

An update from Faye

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CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AT DARTMOUTH

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

Isaiah 40:3, Motto of Dartmouth College

My dear friends, fellow partakers of the grace of God, and partners in the advancement of the gospel,

Yesterday I sat in a crowded room with staff and student leaders of CCC at Dartmouth to discuss our future vision and direction. I want to share some of the great things I've seen God do at Dartmouth this year, and some of what I'm dreaming about for the future.

What has God been up to during this year at Dartmouth?
Here are just a few things that stand out to me as particularly awesome:

- The women we've been working with have taken significant steps forward in vulnerability with each other. For what seems like the first time, they are learning to take risks in sharing about their sin and struggles, which I am confident is leading to them being able to live in freedom with God and other people.
- We've met with lots of non-Christian students who are in various stages of exploring Christianity. Initially most of these conversations were happening between members of our staff team and students, but increasingly we're hearing about the students initiating these conversations with their friends! That's really what we're hoping to build toward: Christian students who enthusiastically talk about the gospel with others. We've even seen a few of these students put their faith in Jesus!!
- Angie, whom I mentioned a number of months ago as really struggling with God, has dealt with God about some deep areas of sin in her life, and has a totally new freshness and joy about her. Even as I've talked with her, she just seems like a changed person.
- One of our students, Amy, is really going through a tough time, and even having recurrent suicidal thoughts. While that seems bleak, she is also opening up about things that she has struggled with but never before told anyone, and I believe that God is in the process of healing her from wounds that she's had (and been unwilling to be honest about) for a really long time.
- There has been a new desire to pray and seek God across the Christian students on campus. The students are asking God to transform them and to show up at Dartmouth in unmistakable, supernatural ways. They're praying big prayers.
- God has restored the hope of our staff team. We went through (collectively) a really dark time in the winter, but God met us there and is continuing to remind us that He is good and faithful. He has even provided 3 *new staff people* to join our team for next year!

In looking toward the future, my deepest longings for Dartmouth are that:

- Christian students would be so internalizing the free grace of God that the natural outflow of their lives would be talking with anyone and everyone about the wonder of Jesus.
- The attitude of the campus would change from one of apathy and indifference toward spiritual things to one of deep curiosity and a longing for God.
- We would see people come to Christ regularly and often!
- We would have risk-taking faith.

You are making a difference!

Love,

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The Year in Pictures



The women I disciplined over the summer in NJ (and me). They all climbed onto my bed for this picture.



(From left) Patrick, Alex, and Chris (my boss) messing around at a fall retreat we took.



We had a number of engagements this year. This is Alex and Erin, and they're getting married in July of this year.



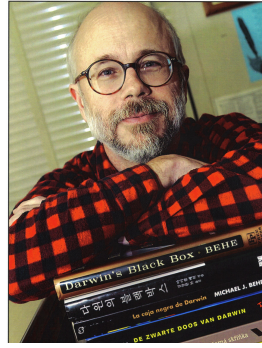
Jim and Alex on our Winter Adventure (-20 degree temps!) trip.



Campus after one of the winter snowstorms.



Amy (see note about her on other page) and I went snowboarding/skiing a few times to try to battle the winter blahs.



We sponsored a few campus-wide events this year, e.g. a talk on Intelligent Design by Dr. Michael Behe (author of Darwin's Black Box).



I've been meeting with Oyebola (left) who leads the Christian group on campus which targets African-American students. We're trying to resource some of the campus groups that don't have any staff of their own.



Melanie and Sarah at one of our weekly Bible studies. Melanie was blinking, by the way, not sleeping.



Our staff team (& the kids): (From left) Me, Danny, Darlene, Carolyn, Phia, Chris, and Caleb.