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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru in Boston

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## “Have you ever prayed a prayer like this before?”

“Miguel” and I sat in a tent outside a dorm at Northeastern University. Around us students were studying for midterms. But at this table, on Thursday afternoon, the most remarkable thing happened in the most unremarkable location. Miguel prayed for the first time for God to help him live with Jesus as his ruler!

“Miguel have you ever prayed a prayer like this before?”

“No, I haven’t.”

“Well, the exact words don’t matter - prayer isn’t magic. it’s just talking with God. And to begin a relationship with God, you’d pray something like this:

Dear God, I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I don’t deserve your gift of eternal life. I’m guilty of rebelling against you and ignoring you. I need forgiveness. Thank you for sending your son to die for me that I may be forgiven. Thank you that he rose from the dead to give me new life. Please forgive me and change me so that I can live with Jesus as my ruler. Amen.”

“Miguel, would you like to pray this prayer with me right now?”

“Yes, I would.”

“Really?”

“Yes.”

There was nothing particularly remarkable about the way I shared the gospel. I shared the gospel in the most basic way I know how. I shared almost verbatim the 2 Ways to Live outline of the gospel. When I got toward the end, I told the story of the Prodigal Sons from Luke 15. And then I tried to make it clear that there was a decision for Miguel to make. The Holy Spirit was so clearly at work in the conversation.

These are the conversations that fill our days this time of year: connecting with freshmen and other new students and pointing them toward Jesus.

Would you celebrate with us? The angels are rejoicing today. And Malisa and I count it a joy to do ministry alongside each of you.

Loving our  
adventurous Lord,

*Brian & Malisa*

### Would you pray:

- For “Miguel” as he begins to walk with Jesus
- For the 200 + students who have joined our “G3” micro discipleship groups – including Miguel
- For community around our fire pit in the backyard Oct 15th
- For our family – this fall has been a busy season



“Miguel” in a small group bible study on Monday



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