

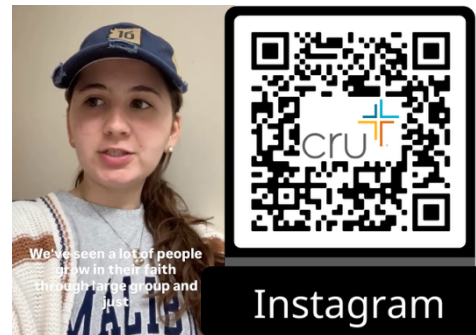
Dear Friends,



Ella started following Jesus last year. It's a remarkable life change story that you just have to see (scan the QR code). She says, "He set me free." Since then, Ella has been **taking little steps of faith** to introduce her friends to Christ. (see Instagram video) "My one friend...He heard the gospel, he accepted Christ, and his life is totally different. He says freshman year to now is totally unrecognizable.

And another friend accepted Christ last night! There's just been a lot going on."

I love when students **take little steps of faith to introduce others to Jesus**. Don't you? And when we talk about Cru summer missions, it's a whole bundle of faith steps rolled into one. So, this summer when we take a group of 18 students (including Ella) with us to Marseille, France, they're each taking steps of faith. It has been so fun connecting regularly with Ella this spring as I've coached her to raise financial support for the trip. Would you take another step of faith with us? Many of you already have.



I'm writing to you today to ask you to consider giving again. At Christmas, we asked you and other families like you to give significantly to help us get our staff to go this summer. You have responded in incredible ways. You've helped us get our staff families to go this summer. You've helped us get our students to go this summer. We now have just a small gap left to fill for Malisa and me and our family to be able to go as well.

What God is up to this summer in Marseille, France is, I think, nothing short of historic. We have seen God mobilize a massive team of staff and students to come to France this summer to join in what God is already doing in the city. We'll give college students in Marseille and refugees and asylum seekers in Marseille the chance to say "yes" to Jesus.

So today, I'd like to have you consider giving one more gift to get the gospel to students in Marseille. And to help Malisa and me as we take our team from New England. In addition to the direct costs for the summer mission



(\$12,000 remaining for us), Malisa and I also have about \$10,000 in unexpected family medical expenses

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coming up for one of our daughters and need to see some additional support come in to cover those expenses.

Would you consider a special gift to help get our family to Marseille to help students hear about Jesus?

Most of the students we meet this summer in Marseille will have never met someone walking with Jesus before. Students in Marseille aren't rejecting Jesus. They've never been told.



Here's Ella in our back yard last summer on her first mission trip.

Students like Ella that are coming with us this summer will get training and grow as they take steps of faith. Then they'll return to campus as leaders in Cru to make an impact there. This weekend, we were with a bunch of alumni 5, 10, 15, and 20+ years out of college (including some of you) and we've seen the long-term impact of a summer mission. Now they're leading in their companies and they're leading in their churches. They point back to the faith steps they took on summer mission as a turning point.

Would you help us take bundles of faith steps this summer?

Would you consider a gift of \$, \$, or \$ for changed lives?

Our team gets on a plane on May 25th. Would you please consider a special gift before then?

Thank you!

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

Malisa + Brian



P.s. Thank you for helping send missionaries to Marseille with a gift by May 25. You can give online at www.brianandmalisa.com or by returning the included card.



Yes!

Malisa and Brian, I'd like to invest in changed lives, and I'd like to give to launch a new partnership in Marseille, France.



Here's a gift of: \$ _____



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

