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Left: Marie, Rachel, Nadia, and Jimmy

Top: In front of our new apartment building in NYC



Right: Playing in the rain during the tropical storm

## What is Forgiveness?

"Tell me about forgiveness."

Nadia (name changed) had been hanging out this summer at Brooklyn college with Marie, a Cru staff member, and Jimmy, a student on the summer mission. One day, Jimmy looked at Nadia with both humility and boldness and said "Nadia, tell me about forgiveness." With a confused expression, she responded "Like in my religion?" Then this young Muslim woman began to share about what forgiveness means to her.

"In Islam, shame comes from God. Feeling shame is like punishment for what you have done wrong. You spend time feeling it and recognizing what you did is wrong. You aren't supposed to do the sin again." Curious, Jimmy and Marie asked what happens when you inevitably sin again. "You shouldn't", Nadia responded, "but if you do, you feel bad again. You're expected to try harder to live like Mohammed and pray at the right times."

Nadia looked down at the ground and said "You are Christians. How does your God view forgiveness?" Jimmy and Marie were able to share about God being loving, merciful, and personal. One is not after our behavior and perfection, but after our hearts. Marie, Jimmy, and Nadia talked for two hours answering questions

such as "What about the trinity? Who is the Holy Spirit? How do you pray?"

Like so many college students in NYC, there is a hunger in Nadia for truth and intimacy. This fall, Nadia and Marie will study the Bible together. Please pray that Nadia's eyes and heart will be opened to the forgiveness that can only be found through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Cru is off to a great start at many campuses in NYC! Many students have indicated that they want to talk to someone more about a personal relationship with God, over 20 students attended the first weekly meetings at NYU and Queens College, we are working on connecting with current students who are already Christians, and about 70 students attended a city-wide Cru event.

We also are excited to report that we went to Queens last week and found a great apartment for us to live in! Our move date is set for October 26, so we are praying the Lord finishes our team of partners so that we can move and join our team on this date.

Thank you for your prayer and financial partnership on this journey - together we are planting seeds for the kingdom!

### Prayer Requests:

- Praise - Cru is off to a great start in NYC!
- Praise - we found an affordable apartment in NYC to house our growing family!
- Pray for students like Nadia who are searching for truth - that their eyes will be opened and they will make the decision to follow Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to finish our team of ministry partners by October 26! We are at 95.6% and only need \$700 more monthly to move!
- Pray for big decisions we are having to make regarding schooling for the girls, doctors, hospitals, finding a church, etc.

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