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## Hi Friends,

This term we have begun Story of the Week, sharing a student mission story for every week of the academic year. As a result, the Fusion blog is full of encouraging and inspiring student mission stories.

Today we wanted to share a story directly to your inbox, we hope you find it as encouraging as we do.

One morning, during the Bristol Uni freshers week, I found myself praying for international students. I didn't really know what to pray for but I felt led to ask God that international students would find church communities and settle well into university life. While this was happening, a random bakery came to mind that was in the main 'student area' of Bristol. I thought this might be a prompt from the Spirit so decided to work there that morning and see what might happen.

I spent the morning in the bakery but nothing special seemed to be happening so I decided to move on. While I was leaving, a number of international

students walked in. I thought I could at least ask them to do the Fusion Worldview Survey on my way out. They were happy to answer the questions and told me they had just moved to Bristol three days ago from China.

One student asked me if I was a Christian (probably because the last few questions in the survey are about Jesus/church/prayer). I said yes and she told me that she was raised Buddhist but a teacher from her school had told her all about Jesus. Since then, she has always wanted to know more but didn't know how to find a church or meet a Christian in the UK. I asked if she would want to come to church on Sunday to find out more about Jesus and she said, 'Yes, definitely!'.

She came to church and said 'it was more than I could have imagined'. She felt peace in the worship, and when she was prayed for. She left with her own Bible and said that she couldn't wait to come back again.

A few weeks later, I hosted a dinner for students at our church. At the end of the evening, I gave them all a lift back to their Halls, and in the car, we started talking about faith. That was when the student I'd spoken to in the bakery began sharing about why she wasn't ready to call herself a Christian. We talked about the Gospel and how God had given everything for her to have a new life in him. I said it is as simple as praying and asking the Holy Spirit to come into her life. So, in that moment, she prayed exactly that and gave her life to Jesus.

Roscoe, Bristol



Read more stories on our blog

There are so many students who want to have the opportunity to meet Jesus but don't know where to begin.

Would you like to be trained in how to use the <u>Fusion Survey</u>? or could you start praying regularly for students in your area? Why not <u>get in touch</u> with us and see how you can play your part in reaching students.

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