

# COAST 2 COAST

WITH CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

## Personal Update

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It is hard to believe that I have lived in Boston for almost six months. So much has changed in the course of only half a year. Beyond experiencing my first "real" winter and living the city life, I have learned so much about myself. Although it has been challenging, I know it has made me a stronger person. I feel very blessed to be working with people who care about not only what I do, but how I am doing personally. I have community of friends who all genuinely care for and support one another. I still miss the close friendships from college, but my relationships here are slowly getting deeper. More importantly, I am learning to trust in the Lord and know that He has me here for a reason. There has never been a day where I have doubted that.



Patty and I promoting Big Break at City Wide.

## Big Break 2009

Spring is quickly approaching (yay!). Which means flowers, green grass, and Spring Break. Every year, Boston students buckle up for the 30 hour drive down to Panama City Beach, FL to experience Big Break. This conference is put on by CCC Nationals during the four weeks of March. Big Break is a one-week missions trip where

the sun meets the sand, students have a great opportunity to grow in their faith, share it with others, and connect with peers from around the U.S. I am going the third week with students and staff from UMass Boston, Northeastern, and other small Boston colleges. Please pray for a safe drive down to Florida and a great conference!

← Celebrating my 23rd birthday with new friends!

## LOVE FEST

Studies show that suicide rates skyrocket the week after Christmas and Valentines Day. Love Fest was a week of exploring God's love through conversations, service, art and film. The week after Valentines Day, events were hosted on different campuses for the students of Boston. The desire was to create a space on campus to have open and active discussions around tough issues surrounding love from God's perspective. Topics about love, relationships, self worth, and forgiveness were discussed. Both Christian and non-Christians came to the various events, all leaving feeling refreshed.



## New Staff Field Training

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In the beginning of February, 25 new staff walked through our double glass doors to spend three days in the Regional Office for New Staff Field Training. Every other year, we plan a conference for all of the new staff in the Northeast Region. This is a time for them to learn from each other about the uniqueness of being on staff, re-focus on the Lord, educate them on our overseas partnerships and new ministries with CCC, and do an outreach on one of the 53 campuses in Boston.

I was asked to plan our Day of Outreach. I chose for everyone to go to UMass Boston (UMB), because the Campus Crusade club (called Real Life) has not been active this year. Ashley just transferred to UMB, but her and I could not start the club alone. We needed help getting exposure out to the 13,000 students. The goal was for 1,000 fliers to be distributed, but to have conversations with students who the fliers were given to. From this, we gathered contact information for students interested in getting involved. After this outreach, I felt like a

huge weight was lifted off my shoulders because I knew that hundreds of students heard about Real Life and it was no longer just Ashley and I trying to reach the masses.

Since then, we've had two club meetings and four students have stepped up as leaders! Ashley, Francisco, Jen, and Jess are all excited about having a Christian community on campus, a weekly bible study, and reaching out to their peers. I am so excited to

see where this semester takes us!



\* Sharing with a group of girls.

## AROUND CAMPUS



Students being greeted at City Wide, the weekly Campus Crusade meeting for the 53 campuses in Boston!



\* My friend Jenn and I ice skating in downtown Boston during a break from New Staff Field Training.

### Please Pray 4...

~The new **student leaders** at UMB! That they'll be encouraged by one another and grow as leaders.

~A **safe drive** to Big Break and for **students to be challenged** to come.

~My **relationships** with students, co-workers, friends, and roommates.

~My **decision** to stay in Boston.

None of this would be possible without your prayers and financial support. I cannot thank you enough for your help and am so grateful for your support. Thank you for being apart of this ministry with me!

*Lots of Love,  
Courtney*