

March 30, 2018

Dear Friends,



Eight years ago, Malisa and I were getting ready to take our first team to the Middle East.

As we prepared for that first trip we were praying and we asked you to pray. We said,

“Our students from Boston will gain a life-long heart for the Muslim world. They’ll return to campus equipped to reach those around them. And some may choose to return for the long term to this city and others around the world as missionaries.”

So... it’s now 8 years later. How did it go?

Did students gain a heart for the Muslim world? **Absolutely.** Ethan came back and befriended an international student who started following Jesus.

Did students come back to campus equipped to reach those around them? **Absolutely.** Grace came back with the skills to share with other RA’s and continues to share Christ with her co-workers as a graphic designer after graduation.

Did some choose to become missionaries? **Absolutely!** Because of your partnership, **1** Lauren, **2** Patty, **3** Jocette, **4** Dennissa, **5** Josh, **6** Erin, **7** Brian (another one – not me), **8** Meagan, **9** Courtney, **10** Kelsey, **11** Rose, **12** Mary and others have chosen to give a year or more to full time ministry, most back in the Middle East.



**Can you believe it?**

And so now we’re headed back to the Middle East. The city we travel to is a city filled with domes and minarets. In it are 17 million people who, like Nineveh in Jonah’s time “don’t know their right hand from their left.” It’s home to some of the top universities in the country and also about a million Syrian refugees. Malisa and I are getting ready to take our 5<sup>th</sup> summer team to this great city. The reasons are still the same. We can’t think of a

better way to pour our lives into future gospel leaders than by living life on mission with them for 6 weeks.

**Would you join us** in prayer and join us by giving financially so that the next generation of students might be captured by the gospel?

Look at these 3 students. Let me tell you about them:

**Melyna** is Brazilian American. She's a pre-med student at Boston University. She's the first child in her family to go to college, and though many in her family love Jesus, she's the first to be spending the summer in the Middle East.



**Nicholas** is African American. He's studying media at MIT and takes Arabic so that he can move to the Middle East long term to do missions. He wants to use his Arabic to work with Syrian refugees this summer.



**“Joseph”** is from China. He's studying film and music at BU. He came to Christ just last year and can barely contain his excitement about Jesus. Though he's naturally quiet, he can't help talking with others about Jesus and wants to share not just in China and the US, but in the Middle East as well.



These 3 students can give you an amazing snapshot of God at work in Boston and around the world.

I just want to *thank you* for your prayers and support of our work with Cru. Because of you, we get to help Melyna, Nicholas, and Joseph walk with Jesus and point others to Him.

This summer, Malisa and I, along with our 3 kids, will be helping lead a team of students back to the Middle East. We really need you to pray:

- **For our kids** – Now that Sydney is 7 and Eliza 4, they will be forming life-long memories of the Middle East (still a bit early for Genevieve who will turn 1 while we're there). We want our kids to fall in love with God's world and his people.
- **For the hard soil** – In the country we'll be visiting, 99.98% of the population is Muslim. Would you pray for openness? We have a team that's there for this school year who has been on a spiritual journey with over 100 students. Would you pray that some of them make Jesus their king?

Dear Brian and Malisa,

Yes, I want to help raise up the next generation of missionaries who would take the gospel to the Middle East. I want to help you take Melyna, Nicholas, “Joseph” and others back with you to the Middle East. Here’s my gift of:

\$5,000      \$2,500      \$1,000      \$\_\_\_\_\_

(I’ve made my check payable to “Cru.” Or given online at <http://brianandmalisa.com/GiveOnlineNow/> If you’re giving online, remember that we’ll just show up as “international staff” on Cru’s website for security purposes as we travel to the Middle East.)

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