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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru in Boston

# Change Boston



## Welcome to the Ellis Family...

Two things have surprised me about motherhood:

1. How much my three little girls LOVE getting to know college students
2. Just how much college students are ministered to by simply being part of our family

You may have seen a video of Lucy that we shared last month. In it, she shares about being the only Christian in her family. Lucy comes from such a great family of two amazing parents who don't yet know Jesus. So her exposure to a Christian family was limited until she met my three little girls last year.

**My girls are smitten with Lucy.** They jump up and down when I say that Lucy is coming over. They take her by the hand and show her around their latest art project or fairy garden and then they beg her to snuggle them on our swing.

A huge smile spreads across Lucy's face when she talks about being able to hang out with our family -- at the beach, over a casual dinner, or at an Easter dinner outreach.

The love is mutual & **I am in awe of how Jesus uses our daily life as a family to minister to and develop college students.**



Lucy loves our girls (here with Genevieve) and our girls love Lucy.



Sarah (with Sydney and Eliza) just finished a record smashing career on the BU track team.

I remember talking to Sarah (left) and having a conversation I've had with many athletes: "can you pray...I just don't know if I can keep pushing as an athlete this final season." And we did pray. And Sarah kept breaking personal and school records. But what we were praying for was that she would experience Joy again on the track team. And she did.

And that takes me to this picture. Sarah is an incredibly strong woman, but kids "just kinda make me nervous" she said to Lucy this fall.

When we brought our kids to a BU soccer game last fall, Sarah didn't really know what to do when my three little girls were so chatty with her. Even Genevieve wanted to be held by her and Sarah was freaked out.

But by the end of the year, after a number of meals at our house, Sarah had totally warmed up to our girls. I took Sydney and Eliza to a final celebratory brunch with the athlete women I work with. It was a brunch full of laughing and giggles.

Sydney and Eliza love that they have a friend named Sarah. "She can pick us both up at the same time, Mommy!"

Loving our adventurous Lord,

**Prayer Requests** *Brian & Malisa*

- For us as we seek to share not only the gospel but our lives with students in Boston
- For Sydney, Eliza, and Genevieve – that each of our girls would walk with Jesus and point others to Him
- For Lucy and Sarah to continue to grow in their walk with Jesus
- For our friends who don't yet know Jesus.



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