

For Every Dartmouth Student and Every Person in the World

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Dear [Greeting],

All her life Arran has kept God on the backburner. She's a self-confident woman, she's accomplished a lot in her nineteen years—after all, she got herself into what *US News & World Report* ranks as the ninth best college in the country. As far as “need” for God is concerned, Arran is not one of the people you'd list when counting the “needy” people that you know.

This fall, her first fall at Dartmouth, Arran moved into Cohen dorm, down the hall from her Undergraduate Assistant whose name is Naomi. Though Arran didn't know it at the time, Naomi is a Christian, and is involved with Campus Crusade for Christ. And as a Christian at Dartmouth, Naomi thinks her greatest calling in life is to tell the people around her about the hope she's found in having a relationship with Jesus.

Arran became friends with Naomi this fall, and came to a couple of the events Campus Crusade has held. For the first time Arran began to really grapple with what kind of role she wanted God to have in her life. Was God actually real? She found that she believed the answer to be yes. What then? If God was real, then what was true about Him, and what did He want from her and for her?

The night we first shared the truth about Jesus with Arran, she also found out that her best friend from home had gone missing. You may have even heard about this on the news: McKenzie from Oregon was studying abroad in South America, and when Arran's mom called, McKenzie had been missing for six days. I'm not saying that prayer always gets us a “yes” answer—I have experienced a whole lot of “no”s lately—but we all prayed for McKenzie and for Arran during the following two days (and went over to Arran's room a number of times to pray), and at the end of the second day, McKenzie was found.

Tonight my teammate Carolyn is having dinner with Naomi and Arran again to talk about Jesus, and to ask Arran directly if she's considered asking Jesus to be her Savior. I'll let you know how it goes!

We are here at Dartmouth because students like Arran are ready to hear the truth about Jesus, and may make decisions here that will change the course of their whole lives, on into forever. Your partnership with me is making it possible for me to train and encourage Naomi to talk with those around her about Jesus, and giving me the opportunity to come alongside people like Arran to help them to consider the truth about our God. *Thank you.*

As 2005 comes to an end and I look toward the coming year, I'm finding that I need some extra financial help. When the calendar turns to January 2006, my medical insurance costs will have increased 46% from when I initially raised financial support to come to Dartmouth. This means I will need an additional \$2554 this coming year.

As you are thinking through your end of the year giving, would you please consider giving a special gift to help provide the extra \$2554 that I need? This will help me to continue to minister here effectively. If you are in a position to give, please make your check payable to Campus Crusade for Christ and send it to CCC, along with the address card, in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for standing arm in arm with me to reach Dartmouth students like Arran. I am grateful for your partnership and for your friendship.

To make Christ known,

