

May 18, 2021

Dear Friends,

“I am so down for weekly fire-pits.”

That’s what Melissa, a freshman at BU, told Malisa and me this week at a picnic in our back yard.

Thanks to your prayers and partnership, we’ve been making space virtually all year. Now we’re looking forward to showing hospitality in physical spaces again too.

Last summer, you helped us “meet” Melissa on Facebook, then Instagram and Zoom. She got involved with a weekly virtual small group with other incoming freshmen from around the world.

She’s been in a small group with other freshmen from BU all year. But **she is also super welcoming and evangelistic** and has been “making space” for her friends that don’t yet know Jesus. And because she’s in Boston for the summer, she’s super excited to meet up weekly in our back yard.

Why do we do what we do together?

It’s for changed lives. That doesn’t change in a pandemic. As we look toward the fall, all the campuses in Boston plan to be fully open in person.

What’s the plan?

Just as there is a pent-up demand for weddings this season, we believe there is a pent-up demand for in-person connection. So, we’re going to lean into that, but not neglect what we’ve learned in a pandemic.

Virtual ministry has great benefits too: students can connect from anywhere - we had students joining us from across the US and as far away as Singapore. We get to bring great speakers from across the country to train and equip these students.

Brian and I will be working in 2 spaces this summer:

- In the physical world - we’ll be making space around our fire pit in the back yard each week. Can’t you smell the smoke from the fire and taste the s’mores now? Can’t you hear the laughter and good conversations and JOY from students gathered together?
- In the virtual world – we’ll be trying to reach next year’s incoming freshmen.

You did it!

Last summer, we asked you to pray and invest financially to reach students coming to Boston. You did it! Esme, Nate, Laney, Melissa, and so many others met us virtually and are getting ready to reach next year’s freshmen.



Melissa is a gem. She also played a key role in Sydney’s 10th Birthday in Feb. as a “Schuyler Sister”. Watch at: www.brianandmalisa.com/melissa



Students like Patricia that we initially met virtually are now able to gather in-person. You helped make it happen.

Would you pray?

- Would you pray for creativity?
- Would you pray for connection?
- Would you pray for students like Andrew – to share the gospel with their friends?
- Would you pray for students like Ysa – to encounter Jesus through virtual community?
- Would you pray for students like Jeanette – to get connected to us virtually and then get connected to Jesus?

You can help us this summer too...

Would you pray for the resources to make all of this happen?

Often, we spend our summers on international mission trips taking the gospel to the world. Last summer, we connected with 100 incoming freshmen. It set us up for one of the most fruitful years of ministry and we believe we're on the cusp of being able to do it again. Though we do look forward to taking the gospel and students to the world again, for this summer we are excited to seize the opportunity to reach students from the class of 2025 coming to Boston. Part of what we raise every spring covers not just our summer ministry but also our ongoing expenses throughout the fall.

Special gifts totaling \$22,000 will help us:

- minister to this year's Nate and Esme – They both just finished freshman year as ringleaders
- welcome student to our yard each week
- reach new students with Instagram ad campaigns
- have the resources we need to minister undistracted in the fall.

You play such a critical role in this ministry to students. **Would you please consider a special gift of to help us reach students for Christ?**

Together I know we can work to reach the next generation of college students. Thanks for considering a special gift.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,



Priscilla & Malisa



p.s. Our Summer Cru virtual meetings start on June 7. We're working to see all of our financial support come in by then so that we can focus on reaching students - especially those in the class of 2025.



Yes! I want to help make space for the class of 2025 this summer and invest in changed lives.

Enclosed is my gift of: \$ _____

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