



UrbanPromise
Wilmington, Delaware

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope and pray that you are enjoying the holidays! I'm so thankful for your support! It's been a huge blessing being able to share life at UrbanPromise with you! Thank you so much for allowing God to use you as part of this ministry!

Each year, UrbanPromise takes a college vision trip to inspire the 3rd through 8th graders in our program to explore the possibility of attending college in the future in hopes that this will also encourage them to persevere in school now so that they will be prepared for college. For this year's college vision trip, we visited the University of Delaware. As part of this experience, we explored the university's ice skating rink at the end of the trip. Unfortunately, I did not master the art of ice skating in my childhood years which helped me relate to several of our kids who were also skating around the perimeter, holding onto the rail. Around the time I was making my fourth or fifth trip around the rink, one of the middle school students passed by, and as he did, he exclaimed "Ms. Bailey...you're never going to learn how to skate unless you leave the rail!" I knew he was right! I KNEW in my heart that I had to take the leap of faith, trust in Jesus and leave the comfort of the rail. God knew that I simply needed someone to affirm this truth and encourage me to actually take the step (or rather, the glide, in this case) to put what I know and believe into practice. As I awkwardly maneuvered my way around the rink (a good five feet away from the wall, I might add!) along came one of our street leaders (high school employees), Damaris, to help me transition from "walking" on the ice to more of a gliding motion. It wasn't until I stepped off the edge that Damaris came and found me! The two of us had a great time—we definitely took a few spills on the ice...but the laughter and quality time together made it all worthwhile!

This is what Jesus calls us to do as followers of Christ! We are called to walk (or skate) beside other believers, remind them of the truth and encourage them to act on what is true, even when it's hard or scary! When you give, you allow me to answer God's call to walk alongside the kids, teens and families in Wilmington. As you support me prayerfully and financially, YOU are "walking alongside" God's children all the way in Delaware! Thank you for walking with all of us!

In Christ's love,

Bailey

