

An update from Faye

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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AT DARTMOUTH

# Summer Dreaming

## Homework in the Summer??!

There came a day last fall when I thought, "I QUIT!" I'd been co-leading a Bible study Darlene (who was on my staff team) and we were getting *nowhere*. We were studying the instances in the gospel of John where Jesus says "I am \_\_\_\_ [fill in the blank, like "I am the bread of life" or "I am the good shepherd"]" and though you'd think in a Christian group people would understand the most central things about Jesus, we were finding that **though many of them knew lots of interesting facts about Jesus, the gospel account wasn't capturing their hearts.** There were *many* days last fall when I just threw up my hands in frustration, thinking that I was too inexperienced or too young to help

these students to be captivated by the person of Jesus.

**I had an amazing opportunity this summer** to take seminary classes from some of the best professors in the country on understanding and communicating Biblical truths. Campus Crusade for Christ brought in professors from schools around the country to teach classes, and I took four of them (for credit). It was **AWESOME**. I'd been feeling the need for years now to have more confidence in interpreting and communicating the Bible, and these classes taught right to where I was feeling the need for training.

I took a theology course on God, the Bible and the Holy Spirit, and a course surveying the Hebrew Bible (aka the Old

Testament), but my favorite was a four-week class on Biblical interpretation and communication. We spent the class talking about how the Bible really is the story of God taking back or "redeeming" His creation after it became marred by sin. They walked us systematically through the process of how to interpret the different genres of literature in the Bible, how to discern the timeless truths about God and people in a particular passage, and how to communicate it effectively with a particular audience so that the Bible **not only teaches them but invites them to respond** to God with their minds and their hearts. I'm *really* excited to start applying this back on campus in the fall!



*Me (2nd from right) and the women I rode to class with every day. We're sitting out at a local park waiting for the fireworks on July 4th and getting eaten by mosquitoes.*

## Into August and Beyond...

One of the most exciting things that happened this summer was a **conversation I had** with the other staff who will be working at Dartmouth next year. Chris and Carolyn (whom I worked with last year) will be staying on at Dartmouth, and while Darlene is leaving (she is going to graduate school at Syracuse University), we will be joined soon by Sean and Michelle Kersey. They graduated from Dartmouth about 15 years ago, and recently felt compelled by God to leave the business sector to come back to do ministry at their alma mater. They still need to raise a bunch of financial support, but are hoping to start working with us in January.

We are hoping to try a bunch of new (and maybe some crazy) ideas on campus this year. We've been coming to terms with the fact that **while our vision is to give every Dartmouth student an opportunity to hear the good news about Jesus in a relevant way, our current strategies are just not cutting it.** We are hoping to take lots of risks, be willing to fail at some things we try, exercise real and tangible trust in God, and dream big dreams with Him about how He can change Dartmouth students' lives. Stay tuned for some huge, crazy prayer requests to that end.

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