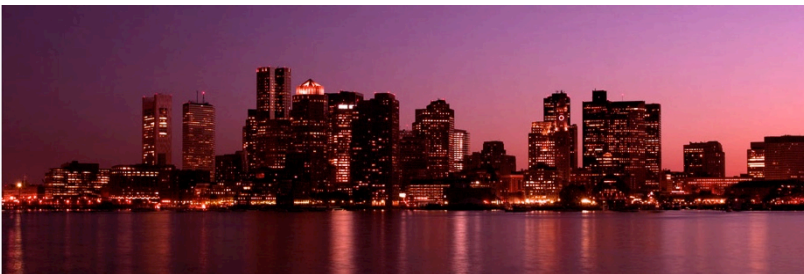


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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru in Boston

Change Boston



Back in March, when all our universities in Boston switched to virtual classrooms, our students scattered around the globe. Most of them went home of course, but some needed temporary housing with friends or family that was closer. For Daralyn, who is from Hawaii, it was worth staying with cousins so that she wasn't attending classes with a 6-hour time zone difference.

But that's not why Daralyn stayed. **Daralyn loves talking to others about Jesus.** And she's been sharing the gospel with her family over the course of the last few months. And now, each week, she asks other students to pray for her as she leads her cousin in a bible study.

I think so often over the last few months, I've been focused on what we have lost as a result of Covid-19. As I write, more than 500,000 people have died across the world. And we've all lost things great and small - from jobs to senior years to kids' schools.

What we're seeing is the God is still on the move. He's still working. And **he's using these detours to create opportunities for evangelism.**

Malisa and I spend a lot of our days right now in front of a computer on zoom calls. We're 8 weeks into a 12-week experiment for the summer in how to do virtual ministry. And we think this is really a dry run for the fall, where in Boston, we expect much of our ministry will need to be virtual.

Every week, Daralyn has been helping lead a virtual small group with about a dozen students from across the world (at least 12 time zones). And each week, Daralyn shares in passing about how God has been using her to share with her cousin. She's helping a whole new generation of students see that it's possible for evangelism to be normal. It's talking about Jesus with those that don't yet know him.

Last night, Malisa was meeting with the small group leaders for some coaching time and she asked, "how has God grown you as a leader?" She and I both loved Daralyn's response: **"I'm so surprised by how much I really do care for others."**

I think it's super significant that Daralyn has been sharing Christ with her cousin. And I think it's super significant that Daralyn has been modeling an evangelistic lifestyle with her peers and other students. And I think it's super significant that YOU are partnering with us in this vital outreach. Your prayers go before Malisa and me as we connect with Daralyn. And your prayers are going before Daralyn as she shares about Jesus.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Loving our adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa

Would you pray:

- * For Daralyn as she shares the gospel with her extended family
- * For the 100+ students who have joined us this summer - for opportunities to share Christ with their friends and family before school begins
- * For Malisa and me as we consider schooling options for our 3 girls for the fall in the midst of Covid
- * For our team as we plan to reach students on campus this fall - that we would have wisdom



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