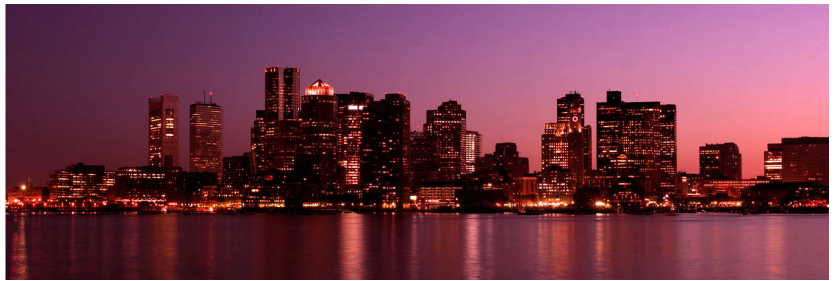


Change Boston



Shannon tries out "The Evangelism Thing"

And when she does, she comes alive!

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

"Anyone know who's supposed to be cooking dinner tonight? "

"I think it's supposed to be Shannon, but I think she's still out sharing the gospel."

I was in charge of assigning cooks during our two week missions project, Echo, and this was the third time I scheduled Shannon to be one of the cooks for a dinner that immediately followed an outreach. "I won't do that again." I made a mental note: Never assign cooking duties to the girl who's just discovered how much fun it can be to share Christ with others. You might never eat. Shannon came back a half hour into dinner, having led a guy named Alex to Christ.

I guess I should tell you a little more about Shannon: She'll be a senior next year at a college in Albany, NY. Even though it's the state capital, she calls it "Smallbany." Shannon is fun, outgoing, laughs a lot, has a great smile, and loves Jesus. But until this summer, Shannon had never shared the gospel with someone.

Over the two weeks of our Echo project, Shannon participated in seven different outreaches. She passed out free water to people on Boston Common, she invited friends to a neighborhood BBQ, she had spiritual conversations on the beach and in the park, and played soccer at MIT. At every opportunity, Shannon was forming great relationships. She was loving people. She was joining them on their spiritual journey and pointing them toward Jesus. And she was seeing lives changed for all eternity as they began relationships with Jesus Christ. All of which took time and so she was always late to dinner - which, though it messed with my dinner prep schedule, was totally fine!

One of the things we had our students do on Echo was prepare a Campus Vision Plan with specific things they want to see God do on their campuses in the fall. We wanted it to be a specific enough plan that each student could implement it in the first six weeks of the fall semester.

Shannon now heads back to Albany where she'll implement her vision plan, which, as you can imagine, includes lots of time for evangelism and someone else to make the dinner.

Your prayers and financial support help us train and develop students like Shannon. How many more students are there like her: they love Jesus but if they just had a little training and direction, they'd be sharing the gospel and making a tremendous impact on the people around them? Malisa and I love sharing the gospel with students, but we also think it's so significant to train others to do it too. As we think about reaching every student in Boston for Christ, the only way it can happen is with hundreds and perhaps thousands of Shannons sharing the gospel with the people around them. Your support really does change lives. Thank you.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa



Shannon, Malisa, and Sarah (one of our interns) hanging out during Echo.

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Would you Pray

- For Shannon as she returns to Albany - that she continues to share the gospel with her friends at school.
- For us as we prepare for the thousands of students to return to Boston - help us know who to focus on.