



# Campus Crusade for Christ

Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere



## Musings in Ministry

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*"After BWC, I realized that I needed to dedicate my life to God formally and I asked Jesus into my heart. I don't believe I ever did this before, and ironically after I began to share my faith with more people I realized that I had never asked Jesus as Lord of my life. I came home and talked to my friends and family about the gospel, and this made me think about it more and more. Each time I read over the story of Jesus I felt the truth of it washing over me. God has given me a peace and I don't feel confusion over my own personal story anymore. BWC was such a great experience and I enjoyed the Day of Outreach so much!"*

I don't know about you, but I smile as I read this note from a student that attended our Boston Winter Conference (BWC). It's amazing to hear how God met him, moved in his heart and showed him that he hadn't taken the opportunity to commit his life to Christ— all the while, sharing about Jesus with others. I'm so grateful to the Lord for stories like this one!

As you know, BWC is my favorite part of my job. I love how the Lord moves in the lives of students each year during this four-day gathering in early January. And, it's so helpful to remember what God did as I do my 'February work' for the conference – namely, reviewing and paying our large hotel bill and settling all related financial inquiries. ☺ It's sweet to look back on the fruit of the conference. I've posted more highlights from BWC on my website and would love for you to check it out! There you will find our conference newsletter and a Boston-area newspaper article that shares more about what happened in the city during our Day of Outreach:  
<http://jessicabott.cccministry.org>.

### Winter Remains, Spring Approaches

Our conference team (Greg Friesen, Courtney Sterk and me) has been busy preparing for the upcoming spring events. I've taken a back seat as Greg oversaw our New Staff Field Training in early February and I am currently coaching him and Courtney as each takes responsibility for the Local Leader Conference and Intern Kick-Off Weekend events in April. It's been fun to coach them and free them to lead the charge.

As spring approaches (and boy are we hoping it comes quickly!), I'm focusing my attention on the structure of our events and how we prepare for them. I'm also putting my degree to good use and developing a marketing strategy for the BWC. We're seeking to do a much better job in coming

alongside our staff and student leaders to trust God to grow this conference in order that more students might be trained in evangelism and discipleship and impacted by God's heart for them and for the lost. It's a joy for me to work toward these goals as I've been hoping to do so for some time now!

**On a personal note,** I was so encouraged by your emails, cards and phone calls expressing care following my last newsletter. Your kindness and prayers were a blessing during a challenging time. God has shown such grace to me in this slow-down process. As I mentioned in my last letter, my regional director team has been very supportive and after talking through options, they encouraged me to take my sabbatical this spring.

What this means is that I will take some time to rest, reflect and engage with the Lord away from my ministry assignment during early April through early May. I covet your prayers as I do so and trust that the Lord will move through this time. I am looking forward to spending part of the month visiting my sister and generally moving away from my regular 'routine.' I will be excited to share how it goes. It may sound strange, but it's hard for me to imagine taking time to focus so differently, but I know that it's a good step right now.

I also want you to know that you're in my thoughts and prayers in the midst of all the uncertainty that exists in the economy right now. I am grateful that God is faithful and knows our needs and I understand that the process of trusting Him can be challenging at times (it is for me at times!). **Thank you so much** for your generosity in friendship, partnership in the Gospel, and prayer. I don't take your generosity for granted and am so thrilled that we can minister together to reach students with the awesome news of Christ! Please keep me updated on how I can pray specifically for you! Email is a great way to share these requests!

**Please thank God with me** for His faithfulness in closing 50% of my 2008 shortfall gap in the past two months!! I'm so blessed by your generosity!

**Thank you** for partnering with me so that **every student** can know someone who truly follows **Jesus!**

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