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Dear «Greeting»,

Thai, a Buddhist, is one of the more than 2.3 million students in the northeast. Jessica, an intern, and I met her at UMass Boston during our New Staff / Intern Field Training. After a long conversation discussing the message of the Bible and Thai's thoughts about God, sin, Jesus, and where she is in relation to Him, Thai expressed that something bad would have to happen in her life first for her to turn to Him. She clearly understood that she was not a Christian and that she is not ready to become a Christian. Before she left she told us that she appreciated how we listened to her and didn't do all the talking. Jessica and I had a significant prayer time for her afterwards.

Reaching students like Thai with the gospel is Campus Crusade for Christ's primary objective. In our pluralistic, relativistic culture, it is challenging to talk about truth and Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life." But we must. Jesus alone offers eternal life.

Our focus during the New Staff / Intern Field Training last week was on reaching lost students. We came at it from different ways – looking in the Bible, going out sharing together, learning from our experience, discussing challenges to sharing the gospel, training in new methods – like using short films, and using the internet.



A few days later I had a chance to see Marian, a student I disciplined at SUNY Stony Brook in the late '80's and early '90's.

Marian was glowing as she shared with me about her heart for the lost. She could barely contain her joy as she told me of people she has led to the Lord in recent years.

Marian said one thing that has stuck in my mind. In college she shared her faith because that is what we do, but she didn't have a heart for the lost. Now she has a real heart for people who don't know Christ. **I've realized in a fresh way that we can't JUST equip people to share the gospel, give them opportunities to share, and show them in the Bible why we**

share; we ALSO need to pray God will give them a heart for the lost like Jesus. (Matt 9:35-38). So that has become a prayer for myself, our staff, interns, students, and for you. Will you pray that, too?

March is a significant month for students as they go on spring break trips to reach out to the lost in Panama City Beach, Florida, and New York City. Please pray God will open their eyes and their hearts and see people as Jesus does. Please ask God to grow their heart for others to know Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers, your financial gifts, and your encouragement. Your partnership means more to me than you know!!

Because Jesus is filled with compassion,