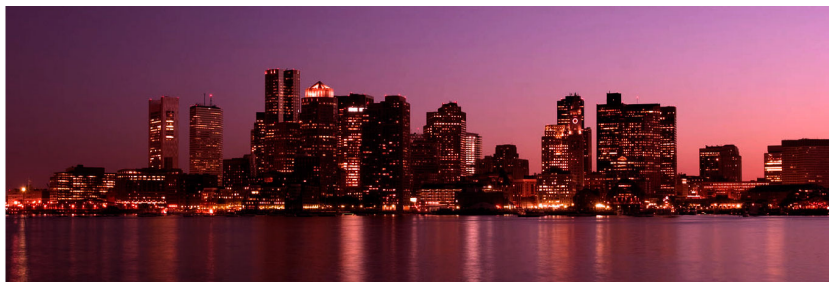


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Malisa & Brian Ellis- Serving with Cru in Boston

# Change Boston



## A trio of changed life stories

Three stories barely skims the surface of what we saw God do this summer. Thanks so much for being part of it. I can't even begin to express what an honor it was to have you as part of our team.



Sydney, Malisa, and "Susan"

### *A Refugee's Story... one year later*

Remember "Susan," my Syrian friend who I met last summer? She and her family have official refugee status but she is stuck waiting, waiting, waiting to be accepted by a country like America, Canada, or a European country. When our eyes met as she walked into the Arabic mom's and tot's program a few weeks ago, a huge smile broke across her lovely face that was carefully framed with the scarf covering her head. "My year was awful," she said with a smile still on her face. Of course it was, I thought to myself, she is a refugee trying to raise her two toddlers well. A few hours later we were sitting in a circle discussing the bible. Susan was so involved in the conversations and excited to talk about what she thought Jesus was teaching in the bible. My sweet friend is starting to understand who Jesus really is.



Soularium in our apartment

### *A crowded little apartment*

Each week we would invite our Muslim girlfriends over to our apartment for lunch or tea. It was a great way to get out into a more quiet space to talk and hear more about their spiritual journeys. Each week was a different group of women but a great success. One highlight was the last week when over 20 girls crammed into our tiny little place. After lunch I had the girls break up in 3 smaller groups and go through "Soularium" a spiritual image survey that we use to hear more about what people believe. That day was incredible. Pena, a girl who was studying fashion design, began to share about how she had been having dreams about Jesus. "WOW" this is huge! She continued to share all that she was wondering and concerned about in regards to spirituality. The conversation continued at a café afterwards for 3 more hours. Pena is truly wondering who Jesus is.



Jen and Amy, two of our staff women

### *"My heart breaks for the Muslim people"*

One of the highlights of summer for me is getting to disciple a few women on the team. This year I was able to work with Amy, one of our student interns for the second summer in a row. She is a very tender and wise woman who wants to be a counselor. However, as the summer progressed our times together continued to be peppered with dreams, plans, and prayers that the God would bring her back longer term to the city. Her heart is passionate to see Muslim women hear and respond to the gospel. What a joy to watch as Amy laid down her plans and direction for the future in the hands of Jesus. Ever since Brian and I began to sense God leading us to the Muslim world for the past two summers, one of our biggest prayers and hopes is that some of the students we were taking with us each summer would consider going back as full time missionaries. Amy is one of those girls along with two others from our team that are considering full time ministry in the city. **Loving our Adventurous Lord,**

*Brian & Malisa*

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### **Would you Pray**

- For Susan, her husband and 2 little kids that the Gospel would take root in their hearts
- For Pena—that the dreams would continue (this is very common in the Muslim world before people come to follow Jesus)