



# The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Partner,

Olivia is a new student involved with Cru at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She attended our Cru Winter Conference back in December, and there she decided to apply for a Summer Mission in Tokyo, Japan. A big part of this summer mission will be sharing the Gospel with Japanese and other university students.

Olivia hasn't had any experience sharing her faith with others, so I (Bonnie) pulled out a little survey from my backpack and we approached a student sitting alone in the student union. Andie, a freshman, was willing to answer our questions and was very fun to talk with. The last thing on the short survey is "On a scale from 1 to 10, rate your desire to know God (1 is low/10 is high)." Andie thought for a minute and then said "8." This gave Olivia and I an easy transition into sharing with Andie how she could have a personal relationship with Jesus. She tracked the whole time, asked some good questions and seemed genuinely interested.

When we got to the end of the little booklet, Andie realized she had never made the decision to trust Christ for the forgiveness of her sins and turn control of her life over to Him. She was ready to pray that prayer but wanted to do it in the privacy of her dorm room. We continued to share some general growth principles and encouraged her to meet with us again so she could become grounded in her new faith. Please pray that Andie would be willing to meet up with us so we can go through five key resources to help her grow.

For me, equally exciting was Olivia's response. She had been pretty nervous before the conversation. But after Andie had to leave to go to class, Olivia said, "That was so awesome! Can we go again next week and I'll do the talking and you just help me if I need it?" It is so fun to watch a student grasp the joy of seeing someone respond to the Gospel and develop a love for telling the story of who Jesus is.

Students are still interested and God is still on the move!

Scott joins me in sending our love and appreciation for you,

*Bonnie Roe*



Last year students and staff in Madison created the website *JointheStory.net* complete with videos and written testimonies of God changing people's lives. At that time, we reported how well that worked in motivating people to harness the power of their stories to display the power of God.

This spring our students brought it back. They created 4 more compelling life-change videos and dozens more crafted and added their written testimonies to the website. This was a big step for many people to share their faith for the first time with friends and family.

After one week the website and videos were viewed 24,610 times.

If you visit the website, you'll see many tell the story of what God did in their lives while in college.

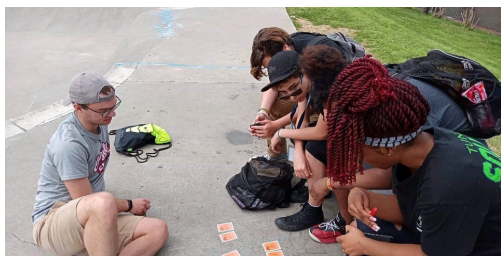
Therefore, we are grateful to you, our partners, as you helped make some of these God-stories possible through your generous support.



Currently I (Scott) am in Texas with 60 -some Southern Wisconsin Cru students for a Spring Break trip filled with service projects, beach evangelism, Bible discussion, worship, and plenty of fun. Houses are being built, communities are being restored, and people are hearing and responding to the gospel. So many stories could be told of our students sharing the gospel for the first time and others understanding it for the first time. A handful of people our group talked to have indicated decisions to place their faith in Christ.



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The Cru staff and volunteer leaders posing sharing in Galveston