

DECEMBER 16, 2021 (I APOLOGIZE. SOMEHOW I MISSED SENDING THIS.)

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, I thought it was a good time to share about some students who will be celebrating Christmas for the first time as followers of Jesus.

Jake - Bentley	Mrinal - Umass Amherst	Malcolm - UNH
Noah - Bentley	Christian - Umass Amherst	Caroline - UNH
Joe - Bentley	Troy - Umass Amherst	Eli - UNH
Stephanie - Park Street Church	Cassandra - Umass Amherst	Ju - UNH
Julia - MIT	Hannah - UMass Amherst	Zach - UNH
Santiago - Northeastern Univ	Andrew - Johnson and Wales	Paige - Merrimack
Will - Boston Univ.	Will - Univ of New Hampshire	Amanda - Merrimack
Cher - MIT	(UNH)	

One of the team leaders shared with me recently:

*"A few weekends ago we had the JOY of watching two MIT Cru students proclaim their faith in Jesus and get baptized at their local church! What a wonderful experience to have so many Cru students show up to give their love and support. Our Cru group was able to pray for them after they were baptized. Both Julia and Cher became believers in Jesus over the past year and it's been a blessing to watch them grow in their faith!"*

There are many other currently unbelieving students and faculty our staff and students are journeying with. And many more beyond that we are seeking to reach. While it is true we have a clear and unchanging message we face new and differing challenges and opportunities to share this wonderful news on campuses. Please join me in praying:

- As always we need to pray and seek God's guidance as we seek to create relevant ways to engage meaningfully with others about these things.
- We need God's Spirit to go before us in stirring people's hearts.
- We need to equip believing students and faculty to be able to share their relationship with God and His Word with others.

December 27-January 1 I'll be in Baltimore for Cru's Winter Conference. Other conferences are being held around the country. We have time dedicated for equipping students and giving them an opportunity to share their faith. Before that I will be celebrating Christmas in Delaware with my those from my family who are gathering there.

During this Christmas season we can rejoice together that God has brought these students into his family on campuses throughout New England. I'm grateful we are doing this work together. Thank you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Because God is still at work,




# Baltimore Winter Conference



January 20, 2022



Every year, across the country, millions of college students graduate. Many have their sights set on what this world values most, and they make it their mission to pursue them.

*But what if these students were embarking on the mission of God? What if they were “on mission” to make the world more how God intended it to be, helping people everywhere be restored to a relationship with Jesus?*

That’s Cru’s mission: to see lifelong disciples of Christ raised up and sent to the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus. [Winter Conference](#) is one place where, time and again, we have seen students grasp a greater vision for their lives.

This December, 503 students from Maine to North Carolina gathered in Baltimore, Maryland for Winter Conference. **Baltimore was one of four cities that hosted a total of 2,536 students for Winter Conferences this year.**

We worshiped King Jesus together. We were challenged by the Word of God as our speakers called us to a life more in line with the Scriptures. **Students were equipped to share the good news of Christ** in each of the four cities that hosted a Winter Conference. They were sent out to take steps of faith and initiate spiritual conversations. Through those that were sent out during the conference to communities around them, **41 people who heard the gospel indicated decisions for Jesus!**



While each student experienced Jesus in a personal and unique way, here are a few of the things they shared from the week:

A few months ago I asked you to pray about whether or not I would go on an overseas short term trip this semester. Surprisingly to me, I am not going. The Lord has led me to use the time differently.

**Please pray** for me the January 25 & 26 as I take those days for prayer and planning for the rest of semester.

It was January 26, 1978 when I became a Christian.

*“I have a new passion for sharing the gospel and a reignited passion for God's Word. I feel so encouraged going into the new year and ready to step out onto campus being a light for Christ.”*  
-Anonymous

*“Before coming I had felt very distant from God and felt like I was becoming a lukewarm Christian. This renewed my faith!”* -Faith, junior

*“I literally became a Christian today.”* -Nate, senior

*“I was greatly challenged at the outreach and was so excited to see my team taking steps of faith together. While I was sharing what Jesus means to me, I realized I was doing what scared me so much, and it was actually very fun to just get to chat with people! It gave me a new perspective on evangelism!”* -Bethany, senior

*“I am eager to go out and do what God has called me to.”* -Ayana, sophomore

We rejoice for the awesome ways God is at work in students’ lives. **He is changing hearts and raising up lifelong disciples for the Kingdom of God.** Thank you so much for your partnership, your prayers, and your generosity that make that possible.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Liz".