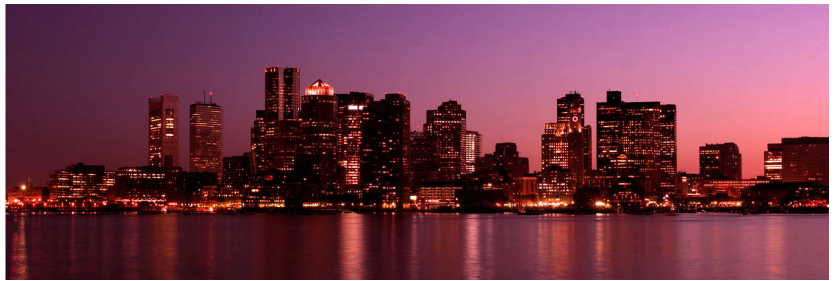


# Change Boston



## Karen the little inviter

### A feeble prayer, a fall retreat, and lots of apples

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I called Karen, a freshman at Emmanuel College, in early September to see if she wanted to get together for coffee. Emmanuel is a small private school right next to Fenway Park that I have been praying for an open door so the Gospel can go out on campus. As the school year began I didn't know any believing students on the campus.

Karen took me up on getting together for coffee and getting to know each other. As I met with Karen, we were able to hear each others' stories: she was a pretty new believer from Atlanta, she didn't know any other believers on her campus or in the entire city of Boston. We had a fun conversation about our spiritual backgrounds and then I ended the time by sharing the Gospel with her and explaining that what we want to see God do is raise up students on every campus in the city who are passionate about Jesus and have a heart to share the Gospel with others.

At the end our time I asked her to consider coming on the Fall Retreat which was just two weeks away. I explained that it would be a great way to get to know women in the city who also love to our Fall Retreat all alone at the October and the whole weekend I wondering, "would she find some connect with in the mass of students she was getting on the bus with the students to head back from the me a big smile and said, "I loved this so glad I came, when are we doing like this?".

I was so excited that she had connected, she had found a group of freshman girls in Boston who shared a common heart for Jesus and others.

The following weekend Karen, along with Neena and Kara, both her roommates who profess not to be believers joined Brian and I along with 60 other students for a fun New England day of apple picking. Nina and Kristen had a great day hanging out with all of us. Since then Nina has even been asking Karen tons of questions about her faith.

So six weeks ago, it was a feeble prayer of mine and many others that God might open the doors on campus at Emmanuel. Last week when Karen and I where meeting for discipleship we talked about our heart for the campus we are trusting God the He might raise up many more students just like her on campus. That one day soon we would have a vital, healthy, group of new believers loving Jesus and loving others on this little campus just down the street from Fenway Park. **Loving our Adventurous Lord, Brian and Malisa**



**Karen (in the red Jacket) joins Malisa & new Simmons friends.**

**Karen and Neena going for the best apples high in the tree.**



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### Would you Pray

- For Karen to continue growing in her faith.
- For Neena to understand who Jesus really is.
- For us this weekend as we take Juniors and Seniors away for a weekend to reflect on what God might be calling them to.