

# Change **BOSTON**

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## A few of the Girls—Boston Summer

The text messages started to fly back and forth between Ida, Jen, Laura and me (Malisa)...These are three of the girls that were in a small group I led this summer with the Boston Summer Project, all of whom just finished their freshman years at their respective universities. Ida is on the tennis team at St. Olaf College, a place she would describe as a very dark spiritually. Jen is a basketball player from Bethel College a solid Christian school. Laura, a Cuban American girl, attends Harvard University.

These girls were pretty quickly connected at the hip. I loved the first gathering together with the girls. All of them were a bit nervous as we went around the circle I gave each of the girls a chance to share about what significant events occurred in their life thus far.

Ida is a deep thinker and as we sat over many cups of coffee she would ask questions about what it looked like to live in freedom of Christ rather than performance. She cried tears as she wrestled with this idea in her own heart.

Jen was scared to death to talk with others about Jesus but that is exactly why she wanted to come on a summer project to be in an environment where she could be encouraged to share the gospel. So the first night we were all together we went out into the city of Boston and had some great spiritual conversations with others. I think I saw the strength and character as the weeks went on when Jen was working at a gym and begin ask some of her coworkers about their spiritual background. The dialogue continues even today. I am so proud of her!

Laura is such a joy to be around. She came into school as a solid believer and began to have impact on other girls on her dorm floor almost immediately. She even was able to help lead one of her friends to Christ this past school year. Laura had a tugging at her heart this summer to have an impact for Christ on her fellow Cuban American friends this next fall at Harvard. Just a few snapshots from the hearts and minds of these three girls, who are getting ready to begin their second years at three different universities. I can hardly wait to see how the Lord uses these three girls to impact the lives of new freshman on campus in just a few weeks.

Loving our Adventurous Lord, *Malisa and Brian*



Top: Ida (left) and Malisa

Bottom: Malisa with all her girls at the Wilson House

### Prayer Praises:

- For Brian who gave leadership to the Boston Summer Project this summer.
- For our travels across the country to move Malisa to Boston. We are actually somewhere in Kansas right now as I write this letter.

### Prayer Requests:

- For Laura and the other girls as they move back on campus in just three weeks
- For our Boldness to share the Gospel on campus in Boston and for the incoming Freshman on Boston Campuses to be open to the Gospel.
- For our relationship to continue to grow in Christ as we move towards marriage. Speaking of marriage, check out our new website : [www.BrianandMalisa.com](http://www.BrianandMalisa.com)

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