

November 27, 2009

Dear «Greeting»,

As I write this letter, we are preparing for a big Thanksgiving outreach with many of the students we have been ministering to and mentoring this fall. I want to share with you about one of those students because I want you to know what a difference your partnership with us makes.

Jocette is a beautiful freshman girl who grew up in Colorado and loves being in Boston. In high school, she took a comparative religion class that raised big questions, doubts, and fears. She started to ask, “Is there a God?” “Is Jesus the only way to know God?” “What about all the other religions in the world?” “Which one is really full of truth?”



I met Jocette right in the middle of confusion about what she really believed. She signed up at a freshman event to find out more about Campus Crusade for Christ and came to a small group the second week of class and shared openly about how she was confused about what was true. The next week she started crying almost as soon as she walked into the door about how uncertain she was about who God really is.

She was taking a core requirement class where the professor was talking a lot about spirituality and world religions. The professor’s questions raised all the same fears and insecurities again. After crying for several minutes and then letting the other freshman girls in the small group tell her how glad they were that she was open with them, she calmed down a little bit.

I was pretty excited about what God might have in store for Jocette because I had just helped Lauren, one of our leaders, prepare to lead a discussion that night on “Moving from Uncertainty to Confidence with Jesus.” We had an amazing discussion about the Gospel and how Christ is offering not only eternal life, but also confidence. That doesn’t mean we won’t have doubts or insecurities but that we have a Savior who completely understands what we are experiencing.

That night and the days following Jocette thought and prayed about this offer of eternal life that Jesus was making to her. The next week she came back and explained, “For the first time ever I get it, Jesus is offering me a relationship.”

Jocette is a great example of why Brian and I are excited to have you as partners in our ministry. We love that your prayers prepare the way for us to share the gospel with students like Jocette who might be confused about who Jesus really is. We love that your financial gifts allow us to mentor students along

the way in their spiritual journeys. We love that you're a part of making Christ known on the campuses of Boston.

This fall, we have seen God do amazing things in reaching students in the city of Boston with the Gospel. As our year ends, we're still in need of about \$5,000 in additional annual support. Would you consider a special gift of \$100, \$200, or \$300 or some other amount to help us reach our goal? Your giving allows us to spend our time focused on sharing Christ with students like Jocette.

Would you prayerfully consider making a special gift to help us share with more Jocettes? We understand that you may be facing financial challenges as well. We've had a great chance this year to pray with many of our partners who have lost jobs and struggled with other hardships. We'd love to hear how you're doing so we can pray for you too.

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, financial support, and friendship. We are very grateful for the vital part you play in the lives of students in Boston. We are praying for you and your loved ones as the Christmas Season begins.

The easiest way to give is online at www.brianandmalisa.com. Just click "Give online now." If you'd rather send a check, please return the enclosed response sheet to us by December 15.

As you pray for us, please know that we are praying for you as well! There is a spot on the bottom of the attached sheet for you to let us know how we can specifically pray for you.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,



Serving with Campus Crusade for Christ in Boston

Prayer Requests and Special Gift

Please tell us how we can be praying for you:

If you'd like to give, please send a check made out to "Campus Crusade for Christ"
to: Brian and Malisa Ellis, 20 Fairmont St. #1, Arlington, MA 02474