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Dear Friends,

Gaelle was born in Haiti and came to Long Island University in Brooklyn for college. She is currently a Junior. Gaelle has been connected to Cru since she was a freshman. When Josh, our team leader in Brooklyn, first met Gaelle, she told him her purpose in life was to live for her mom. Her mom suffered from mental illness and didn't have access to proper care in Haiti. So, Gaelle came to the US to pursue medicine so that she could eventually bring her mom here and care for her herself.

One day, during Gaelle's sophomore year, she received word that her mother had been tragically killed. Gaelle was wrecked. Not only had she lost her mom, but she also felt like she had lost her life's purpose. She reached out to Josh for counsel and guidance. He did his best to lament with her and remind her of God's presence and care in her life in the midst of tragedy.

Now a year later, Gaelle is still involved with Cru and at the beginning of February she attended the Winter Retreat with Cru. A couple weeks ago, Gaelle came to Community Group early, Josh had the opportunity to ask her about her experience at the retreat. She responded, "I really enjoyed it. I learned that God gave me the purpose of knowing him and making him known to others and that will never be taken from me."

It was such a gift to hear how God was ministering to Gaelle's heart about her purpose and His love for her. Later on that same day, Josh shared with his wife Sarah about his conversation with Gaelle and Sarah mentioned that Gaelle told her that she placed her faith in Jesus after talking with Josh about her mom the year before. It's a gift to see some lasting fruit from our work.

As I write this I'm on the train to New York to meet with Josh and the rest of the Brooklyn Team. Trips like this give me first hand knowledge of our staff and how things are going. They do so much in giving to others day after day, it's good for me to encourage and build into them in a variety of ways.

The way I see it, the work the team leaders and their teams do is the critical work God has called Cru to do. My role is to help them succeed. Together, with them, you and I are helping students like Gaelle know our Awesome God. Thank you for helping bring the life changing message to New York and the world.

Because God is love and working in people's lives,




Me with Kevin Lamb, the team leader in Buffalo, NY. Earlier this week I spent time with him and his team. They are leading students on 4 campuses in western, NY: Univ of Buffalo, Buffalo State, Daemon College, and Niagara University.


Prayers & Praises

- Praising God for His life changing work in Gaelle's life. Please pray for her ongoing growth as she takes in God's love for her and seeks to make Him known to others.
- Please pray God calls people to come serve with Cru in New York.
- Please pray with all the travel that I stay healthy and that I can find ways to keep up with my various exercises.
- Praising God for His guidance each day. Please continue to pray that I abide in Him/Him in me, and that God would bear fruit through us for His glory.

God is still working drawing college students to Himself. Isn't it great that we get to have a part in that?

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