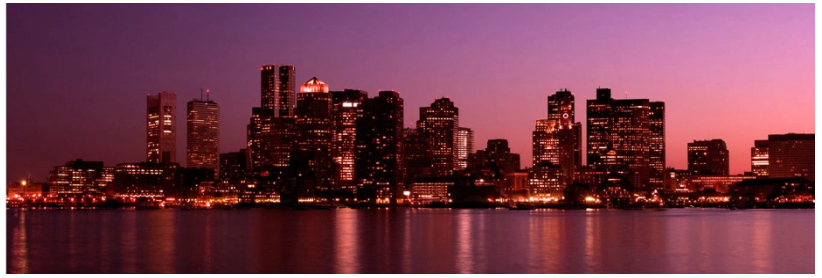


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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru in Boston

# Change Boston



## A Middle East Postcard

Here's my friend Mohammed who is a Syrian refugee. He's been living here since he was 11 and now is a university student.

**“Islam is really important to me, but what matters more than what you believe is how you love people.”**

We talk a lot about "body-witness": the idea that nonbelievers can see the gospel of Jesus lived out in community and that creates the context for us to share.

Mohammed has come to hang out with our students a half dozen times (and even came over to one of our apartments to help fix a broken coffee table).



*Here's my friend Mohammed who is a Syrian refugee. He joined our team for a boat cruise last week.*

When I got to chat with him on a boat cruise, he commented on our community: “You are loving people.”

“It's actually Jesus and my relationship with him that motivates me to love. Jesus was always reaching out to outcasts and strangers and drawing them into community. Reading about Him is what makes me curious to learn about other cultures and other people. Jesus was always making time for those on the outside.” I told him.

We are reminded that it often takes our Muslim friends several years after first hearing of Jesus to start following him. In light of that, would you pray for Mohammed to continue to experience how different a Christian community can be? Would you pray that would open doors in his heart to the gospel?

We can't wait to share more stories with you.

Loving our adventurous Lord,

*Brian & Malisa*

### Would you pray:

- For Mohammed to continue to experience how different a Christian community can be and that his heart would open to the gospel
- For our team in these last weeks here - for more divine appointments
- For our kids – Sydney, Eliza, and Genevieve to experience the nearness of Jesus
- That many friendships that have started would continue past this summer.
- That some of the students here with us would catch a heart to serve overseas for a year or more.



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