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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru in Boston

Change Boston



Teresa

Teresa is just starting her sophomore year at BU. It has been such a joy for me to meet up with her this year. Thank you so much for partnering with us to reach college students for Christ. Teresa's story in her own words is so powerful. Watch it on video or read on:

<https://youtu.be/2PcuM0by6nk>

"I was very closed off in church. And despite going to church every week, I didn't have a relationship with God or his people. I was just an angry person; I was just bitter and I shut myself off from everyone and everything—including God.

"But God pursued me in Boston. And I'm so thankful my friend Galilee invited me to a Monday Night Cru event. And that's where I met a lot of the people that have poured into me and I've gotten to be very vulnerable with and share my past, my struggles, my sins, and just a lot of hurt and pain that I held on to in the past.

"God used them to just speak life into me. I went from being very bitter to loving people into wanting to hug people. He used community to help change me and then for me to seek others. And one of the things that God has been doing in my life is being able to just share my faith. Even despite my anxiety and despite still learning and growing in Him.

"I've had conversations with my friend at work (his name is Brian) about what God's doing in my life and my faith background and his faith background. And it was really cool to share that with him. And my friends in "Posse" have also been to Cru. My friend Asyana and Naya have been to the roller-skating event I invited them to. And that was really cool to see them in the environment that God just used to open me up to Him.

"It was really cool to have that community with them at the roller-skating rink and even in the minivan [that's our minivan], we went to Sonic and grabbed an ice cream. They were just talking and talking and it was so cool. I don't know... I love being able to share what, where, where I go, like what I do type of thing.

"God's been using me to open up and share my faith with my peers through social media. And one of my friends, Annie, came to Cru because of that. I just decided to post the activities that I was doing on a "Terrier Takeover", and she came to Cru and it was really cool. She's been seeking, and it was really cool because she enjoyed it. She had never been to anything like that."

Again, thank you so much for partnering with us to reach college students for Christ.

Loving our adventurous Lord, 

Would you pray:

- For Teresa– that she would continue to experience God's love and that she would continue to reach out to Annie, Asyana, Naya, and Brian with the gospel.
- For us as we prepare for the fall – 250,000 students are about to arrive and we want them to know Jesus.
- For our family as we transition Sydney to 6th Grade, Eliza to 3rd Grade, and Genevieve to Kindergarten.



Teresa, Taimah, Galilee, Daralyn, our daughter Sydney, and me after thrifting for winter coats



Teresa (2nd from left) in our backyard

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