

UT Dallas: Celebrating an addition to God's family

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The Baptist Student Ministry at the University of Texas at Dallas has experienced growth in many ways this year. God has done some remarkable things in and through the students, especially on our leadership team, as they are given the opportunity to disciple and be discipled by studying the Bible with their peers.

Ana is a good example. I first got to know her when she was hired to work with me in a residence hall on campus. She was new to our staff, and many of us reached out to her to help her get to know the job, as well as her fellow staff members. Frequently, several of us would talk to her about BSM or about church. She continually asked us questions and was interested to learn more. After having several spiritual conversations with her, I asked her if she would be interested in studying the Gospel of John with me to learn more about the Bible. At first, she was hesitant because she felt that she did not know very much. She grew up with a Catholic background and held a vague belief in Jesus, but she did not know him personally. Despite her reservations, she agreed to begin a Bible study, and we started meeting weekly.



Kasey Chinn (left) and Jenny Cummings (right), BSM director at UT-Dallas, welcome Ana as a new sister in Christ. For the past year, I read the Bible with her, discussing its meaning, answering her questions, and sharing the gospel. Ana eagerly learned more about who God is and what Jesus did. We continued our study via email over the summer, completing studies of John, Galatians and Ephesians. After months of learning God's word, she shared with me in January she had decided to follow Jesus! I rejoiced with her and we shared the same excitement. She proclaimed her decision to follow Christ through baptism this month. She was able to share her testimony before the church and celebrate with her brothers and sisters in Christ.

Over spring break, she had the opportunity to go on a medical mission trip and share the gospel with people in El Paso. The redemption found in Jesus has transformed her heart and has spurred her on to action. Ana has been eager to pursue obedience to God, and it has been my joy to walk alongside her.

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