got a record of 130-35, but I'm a really big guy. Yikes – let's hope we don't have to test it out.

Nestor and I got together a couple weeks ago so I could hear about his spiritual journey. Church and spiritual things began to interest him over the last year or so as his parents went through a divorce. His mom found church a great comfort, and so Nestor started going too. He hasn't read much of the bible and didn't really understand the basics of the Christian gospel, but he got enough to be intrigued.

And so when John, one of the captains of the wrestling team, invited him to come to church with him, Nestor happily joined him. And that's how I connected with him. Nestor had filled out a contact card that said he'd be interested in hearing more about Jesus. So we met up and I got to share with him.

After explaining the gospel, I shared a brief prayer with Nestor asking him if he'd like to confess his sins and ask Christ to take control of his life. "Would you like to pray that prayer?"

"No, I like being in control of my life." That's the response of most students I meet with. But not Nestor! He said, "Yes, I'd love to pray. I do want Christ in my life."

And so we prayed, "Dear God, I know I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I don't deserve your gift of eternal life. I'm guilty of rebelling against you and ignoring you. I need forgiveness. Thank you for sending your son to die for me that I might be forgiven. Thank you that he rose again to give me new life. Please forgive me and change me, that I can live with Jesus as my ruler. Amen."

I'm not sure if Nestor totally realized how significant the step he made was at that moment. But inside, I was jumping up and down (We were in a Starbucks, so I didn't actually jump up and down – it might have scared people). What a thrill to see the Lord change a guy's life right in front of me.

And it happened again an hour later with another freshman from BU named Frank. And it's been happening across the city. In the first month, we've seen 11 people become new followers of Christ.: Matt, BoCo; Josh, Brandeis; Johanna, Babson; Kathryn, Wellesley; Megan, Babson; Valerie, Bentley; Rachel, Wellesley; Rodrigo, MIT; Frank, BU; Marc, BoCo; Nestor, BU Praise the Lord!

Nestor, John, the wrestling team captain who took him to church, and I have continued meeting the last few weeks to go over the basics – how you can have assurance of salvation, how you can experience forgiveness, how you can be filled with the Spirit, etc. We're praying that through Nestor and John, we can see the whole wrestling team hear the gospel. Would you pray with us toward that end? **Loving our Adventurous Lord, Brian and Malisa**



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Would you Pray

- For Nestor and Frank and 9 others who've gone from death to life
- For 200+ students headed to our Fall retreat this weekend
- For us that we would have many more opportunities to share the gospel with students like Nestor this fall?