

Dear Friends,

You are having an incredible impact on students in Boston and beyond. And because of that, I wanted to share a story and ask for your help again as we reach the end of 2024.

After 24 years working as a missionary with Cru, I shouldn't be surprised when students say to me: "I became a Christian because of this community last year" said "Jill." "I really made my faith my own for the first time because of this group." said "Susan."

I shouldn't be surprised, but I was surprised with joy as these two women shared in our small group a few weeks ago. I had shared a short video with one of our small group bible studies about "body life evangelism" - it's a way of saying that often people start following Jesus as they are welcomed into a community - as they see the body of Christ live together - encouraging each other, forgiving each other, speaking the word of God to each other. These girls saw this video and said, basically, "yeah. that's me."

I've been leading this group of girls for a year and a half now and they both reflected and said - "Yes. It was being here week after week. Reading the bible together. That's when the gospel clicked for me."

Don't you think that's wonderful? I couldn't wait to get home and tell Brian. And I also couldn't wait to tell YOU. Because as partners with us in the gospel, YOU are a critical part of the body of Christ that enables the gospel to reach students like this. That's why we'd like you to consider giving a special gift now to help more students hear the gospel.



Because you've been praying for us and giving in the past, I'd love to ask you

to give a special gift of \$, \$, or \$ to keep reaching students for Christ. Your gift will help Brian and me stay on the front lines of reaching college students in Boston and beyond.

Jill and Susan have "made our faith our own" – here with other girls from their school hanging out in our living room

I'd like to let you in on a secret: last winter, we asked you to pray for these particular women. Here's what we asked you to pray for: "for these freshmen that are still getting to know each

Brian and Malisa Ellis



other - that they bond together authentically, and that they'd continue to draw others into Christian community with them." I just wanted to let you know that your prayers were answered.

Your partnership is changing lives.

We send a letter like this every year at the end of the year. Every year, you and many others like you respond so generously. Is it because you get to be witnesses to miracles on campus?

It is expensive to live in Boston. But this is where the students are. And for us to keep reaching students for Christ together with you, we need to stay here. That means **we are trusting God for \$45,000 in special gifts as we come into the end of the year.** Each year-end, God provides a significant percentage of our yearly salary. This provision enables us to keep working diligently throughout the year to share the hope of Jesus. Your end-of-year gift will enable us to continue changing lives together. Every dollar you donate will help us reach another student like "Jill" and "Susan", who is searching for purpose and meaning in their life.

A gift before December 31 lets Brian and I keep meeting up with students to share Christ, disciple student leaders, send students to the world, and keep innovating to reach the next generation with the good news.

If you would like, please make your check payable to "Cru" and send it to us, along with the response card, in the enclosed envelope.

Or, you can give securely online at give.cru.org/0549821 or scan this QR code:



Loving our Adventurous Lord,

Malisa + Brian



p.s. "Jill" and "Susan" got to hear the gospel because of your prayers and investment. Thanks for considering an additional gift to see lives changed by December 31st. I can't wait to tell you the stories of how God works with the *next* generation.



Yes!

Malisa and Brian, I'd like to invest in changed lives, and I'd like to give to help reach students in Boston and Beyond this year.



Here's a gift of: \$ _____



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

