

December 05, 2023

Dear Friend,

It is with a heavy heart that I share heartbreaking news with you. Jewel's brother, Kris, tragically died on Thanksgiving Day. He would have been 31 on Dec 3. We were celebrating thanksgiving with a couple of Jewel's other siblings and their families here in Colorado Springs when we got the news. Since then, we've been leaning very heavily on God as we navigate these emotions and heartache. Jewel spent a week with her family in California after the initial news, and we'll be back with family again for his memorial in January. Time hasn't dampened the loss. Our hearts are still very heavy with Kris's passing. It's hard to know life keeps going without him.

Like all of us, Kris was made in the image of God. He showed love to everyone he met, but it still breaks our hearts to know that he also struggled so violently with the difficulties of life. His recent life leading up to his death was marred with financial hardships, depression, substance abuse, unemployment, and social isolation; circumstance that many individuals in our target demographic silently contend with. Life is often a tumultuous journey, and just as we tried to do with Kris, we are dedicated to walking with those who find themselves surrounded by overwhelming circumstances.

Kris's life highlights the urgent need for the guidance and support that we seek to provide for young people like him. We share the gospel with young adults, helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus and walking with them through the trials and decisions of life. Kris and people like him are why we're fully committed to this ministry. We want to walk alongside young adults as they make decisions that impact the rest of their lives and see lives transformed for God's glory.

We want to invite you to partner further with us in this goal. We currently face a deficit of about \$6000 and our monthly support is falling short of meeting our essential ministry expenses. Our current financial gap poses a significant challenge, however, there is also a unique opportunity that has been offered to us. Through the Navigator's Kairos program, **one-time gifts, new monthly giving, and increased monthly giving will all be matched for a limited time!**

Will you pray about giving a MATCHED year-end gift or start/increase monthly giving?

Thank you for prayerfully considering this request. Your ongoing support has been the backbone of our work. Together we can reach more people like Kris. If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, please feel free to reach out. We deeply appreciate your prayers and commitment to our shared mission.

Your partners in the gospel,

P.S. If God leads you to give, go to **navstaff.org/cucjen**, or fill out the enclosed giving card and return it in the envelope provided.

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