

November 23, 2016

Dear Friends,

When I first got to know Ja-hon during his freshman year in college, he was always trying to name-drop the elite prep school he went to. He desperately wanted to justify himself so that other people would like him. But over that year he got involved in my small group bible study, came with us to our fall retreat and winter conference, and then came with us to the Middle East for a summer to share the gospel with Muslim college students there. We call the summer project “Breakthrough” and Ja-Hon certainly had some personal breakthroughs that summer.



**We’d like you to consider a special gift for students like Ja-Hon. He is having a huge impact on international students – Because of you!**

Back on campus in Boston, Ja-Hon stopped talking about himself. Instead, his heart has expanded for those who don’t yet know Christ, particularly international students.

He chose to make his work-study count by taking a job in the international student office. It puts him face to face with students from around the world who have come to Boston to study. Ja-Hon joins them He meets them at the

airport, makes sure they feel welcome, and has the chance to make lasting friendships.

Including a great group of Japanese students who are living on campus this year. Do you know how significant that is? Japan is one of the largest unreached people-groups in the world. And Ja-Hon has had a chance to befriend a group of these students and point them toward Jesus Christ.

Because of you – your prayers and your gifts, we helped ground Ja-Hon in his faith as a freshman, we helped teach him how to have conversations about Jesus without freaking people out, and now we can free up Ja-Hon to love people from around the world and bring them to Christ.



**“And should I not have concern for the great city of [Boston] in which there are more than [250,000 students] who cannot tell their right hand from their left” Jonah 4:11**

Ja-Hon’s story is one of hundreds in this city. And we all get to be part of a much bigger story. It’s a story of what God is doing across not just Boston, but the world.

A couple weeks ago at our Church, Park Street Church, we heard from Dr. Michael Young-Suk Oh, The Global Executive Director/CEO of the Lausanne Movement. Lausanne, in addition to being a lovely city in Switzerland, is a movement helping the global church think about evangelism.

He talked about the incredible opportunity we have to reach unreached people for Christ. It’s an opportunity that we see every single day.

When Malisa and I take students to the Middle East it’s because it’s full of people who don’t yet know Christ. But when Malisa and I work with students in Boston, it’s because it’s full of those same people: over 50,000 international students study here in Boston and we have an amazing opportunity to reach them for Christ. Dr. Oh called it “the most massive evangelistic opportunity in world missions history.”

What an opportunity for outside impact!

As you may know, year-end giving is significant to our overall budget. To fully fund our next semester of ministry – including: outreaches to international students, helping fund one of ethnic-minority staff women, leading the Boston Metro team, and caring for



**Would you help Rose, a Haitian-American join us on campus?**

our team in the Middle East, we need to raise an additional \$25,400. Without this funding the next generation of Ja-Hons stands in the balance.

The threats are huge – if our staff team and student leaders fail to connect with dramatically more freshmen by the end of the year, our movements will suffer for years to come.

But the opportunities are also huge. For every student like Ja-Hon that we can help, dozens (hundreds?) more will hear the gospel both in Boston and across the world. Malisa and I look forward to the day when every student on every campus gets to hear the gospel. But we're not there yet and we need your help.

**That's why we're asking you to consider a special gift of \$100 before December 31<sup>st</sup>.** We know what a significant sacrificial thing this is that we're asking for.

Thank you.



**Left to Right: Brian, Sydney (5), Malisa, and Eliza Ellis(3).  
We love you and are so thankful for you.**

Thank you for your heart for college students. Thank you for your commitment to Malisa and me. My friend Rhonda has a quote hanging in her kitchen that says "Christ is the head of our house. The unseen guest at every meal. The silent listener to every conversation." When Malisa and I are on campus sharing the gospel with students, it's obviously true that Christ is with us in every

conversation. But so are you. You are the unseen guest and silent listener too. Because of you. Because of your prayers and financial gifts, students in Boston hear the gospel.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

Brian and Malisa

p.s. You have a chance to be a hero to students like Ja-hon this year. Even if they never learn your name, your prayers and special gifts can have an impact for eternity. Thank you for considering a gift before December 31.

Dear Brian and Malisa,

Yes, I want to give a gift that makes an impact in the lives of college students in Boston this spring. I want you and your team to be able to reach out to Freshmen this spring. So that you're ready the moment students return on January 4, I'm sending my special tax deductible gift in the amount of:

\$500   \$250   \$100   \$\_\_\_\_\_

(to count for 2016 giving, I know my gift would need to be postmarked by 12/31. I've made my check payable to "Cru."  
Or given online at <http://brianandmalisa.com/give-online-now/>)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer requests: