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R.I.P: BENJAMIN MARTINS

Some of our students attend a local Dorchester church called Christ the King. We occasionally go too, in support of them and to fellowship with other believers in our area. Last week we had a potluck lunch where we were able to meet others in the church and get to know them. I had the pleasure of meeting Benny and talking to him about different neighborhoods within our area.

I was shocked and saddened to find out that Benny was gunned down two days later outside of his home. He had a difficult life as a youth, but had recently turned things around for himself and was working as a carpenter.

I took Benny's death very personally, not only because I had met him and enjoyed talking with him at church, but because one of my students' homes is two blocks away. I think about the difficulties that many of our students have to face on a daily basis and I am overcome with grief. I see the immediacy of the need for Jesus and the peace of the city spoken of in Jeremiah 29:7 right here in my own backyard.

We want you to know that we are so grateful for you, our supporters and prayer partners. With your partnership, we can bring Christ's message of hope and love into Benny's neighborhood. We can be His ambassadors to our students and witness to His love, forgiveness and peace.

**Peacemakers who sow in peace
raise a harvest of righteousness.**
-- James 3:18

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



GIRLS' NIGHT OUT!



Marian Jordan at MIT, Girls' Night Out

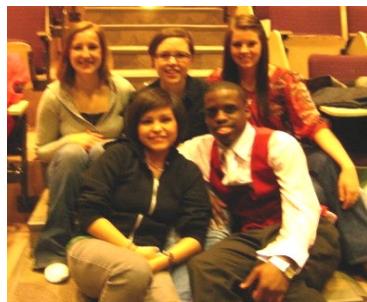
This past month one of the highlights of our ministry was an event with Marian Jordan, author, speaker and founder of Redeemed Girl Ministries (www.redeemedgirl.org). Marian spoke candidly and powerfully to the college women of Boston about her personal story. Having once been a fan of the HBO show "Sex and the City," she was a successful woman living a similar lifestyle of image-drivenness, primping her outer self while her insides felt dead. She went to an event where she heard the gospel and joyfully received it. Soon after she began to view everything in her life with spiritual eyes. She attempted to watch her once favorite show but saw that the show was full of lies and distortions about things that capture a woman's heart. She wrote down her response to the show, which became her first book published entitled *Sex and the City: Uncovered*.

She spoke to our students about how things unworthy of capturing her heart had once vied for her affections, but when she was introduced to Jesus she began to see that she was His beloved. Our students were very responsive to her message. I noted that many in the audience were moved to tears when thinking regrettably about the ways in which they had sought out fulfillment apart from God. There was one student in particular, Dinara, who came with one of our students involved in Real Life at UMass Boston. Dinara is not a believer, but had

begun attending church with some friends a few weeks earlier. I noted that she was moved by the message and when I asked her what she thought about the talk she said, "I have a lot to think about." Please keep her in prayer, that she may be redeemed by the grace of Jesus Christ, transformed by His truth, and one day live for the glory of His name.

UMASS BOSTON HOSTS CITYWIDE

Last Friday night, Andrew orchestrated the first ever Citywide meeting at UMass Boston! We had a wonderful band, two amazing student testimonies, a great talk, and even a beatboxer! It was a wonderful time of fellowship where our students celebrated both their diversity in culture and their unity in Christ.



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for Andrew's father, who is critically ill and currently in the hospital awaiting a bone marrow transplant.
- Please pray for us as we seek to move into a new living space that is peaceful and appropriate for the needs of our family.
- Pray for the family of our deceased fellow churchgoer, that they might place their hope and trust in the Lord.
- Pray for our marriage and our family to have great times of togetherness! We want to be a great witness of a Christ-centered family to those we minister to. Please continue to pray that we'd have opportunities for that to happen through our regular student fellowship dinners that we host.

Much love to you this month!

*Love,
Andrew, Jena, Olivia & Logan Brown*