

Musings in Ministry

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Signs of Spring

It may not look like much, but spring is here! The trees are beginning to blossom and the temperatures rising. Notice the Boston skyline from Memorial Drive just beyond the Charles River in the picture below courtesy of my friend, Tyler. It's amazingly beautiful. Last year, spring never really arrived, so you must understand my complete delight at its appearance this year! God is good.

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I hope you enjoyed Easter and the time to reflect again on the hope the gospel brings. For me, it's been a sweet couple of weeks. As you know, I'm working on my support. It might not seem like an "easy"



way to spend my days, but I've been encouraged by the Lord. I look around this tremendous region that He has brought me to and I'm reminded that He called me here. He has been doing NEAT things in the Northeast throughout the past few months. Just a few weeks ago my roommate Kim came home with news... "An MIT student trusted Christ with Cecily today!" She went on to say that she should not be surprised at this, but she was. We talked about it for a while and came to this conclusion: we forget that the gospel is winning.

God is on the move. He is drawing people, students, to Himself and not only that, but He's doing it **every single day**. I am so encouraged and motivated by this reality. Sometimes I find myself believing that He

isn't at work and that people aren't interested in knowing Jesus. This couldn't be further from the truth.

People are hungry for the gospel. They are desperate to know that there is indeed a God who loves them and who invites them into relationship. And, we have the privilege of connecting these individuals with Jesus. I can't imagine a better way to invest my life.

God is also at work on our Regional Team. This year, He has enabled most of the women on my team to come together to consider how we might encourage and develop the 80+ staff women in the Northeast. We've spent a great deal of time in prayer, brainstorming ideas and implementing plans to care for these staff. A few weeks ago we met to finalize a decision to have a women's conference next spring. The theme will be "Oasis" and it will be a time for our staff women to gather, hear from the Lord, connect with one another and be refreshed in the midst of life and ministry. I am thrilled at the possibility of hosting such an event with my team! And, so thankful that I get to do things like this in my new role – not just influencing students, but also having a hand in caring for our staff.

Thank you so much for making this possible through your prayers and financial gifts. My gratitude is difficult to express in words, but it brings me immense joy to be used by God in this capacity and in partnership with you.

Serving with You,

- Jessica

Colorado Visit, May 8th – 15th

I'm excited to share that I'll be in Colorado during the week of May 8th – 15th! I'd love to see you...

I'll be at Starbucks in Parker (near the Home Depot) on Wednesday, May 10th from 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM. If you're free to drop by, I'd love to say hello and spend some time catching up with you! Feel free to drop me an email if you're planning to come, or, just stop in. Jessica.Bott@uscm.org

Website

My website is a work in progress, but I've enjoyed hearing that some of you have checked it out!

Find me online at:

<http://jessicabott.ministryhome.org>.

You'll find information on my ministry here in the Northeast, prayer requests, photos (coming sometime soon!), giving info and more. Sign my guestbook and let me know what you think!

Other sites to visit:

<http://www.neregion.org>

<http://www.campuscrusadeforchrist.com>