

An update from Faye

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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AT DARTMOUTH

How can they believe in the one of
whom they have not heard?

Romans 10:14-16

Our visit to UNAM

Our team of eight arrived in Mexico City late at night on June 3rd, not sure what we were heading into. None of us had been to Mexico City before, and only two people had decent Spanish ability. We were heading to one of the largest universities in the world, to try to start a Christian group from scratch, during the middle of finals period, in a spiritually apathetic culture, in two weeks.

I love that kind of adventure! The odds are stacked against you, the outcome is far from secured... just the kind of situation that God loves to show up in.

UNAM—Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México—has 250,000 students, and is the leading university of Latin America. The university is broken up into discrete departments, and we were given the veterinary school to explore. Our (lofty) goal for the trip was to try to find a couple students who would be interested enough spiritually to want to lead a Bible study in their school. A tall order when there are about 100 students out of 250,000 who are currently involved in a Christian group at UNAM. We spent our time basically meeting people and trying to build friendships there, while being upfront about why we were at UNAM and our passion for Jesus.

Two Highlights:

1. My friend Sarah, an upcoming junior at Dartmouth, went with me on the trip, and had a really wonderful time. It was her first experience on a missions trip, her first experience sharing about her belief in Jesus in an intentional way, and she did so well! She's here at Dartmouth this summer, and I'm really excited to see her transfer her experience at UNAM back to her normal life here. I'm really praying, too, that she will inspire some of her Christian friends to be more open about talking with others about their own relationships with God.

2. We formed relationships at UNAM far beyond what we'd even hoped for. We met one Christian girl who is interested in leading a group there, and a whole bunch of others who, though they were not very interested in spiritual things initially, became increasingly curious as they interacted with us during our time there. During the last four days of our trip, there were 14 or so people who spent hours with us every day, hanging out, talking about deep as well as just chatty stuff, and they all came to our last Bible study where we got to connect them with some of the long-term staff at UNAM.

It was awesome! Thanks so much for praying for us!



Our summer project team and the UNAM students who came to our last Bible study.



Sarah Brown '08 and me floating down the river in Xochimilco, DF, Mexico.



Diana, Egon & Massiel were three of my favorite people. They just finished their first year at UNAM and Massiel especially became increasingly interested in spiritual things during our time there.

With Love,

Faye