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Starting Anew

What's God Up To?

Last night, at 10pm when I really just wanted to be in bed, I sat in a dorm lounge with ten of our staff and student leaders and thought, "Wow, look at all God has done." This year, in contrast to the other years I've started at Dartmouth, we have a core of 12-ish students who really want God to use them. Sean and Michelle Kersey who have been fundraising to join our staff team are going to be partially involved with us on campus this fall. The students in Christian Impact (what we call Campus Crusade here) are excited about reaching out to freshmen, and are taking the initiative on their own to do it! Not only that, but they're also having spiritual conversations with their friends. And they are praying. A lot.

It seems that God is doing a new thing at Dartmouth. It's hard even to figure out how to describe what I've been seeing and hearing, but some major themes would be a desire for God to be central in their lives, repentance from bitterness in relationships, a new commitment to dependence on God, a thirst to read the Bible, a fresh desire to talk with their friends about spiritual

stuff and about Jesus. *Please pray with us that God would continue to be at the center of the Christian community, of personal spiritual experiences, and that He'd become central in the discussion of spiritual things at Dartmouth.* Annie



An Believes in Jesus!

This summer three of our student leaders who were taking classes got the chance to see a new friend [an exchange student from Oxford] come to believe in Jesus. Rather than my relating it to you, I thought I'd give them the chance to tell the story themselves.

Sarah

Annie: An Shi was a stranger in our kayaking class. On the second day of class, I found myself beside her walking back to campus and we began to chat. A little way into the conversation, I suddenly had a realization that before the end of the conversation I would have asked her to Alpha [an introductory course on Christianity that was being held on campus]. I watched the conversation naturally move to spiritual things, and then to Christianity, of which she had heard, and in which she was interested. As we were about to part ways, I was able to ask her to come to Alpha. *And she accepted*.

Sarah: I met An at Alpha, the night that Annie brought her. She could only stay for part the first time, but kept on coming back. An is a quiet person, and often would just listen, but once she started asking questions, it was hard to stop her! *She asked questions that got to heart issues.* She asked me some tough questions about prayer and shared with me what her experience had been in the time we had spent praying. She told me that she had seen a light and had felt some sort of change. Through out the rest of the term, we continued to meet. Her questions got me asking questions about my own faith, questions I would have never thought to ask otherwise.

Melanie: I met with An several times throughout the summer and each time, she questioned me about Christianity, my experiences, and my beliefs. I know that she also continued meeting with my friends [with Annie, Sarah, and another sophomore named Cam] and challenging them in the same way, so even while she was doing this and growing closer to God, *she was causing all of us to grow closer together and closer to Him.* It was an incredible experience - the five of us learning more about His beauty together.

Sarah: An was the first person I've seen come to faith. I will continue to pray for her and keep in touch with her. *Please pray for her too*.



Melanie



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