



May 6, 2024

Dear Friends,

Last month we asked you to pray for our seniors in Boston invited their friends to hear their faith stories. For Ysa, finding community helped her find Jesus:

"I came into college not thinking that I'd follow Jesus. I came to study journalism and marine science. But I found Cru on Instagram. I saw another student post about their Cru 'family', and I thought to myself, 'how could someone as cool as this want to follow God?' I followed Cru on Instagram. Then I got invited to Boba and frisbee. And I went to meet them in a park. People in Cru genuinely wanted to get to know me.

"I was invited into a **community**. The **community** allowed me to be more deeply known. And in September of my freshman year, I was able to accept Jesus into my heart."

At the Senior Stories outreach, Ysa reminded me that I was the one that texted her inviting her to come meet up for the first time (she loves boba tea, so she said it was an easy 'yes'). It was fun to scroll back 4 years in text messages and see that first connection.



***Ysa and Jeanette in our back yard for a firepit outreach.
Both came to Christ their first year at BU.***

That's the thrill every fall - at the other end of our evangelistic outreaches, be it Instagram or bubble tea, *we never know what God will do.*

For years, you've been partnering with Malisa and me to keep us on the front lines here in Boston and funding innovative evangelism projects in Boston and beyond. ***Thank you.***

Now we have a chance for you to expand your impact.

Over the last year, Malisa and I have expanded our roles with Cru. In addition

to evangelism and discipleship here in Boston, we're now also **coaching our Cru teams across New England** (Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island). That means that in addition to our ministries at Harvard, MIT, BU, BC, and Babson, we're now overseeing our teams working at Yale, Dartmouth, UMass, UConn, URI, UNH and beyond. In total, there are more than a million students enrolled at over 250 colleges and universities.

Would you pray with us for these students? **Would you help us reach them for Christ?**

Will you help us reach the next generation of students like Ysa?

The outreaches we've been telling you about:

- When Creativity Strikes
- Plant Care / Soul Care
- Senior Stories
- Pumpkin Painting and Wings
- Digital Outreach on Instagram

These outreaches all create space for students to experience Christian community and be more deeply known and honestly have been really successful in opening up Gospel conversations with students who wouldn't normally come to a church or Christian gathering.

As Malisa and I look forward to the summer and fall, we're hoping to continue this vital work. But we can only do it with your help. Summer is the new fall when it comes to meeting freshmen.

Would you give a gift to help us as we lead? To run our summer ministry - both virtual outreach and in-person firepits and bible studies - and then to launch in the fall, Malisa and I need to raise an additional \$15,000. Without this funding, we would need to step back from ministry in the fall at precisely the moment our students need us most.

Would you consider a special gift of _TOP_, _MIDDLE_, or _LOW_?

Ysa shared that Cru invited her into a community. "This community allowed me to be more deeply known. It's a community that loves each other and loves God. I didn't expect to find that in college. These people are amazing. This Cru family radically transformed my life."

We're so thankful. You have provided the funding that allowed us to reach out to Ysa. Thanks for helping us reach the next generation for Christ.

Thank you.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

Malisa + Brian



Left to Right: Sydney (13), Genevieve (6), Malisa, Eliza (10), & Brian. We love you and are so thankful for you.

p.s. Your gift will help us get the gospel to students across New England and will help us keep reaching students for Christ. Thanks for your commitment before May 27.



Yes!

Malisa and Brian, I'd like to invest in changed lives like Ysa's, and I'd like to give to help reach students across New England this year.

Here's a gift of: \$ _____

I've included a check made out to "Cru", or given online at www.brianandmalisa.com

