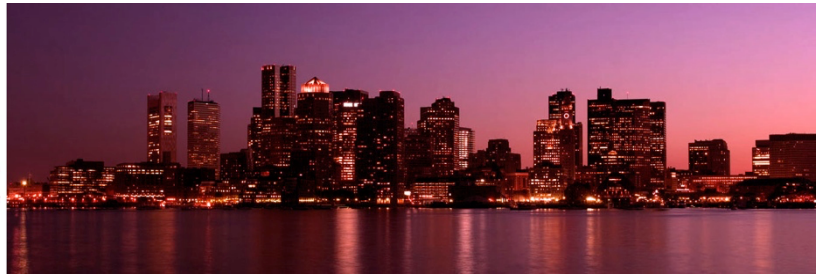


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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru in Boston

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Evangelism in Boston

Let me tell you about these 3 amazing women: Hannah, Joan, and Sabra. They're all in a discipleship group I lead on Tuesday afternoons.

Hannah has been inviting her friends to come to Cru with her. And whenever she invites them, they come. One of her friends, Glady, is not a follower of Jesus yet, but has been reading the Bible on her own. She started with Genesis and she's making good progress. Hannah suggested that her next book might be one of the gospels, and Glady is up for it.

But as Hannah and I talked together in our small group, I suggested: "What if you read the gospel together with Glady? Then you have a built-in way to talk about Jesus with her."

"I wonder, Glady, could we read the gospel together?" Hannah texted Glady right after our group yesterday. She heard back immediately: "Absolutely! I would love that."

I'm looking forward to hearing updates from Hannah as she and Glady read the bible together.



Joan, Sabra, me, and Hannah – each of them has caught the evangelism bug and is inviting friends to know Christ!



Some of our student leaders at a community service day this weekend

Hannah keeps inviting friends. She keeps taking faith steps. And the friends she invites to Cru keep finding community and loving it.

But Hannah's not alone. In that group, her friend Joan is also reaching out to those around her. Joan and her friend Teresa just started a Bible study in their dorm on Friday nights. They figured: "not everyone wants to go out. They're in their rooms and don't know what to

do with themselves. Some of them might want to talk about Spiritual things.” Joan has just been glowing as she shares about it.

Today, Theresa (who accepted Christ last year) couldn’t wait to tell me how great it went last night. “I invited Nicole who has some faith background. Rashma, Nicole, and I had so many similarities in our stories. I also had my friend Sophia, who’s an atheist show up. She’s interested to learn how to read the Bible. They were very curious, and we had a great time. Ice cream didn’t hurt either.”



Here’s Joan (right) with Teresa and their new evangelistic bible study (at just before midnight on Friday).

I don’t want to leave out Sabra. We met Sabra on zoom before she was a believer. Now she’s a strong follower of Jesus and a constant inviter. That includes her friend Jaclyn who isn’t yet a follower of Christ. They come to our house frequently for dinner and it is so much fun watching Sabra make space in our community for Jaclyn.

Let me pull these threads together. These women are seen, known, and loved by God. And so they are seeing people around them that don’t know Jesus. They’re inviting them into community so they can be known. And they’re loving their friends. This love motivates them to share the gospel with friends and do Bible study together. And to think these women are only sophomores! I can’t wait to see how God continues to use them on campus.

Thanks for helping these students reach their friends for Christ.

Loving our adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa

Would you pray:

- For Hannah, Joan, and Sabra – that they’d continue sharing the gospel
- For Gladys, Nicole, Sophia, Jaclyn, and others who don’t yet know Jesus – that by experiencing the body of Christ they would come to know Jesus
- For the summer - Malisa and I and our family will be heading back to Middle East. Pray for us and our team as we prepare. More info coming soon.



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