



The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Partners,

Bri is the epitome of why we do what we do and why we love committing our lives to being available to God to help "turn lost students into Christ-centered laborers." Here is Bri's story in her own words:

When I went to college at Madison my freshman year, I got involved in the party scene with my friends right away. It was what everyone did and didn't seem to be a big deal, just a fun weekend activity that would give me the "college experience." At the same time I considered myself a Christian. I went to church on Sundays if I rolled out of bed in time. It seemed as though I could have both lives, and that partying and drinking was what would fulfill and satisfy me. However, throughout the semester it led to many mistakes with guys at parties and feeling empty instead of fulfilled. I tried to shrug off the mistakes I had made as no big deal, just silly choices made while under the influence that so many others made as well. After a while, though, I began to feel very guilty and shameful about the choices I had made, not able to shake off the mistakes as easily and feeling as though there had to be something more to college than this.

Second semester of my freshman year, a friend invited me to a campus ministry meeting hosted by Cru and the hundreds of passionate people blew me away, all coming to worship God. I started going every week, knowing that it was something I wanted to be a part of but not really knowing how I could, and how to reconcile my past mistakes. I continued in the party lifestyle through the end of that year and until a few weeks before my sophomore year began. There was one day in particular that I woke up, not remembering half of what had happened before and feeling like I had no idea how I had become the person I had. In the midst of the guilt and shame, however, I prayed to God and he told me that it was ok, that he



had something better for me if I turned away from that life and followed him and his plans instead. He led me back to Cru where I learned about his justification on the cross. This meant that Jesus lived the perfect life that I could never have lived here on earth, and he paid the penalty of death for me that my sin had earned me. Not only that, but his perfect righteousness was credited to me, wiping my slate clean, and justifying me before God as holy and blameless. God brought people into my life to show me that the type of love he has for me and all of his children is one that is unconditional and capable of redeeming all of his lost children, no matter how great their sin is. Since then he has written me a completely new story, one where I still fall into sin, but one that no longer lives for fleeting pleasures of this world that once left me empty and full of guilt. Instead it is one of living for him and his glory that completely satisfies. I went from feeling ashamed of who I was to being completely redeemed and accepted by my heavenly father."

Bri graduated from UW-Madison last December with a passion to reach others for Jesus for the rest of her life. This passion had already led her to spend the previous year working with Cru overseas, in East-

ern Europe, as part of a travelling team tasked with the goal of launching new movements to bring the Good News of Jesus to students on campuses without an existing campus ministry.



Bailey and Sam are roommates who both came to know Jesus this year. In the spring, they were doing "quiet times" each morning together to grow.

This year she was back in the states, serving as an intern on our team as she finished her degree. Among her many other accomplishments, Bri has led at least a few women to the Lord this year, including the two roommates pictured here. She has led Bible studies and worked hard to disciple and shepherd her women well. These student women she has poured into love her.

We are so excited that Bri's been accepted on Cru's full-time staff so she can continue to reach more and more people for Christ. She is hoping to serve in the St. Louis area where she can be used strategically to reach students on the many and diverse campuses in that metropolitan area. We are so proud of Bri!

We're also so thankful for all that you do to invest in students in ways that we can't. We are the hands and feet on the campuses in this area, but you are the ones who enable the work. Thank you for your commitment to prayer and financial support. Praise the Lord with us that the fields are still ripe for harvest!

With joy,

Scott & Bonnie Roe



Some Prayer Requests

- Pray for students and staff spreading out to many places to bring the gospel as part of Cru and other ministries' short-term missions.
- Pray that Bonnie coaches well the several women who are developing their team of ministry partners in order to serve as full-time, international missionaries starting at the end of the summer.
- Pray for our graduating seniors as they transition to their next stage of life, that they will walk with Jesus and be used to make disciples of Jesus. A handful are going into full-time ministry, but we desire all to find their place to further the Lord's Kingdom.
- Pray we grow intellectually and spiritually and are better equipped as we take classes this summer in Church History, Apologetics, and the books of the New Testament.
- Pray our family thrives as we, like so many families, juggle work, school, sports, etc. (see pictures of Evan, Brenna, and Julia on left). So much of it is fun, but it can be challenging.

