



# Close-up On Campus

Campus Ministry in New York City and the Northeast (Liberty) Region



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## Impact In The Heart Of Brooklyn

Two years ago, spring breakers shared the gospel with Chris for the first time!

It was a typical day at Medgar Evers, the predominantly African American school in the heart of Brooklyn, except for the sizeable group of white students roaming the campus – a rarity to say the least. Chris, raised in a nominally Buddhist (but functionally atheist) home, was very curious. He followed them into a classroom to discover a Bible study in progress! These white students came during their spring break to help beef up the existing Impact Movement there (the African American ministry of Cru). Chris almost walked out, but there was something different about the people at that Bible study.. they were honest, they cared, they had fun.. For an entire year he kept attending, still hesitant to respond to the gospel, but truly enjoying these radically different people.

Ross (NYC director) and Walter, Sean, Shamiel and Chris (student leaders from 3 NYC campuses)



tears streaming down his face he found his life in Christ!

Now more 'spring breakers' (as students say) are back on campus and Chris is right there helping them. As he's grown in his faith, God's built him into a spiritual leader. Those that know him best even call him an evangelist!

What's more, he's just been accepted to intern with Cru in the Fall – a huge win for the NYC team! We met Chris for the first time at Epicenter, and we're excited about the possibility of working with him on staff in the Fall! Pray hard for God to raise up ministry partners for him. Though one brother recently accepted Christ, pray for his witness to his parents and other sibling (not believers.. yet).



Chris (left) at a Cru retreat

Later, a Cru student brought him to a church service. 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find..' was the message. As he left the service, he sensed the Lord calling Him to respond. For so long he'd found his worth in sports or party scenes, but now with

### Bible Thought:

"...sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

*Romans 6:14*

### Book Recommendation:

*Transforming Grace*  
by Jerry Bridges

### Please Pray

- God would allow NYC Cru students to network on campus to share the gospel and mobilize other believers
- For stamina for student leaders who often work full-time while leading in Cru and being diligent students
- He'd prepare the way as we transition to NYC over the summer and report on campus by Fall 2015.. Pray we'd find just the right apartment!

### Praise God!

- 200+ students over 3 weeks are coming to NYC over their Spring Breaks to share the gospel!
- Feb 23rd there was a HUGE outreach at Sarah Lawrence College!

Thank you again for your prayers and hearts for Christ!

Until all hear, (Col 4:3-4)

David & Ashley  
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### NYC Fast Fact

7 of the top 100 tallest buildings in the world are here (One World Trade Center, 432 Park Avenue, Empire State, Bank of America, Chrysler, NY Times and One57)