

Change BOSTON

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Renee (top mid) and the other girls from Project



Malisa shares with Yoko and Midori in Faneuil Hall—visiting from Japan for 1 day

Praises

- 100 spiritual conversations during our UMass Boston outreach last Tuesday
- Renee choosing to be a fisher of men

Prayer Requests

- For Bentley College summer small group
- For us as we raise financial support
- For incoming freshman classes in the city

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Will You Be A Fisher of Men?

Last week we were with 12 of our top students in the city of Boston. Tuesday morning started with Brian and me talking with the students about reaching their specific campus for Christ: Harvard, MIT, Boston University, Wentworth, and Bentley. We were asking the students to consider being fishers of men next fall on campus. As I finished talking about Jesus calling all of us to be fishers of men, which would mean they were living on campus with the purpose of sharing the Gospel and mentoring others, I looked up and asked, "Would you join with me in being fishers of men?"

Thirty minutes later, Renee a sophomore at Wentworth College and I were at an outreach BBQ at the University of Massachusetts (UMass). Renee began a spiritual conversation with the second person who walked up to us at the BBQ. A few hours later, we moved to downtown Boston to talk with people. I asked Renee if she would come with me to chat with a girl sitting over in the corner of a food court. We walked up to Natasha and started eating our dinner at the long table across from her. I asked Natasha her name, and what she was doing in Boston.

She responded by saying that she was a student at UMass. We explained that we had just been at UMass talking with students about their spiritual journeys. Renee and I learned that Natasha was from a hard family background. She was raised by her grandmother, who was a strong Christian but had recently passed away. That sent Natasha into a spiritual tailspin. **She didn't know if God was really involved in her life anymore. She explained how she felt like he wasn't present anymore.** After a long conversation, we explained that if we have surrendered our lives to Him he promises to continue working in us and through us even though we might not FEEL Jesus working in our lives. A smile broke across Natasha's face. She hadn't really talked to another believer since before her grandmother had passed away 2 years ago.

Sometimes, Jesus uses us to share the Gospel with someone that has never heard, sometimes with someone who accepts Christ with us, sometimes someone who moves one step closer towards believing, and sometimes it is a believer who simply needs to be encouraged that God is alive and active and moving. As Renee and I walked away from that conversation she was in, Renee said she wanted to be a fisher of freshmen in her dorm at Wentworth next fall!

Loving our adventurous Lord, *Malisa and Brian*

Trusting God in Boston to reach 250,000 students