Testimony – Tracey Espero

I grew up in a home without the Lord; I was never in a group of people who loved me except for my family. But I did not know of the LOVE of the Body of Christ.

I moved from NY to NC to go to college - alone. I picked the school for specific reasons but I realize now why God had me go there.

Before I knew it, God had surrounded me with Christians: in my dorm, in my dance group - everywhere. They became my closest friends and God transformed me to become a believer in Christ through them. God used them to build a foundation in me those 5 years I was there.

After graduation, I moved again by myself. This time across the country - from the East Coast to the West Coast. I hungered for that love, that realness, the family-type friends who were closer than a sister/brother; like I had left back in NC. I desired people who knew me, who knew me for who I really was, not who I pretended to be. I was deeply unhappy and wasn't sure why God had brought me out here (to CA)

Then one day I gather up the guts to go to the church down the street from my apartment. Almost immediately I found myself surrounded by people who wanted to get to know me. They broke down my walls and welcomed me to be a part of their family - a part of their community. Today I enjoy fellowship at my home church, within BCF, and with that same community of believers.