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## Life Group

This semester I've started leading a Life Group (Bible Study) at UMass Boston. Life Groups are effective not only to help students grow in their faith, but to build relationships with peers. It has been such a pleasure to lead Nora, Rahama, and Katie (pictured in that order on the right). All of them have very unique stories, but I wanted to share with you a little bit about Nora. She was raised in Minnesota by a Christian mom and ex-Muslim dad. So, Nora's family did not practice either religion. She never gave it much thought until she was 20, living halfway across the country, and in the darkest place of her life. Nora looked into all sorts of regions, but never felt content until she went to a Methodist church. Nora accepted Christ into her life the summer of 2008. Now she is an active member of Real Life and our Life Group. She said, *"I used to tell Christians they were crazy, and now I can't imagine my life without Christ. I feel like I found a part of my life that I never knew I was missing and now I don't know how I lived without it! Some weeks, knowing that I have Real Life to go to is the only thing that keeps me going. Being new in my faith, I am so thirsty for the Word and to grow. Real Life allows me to do that in a loving, supportive environment on campus."* It has been a blessing to have Nora as a part of our ministry and my life. If you think of it, pray for us while we meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-6 (east coast time).

**I want you to know how grateful I am to the Lord for you. I couldn't minister to students like Nora without your prayers and support. With the economic uncertainty that has affected so many, I'm encouraged by your faithfulness to my ministry. Thank you for your generosity and being a part of my team!**

I have a significant need as the year is coming to an end. I am still **\$8,000** short of my total goal for my intern year. As you think through your end of the year giving, would you please consider giving a special gift to help meet my total goal? This will help me to continue to do ministry effectively. Could you give **\$1,000 to help cover one month, \$500 for two weeks, \$250 for one week, or any other amount?** If you're in the position to give, please make your check payable to Campus Crusade for Christ and send it to me, along with the response card, in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for partnering with me to help every student experience the grace and truth of the Gospel.



*Lots of Love, Courtney*

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