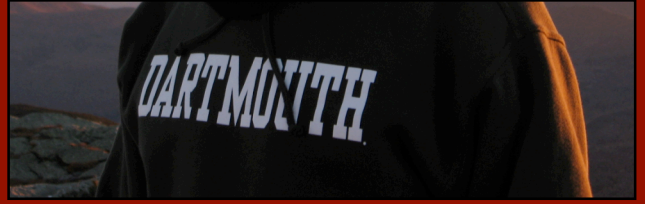


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PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 bless the time we have at the student conference in early January and time with Dartmouth students during the week and a half following
- For our Support: **Praise God** that He brought **18 new people** onto our support team during the past month
- For Dartmouth: That God would cause students to pick up *Mere Christianity* and read it, and that, through reading, they'd take an honest look at Jesus

OUR DEAR FRIENDS,

I, Faye, am sitting in Starbucks right now, and at the table next to me a man, maybe 28 years old, is trying to share the gospel with two law students. I can't hear clearly everything he's saying (isn't it terrible—I'm one of those eavesdroppers!), but he's being gentle and bold as they fire questions at him: "How can you believe such an antiquated idea when science has given us so many answers in the last century?" "If you woke up tomorrow and it was proved to you that there was no God, do you really think you'd become less moral?"

I'm so proud of this man's courage in sharing with these students. The woman is especially hostile in her questioning, and he's staying in there, trying to share truth about Jesus and engage them on what they believe.

As I pray for this man, my heart is burning—I want to get in this discussion! I *live* for this stuff! This is what it's about—face-to-face, love-filled conversations with people who don't yet know the Savior. Maybe God is softening their hearts at this very moment, and no one, not even the students themselves, can yet tell.

That's what happened to me. For two years in high school I went out to lunch with a Christian friend almost everyday and argued with her that her beliefs were offensive and ridiculous. And I really believed that! Then one day, the gospel broke through to my heart, and I realized not only that I needed a Savior, but that Jesus was him. All those years I looked just like these two sitting next to me—hard-headed, obstinate, argumentative, set in my beliefs. But God can break through to the hardest of hearts. He's a Savior; that's what He does, He saves!

Who in your life could you be talking with about their spiritual beliefs and about the gospel? Do they look too hard-hearted, too uninterested or antagonistic to Christ? You never know...

IS BELIEVING IN *God* LIKE BELIEVING IN *Santa Claus*?

This week the Campus Crusade ministry at Dartmouth is passing out free copies of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis to all students who want them—they're hoping to give out 500! If you haven't read *Mere Christianity*, we highly recommend it. Lewis gives a compelling, rational argument for God's existence and His identity as the God of the Bible. And he does it with logic and in terms that most anyone can relate to.

Please pray with us that the students who pick up *Mere Christianity* would read it over winter break and think deeply about the questions it raises. Pray, too, that they would discuss their thoughts with others.

