

Dear Friends,

"I have always wanted to go on a mission trip, but I don't know enough about sharing the gospel to go." That's what Gina told me this summer. Many students I work with feel the same. They want to go on a mission trip but are nervous about sharing the gospel or are worried about raising up a team of ministry partners to support them. But despite these insecurities, Gina and her friend Sydney have jumped onboard to spend this summer with us overseas.

The gospel clicked for Gina her freshman year and Sydney just before her sophomore year. Gina and Sydney keep inviting more girls to the bible study I lead on their campus, and it keeps growing (see the pic).

I am confident that Gina and Sydney are going to grow in their love and depth of knowledge of the Gospel this summer with us as they learn to engage cross culturally, ask good questions, listen to others spiritual journeys, and **point people to Christ by sharing the Gospel.**

Would you help us take Gina and Sydney to Marseille, France this summer?

Brian just got back from a trip to Marseille to make plans for the summer. He kept hearing: **"We need more gospel workers."** "There are not enough missionaries in Marseille." "We are so thankful that you will come."



Gina and Sydney keep inviting their friends to follow Jesus. This summer, we'd love you to help take them to Marseille.

Why send to Marseille?

This summer, we're taking a team to Marseille, France. Atheistic Europeans and Muslims from North Africa and the Middle East live together side by side. But in this city, the hope of Jesus is just a little spark. Of the students here, **only one in 500 is a believer.** That means that the average student in Marseille knows **zero** followers of Jesus. When we visited this week, we kept hearing about the need for people to share the gospel with students.



I'd love you to consider a significant gift to help kick off this new partnership.

How can you help mobilize?

To kick-start this new summer mission, and to kick-start missions sending from New England again, we're asking all the team leaders we coach to come with us this summer. With their families. With their top students. To reach students in Marseille, France for Christ.

The Need

There are some significant costs: For each family ~ \$15,000. For each student ~\$6,000. To send 25 staff and 30 students on a mission this summer to Marseille will cost about \$330,000.

Triple Your Impact

If you **increase your giving** this Christmas, **you'll have a triple impact**:

- First, **you're making an impact** for the Ellis family - monthly ongoing support makes up most of our support and so an increase in your monthly gift means you're keeping the gospel in front of students.
- Second, **you'll be helping students** like Gina and Sydney have gospel conversations with students in France. Many of those we share with will return to countries in North Africa and the Middle East where it's even harder to send missionaries.
- Finally, **you'll be helping** support missionary families going overseas for the first time. We'll put your gift to work to get our team leaders on mission.



You've done this before.

In the last partnership **you** helped launch to the Middle East, over 2 dozen of the people who came with us went on to full-time missions work for at least a year. That partnership continues to bear fruit. Brian and I hope to get back there soon.

Can you imagine with us a similar result with this new generation of leaders?

Brian and Malisa Ellis



Our prayer is that at least 30% of participating students this summer pursue Cru internships after graduation.

This is a first step toward a new wave of missionary sending to the world.

Would you increase your giving?

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.

We are trusting God for an increase in our monthly support by \$4,000/month. Again, this is a big amount but will have triple the impact this year. Every dollar you donate will help fully fund our ministry to students in Boston and across New England and go a long way toward getting our team to Marseille and starting a new partnership.

Could we humbly and boldly ask you to pray and consider increasing your monthly giving?

A gift before December 31 lets Malisa 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.



Would you help us say "we're coming"?

Our new friends in Marseille have said, "We need more gospel workers."

Because of you, we can say, "we're coming."

Thank you.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

Malisa + Brian

P.s. Thank you for helping kick-start missions sending from New England. You can give online at www.brianandmalisa.com or by returning the included card. Your gift by December 31 helps us lead well and will help us take our team and students to the world this summer.



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.

I'd like to increase my monthly commitment to: \$ _____

Here's a gift of: \$ _____

Name: _____

(If your giving is automatic, all we need back is this card. We'll handle the details. If you'd like to give a special gift, you can write a check made out to "Cru", or give online at www.brianandmalisa.com)