



the gillespies and the Good News

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TAKING THE ROOF OFF

"Hon, I think we need a new roof..." Thus began our summer of home renovation, including removing and replacing our roof structure. We had been planning an interior-only project because the upstairs wasn't really fit for a baby – no insulation, electrical outlets, or heating vents. However, just before I (Faye) left for California to stay with my parents in order to keep Isaiah out of the melee, we discovered that the roof was failing, with water leaking through the ceiling and a significant sag in the roof line. So June saw Jason and many friends completely gutting the upstairs of our home, taking the roof off so we were exposed to the stars, and starting to rebuild our second floor. Our project has exploded into one that will take all summer and possibly much of the fall to finish. [Please pray for Jason!](#)



A SUMMER AT HOME

This summer is our first ever at home, and so is affording us the chance not only to dismantle our house (!), but to think more strategically and boldly with our staff team and student leaders about what it's going to take to reach Dartmouth and other nearby campuses. Our mission here is to create opportunities for every student and faculty member to know someone who is a true follower of Jesus. Here are a few of the initiatives that we're working on for the fall...

REACHING NEW ETHNIC COMMUNITIES!

Arielle has decided to intern with us this coming school year to reach out to African American students! We are so thrilled that she will be investing her first year out of college this way; she is an answer to years of prayer and on-the-ground efforts here. She has a great love for others and a passion to see the gospel come to other African American students at Dartmouth, a community typically unreached on campus. Arielle has a deadline of August 1st to raise up all of the financial support she needs to work with us – [please pray that God provides the necessary funding for her ministry!](#)

REACHING NEW SOCIAL COMMUNITIES!

One of the projects Jason is working on this summer is wilderness first-aid training so that he can take students on adventure trips this fall. He's planning to partner with other nearby Cru staff to lead groups of students on trips like white water rafting and rock climbing. We've seen these kinds of activities, when guided by thoughtful programming, be very effective at building relationships and challenging students to think deeply about their beliefs about themselves, others and God. We're hoping that fraternities, sororities and freshmen floors might be some of the social groups that take advantage of these trips. The trips will give us inroads into communities that have been tough to impact. [Please pray that these important social groups would become interested in our trips.](#)

REACHING EVERY FRESHMAN!

We are planning a bold move this fall to start both spiritual discussion groups and Bible studies in every freshman dorm cluster, and to offer these opportunities frequently enough that every freshman will know about them and have the opportunity to participate. Freshmen are probably the most strategic group on campus for us to impact, because of their close social networks and because they'll be here for 4 years. [Please pray with us that God would continue to give us wisdom, courage, boldness and love for lost students and faculty.](#)



Isaiah Update

The cutest member of the Gillespie family is doing wonderfully. He had his 3 month birthday on the 4th of July, and celebrated by riding around in a golf cart in a mini-parade at his great-grandma's mobile home park. He is just delightful, and we feel so blessed to have such a sweet, easy, adorable baby. To date he has learned to smile, laugh, play, and flirt.

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