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Our Dear Friends,

Hello from the Midwest! For those of you whom we haven't been able to visit, we have been traveling this month through parts of the Upper Midwest, reconnecting with friends and supporters here and sharing with some new people about the good things we've been seeing God do at Dartmouth. Many of the people we've had a chance to share with have been so encouraged by how God is at work in the hearts of Dartmouth students; *thank you* for your part in bringing the gospel to Dartmouth.



The school year starts pretty late at Dartmouth each fall, this year on September 22nd. As you can imagine, right now the incoming students, especially freshmen, are busy packing up their things, shopping to outfit their dorm room, and saying their last goodbyes to family and friends. Dartmouth hosts, not only an orientation week prior to the start of school for the new freshman class, but also adventure trips during the month before school starts. 90% of incoming freshman go on these multi-day trips to experience the wilderness around Dartmouth and bond with some other students before classes start. Right now some crazy 18 year-olds are running around the woods of New Hampshire, building some of the most significant friendships they will have during their time at Dartmouth.



Upperclassmen welcome the new freshman who are headed out on their pre-school adventure trips.

As we look toward the school year beginning, we wanted to ask you to join with us in prayer for the students of Dartmouth. The fall is our busiest time time of ministry as we try to get Bible studies running, plan retreats, and connect with as many new students as possible. In many ways it is also the most strategic time of year to do campus ministry, as freshmen are ready to try a bunch of new things and all students have more flexibility in their schedules than at any other time of year.



Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer with us about these things as we prepare over the next few weeks for the school year to start:

- *For the incoming class of 2014...* That God would miraculously work in the hearts of these freshmen to cause them to think about investigating spiritual matters as they begin their journey at Dartmouth... That God's Spirit would care for the hearts of these students as they leave home for the first time
- *For our returning Christian students...* That as they return to school God would ignite a passion in their hearts to make Jesus known on campus... That His Spirit would work humility and brokenness into their hearts, that they would more deeply recognize their need for Him
- *For our pre-school retreat (Sept 13-15)...* That God would give our staff and students unity of mind with one another and with Him as we plan our fall activities and particularly our outreaches to freshmen
- *For our outreach to freshmen...* That many, many returning students would be excited about caring for and welcoming the freshmen, and would be willing to sacrifice their time to do it... That many freshmen would sign up for spiritual discussion groups and Bible studies
- *For Dartmouth's new President, Jim Kim...* That God would bless him and his family, that he would have wisdom and courage to lead well
- *For our financial support...* That God would use the connections we've made this past month and other means to provide the \$1000 in monthly support we need to recover from the support we've lost over this past year



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