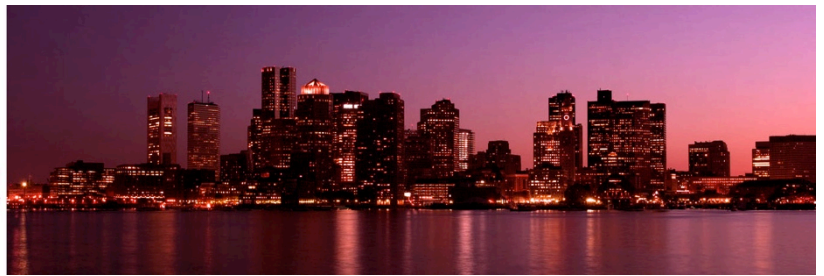


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Brian & Malisa Ellis - Serving with Cru in Boston

Change Boston



Sending Spotlight

My friend Monica just graduated from Northeastern University. Over the last several years, it's been a joy to watch Monica move from choosing what she desires to trusting God for what He desires. This has been especially true as she trusted him this year with her job search.

Last week, we met up just before her dad arrived from Guatemala to help her make the 21-hour trek to St. Paul, Minnesota where she will be working as a communications director for the Girl Scouts. She's excited to be working for an organization that develops young women.

Thank you for helping send women like Monica to have an impact after graduation. She is a woman who loves Jesus, loves others, and is going to live out the gospel in a new place. Would you pray for her?



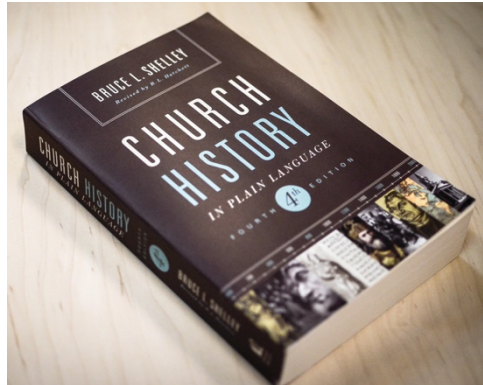
Here's Monica holding the newest addition to our family.

Look to your mailbox in the coming days for a fun announcement about our new daughter and other big changes.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for a new church home and community for Monica
- Please pray Monica will be filled with boldness as she begins to share Jesus in her new workplace

Getting the Big Picture



What does it take for history to come alive for you? Perhaps it's having a great teacher who tells amazing stories (like Dan Carlin in his *Hardcore History* podcast). Perhaps it's learning about individual people so that you can imagine

yourself going to that time and place (the way they do in *Adventures in Odyssey*). Perhaps it's when you travel to a place where amazing things happened in the past (like a battlefield). Or perhaps history comes alive for you when it's your history (learning the history of your town, or ancestors).

This summer, all of that collided for Malisa and me when we took a church history survey class as part of our ongoing spiritual development with Cru. It was so helpful to get a big picture overview of the high (and low) points of the history of the church over the last 20 centuries. If you'd like a book recommendation, can we commend to you: *Church History in Plain Language*. It's amazing to watch how God's kingdom has advanced over the last 20 centuries and it gives us great hope that His Kingdom will continue to advance. And what fun that you and I get to be a part of it.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

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