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Our Dear Friends,

We have been so encouraged about the ministry we're pursuing as we've spoken weekly to Chris, our campus director. **He's been sharing that he is seeing things happening that he has not seen in his 15 years at Dartmouth.** Every time we talk to him we get more excited to get to New Hampshire!

One of the most encouraging things he's shared has been about Bible studies and discussion groups that are happening among the new freshmen. Andrew and Charlie, two juniors, are leading a Bible study with **12-15 freshmen guys**. Some of *those* guys are leading a discussion group in their dorm with freshmen who aren't Christians to talk about spiritual things and what it might mean to pursue a relationship with God. There are **20 freshmen** attending this group every week! And Carolyn, one of our staff teammates, is leading a Bible study for freshmen women and is consistently seeing **12 women** come to that, too! We've never seen anything like this level of interest among new students.

Chris has shared, too, that there are more freshmen who want to be involved in these groups, but not enough people to lead them. Dartmouth currently has no female staff who are full-time on campus; so while there are more women who want to be in a Bible study, there aren't staff to lead them or to train upperclassmen to lead them. **We're excited to get to campus to be able to help fill this need.** Thank you for praying with us that God will quickly get us there!

We have really enjoyed the opportunity to be raising support in California **during this time. Last week we got to celebrate Faye's dad's 60th birthday and this past weekend her grandmother's 90th!!!** With our wedding

and many other family events, we have had a unique opportunity to spend time with her family – a great treat as we will soon live across the country from them.



Jason's been officially inducted into the family now. For Grandma Peggy's party Faye's cousins sang "The Little Old Granny from Willowbrook" (a spoof of the Beach Boys' song "The Little Old Lady from Pasadena—Willowbrook is the community where Gram lives) and Jason dressed and played the role of the granny. He looked beautiful, as you can see. Grandma Peggy's the one on the left). Faye's sure he'll make a great granny someday.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Our Relationship: That God would continue to strengthen our bond with one another, that His love for each of us would be evident through the other, and that we'd have soft hearts, quickly convicted about our sin toward one another
- For Our Ministry: That God would give us wisdom as we plan our schedule for the rest of the year
- For our Support: **Praise God** that He brought **15 new people** onto our support team during the past month
- For Dartmouth: That God would be reaching the students that aren't yet able to get into Bible studies; that they would not lose their interest in knowing more about Him

In speaking with some of you in the past month, we've realized that the support goal we presented last month is a bit daunting. Here's a breakdown to hopefully clarify for you our need:

Ministry Expenses	\$1,655
Medical Insurance/Benefits	\$1,500
Social Security Tax (for 2)	\$913
401k Equivalent (for 2 staff)	\$266
Salary (for 2 staff)	\$4,148
12% for CCC Administration	<u>\$1,018</u>
Total Monthly Support	\$9,500