



Dan grew up as a Christian but it seemed like he wasn't sure he wanted to join our fellowship. Perhaps Christians had criticized him before. He had come to a few of our Open Mic Nights this fall at Bluefields Café, and took a chance on a Wednesday dinner and fellowship. I got to know him a little over a meal and was glad he came on our hike up Mt. Utsayantha in the Catskills. Near where this picture was taken we had one of those conversations I live for. During the course

of that talk I invited him to join a small group I was forming. He came to that first meeting, and after we talked for a while, he asked if he could bring his roommate, an atheist. "As long as he's willing to respect our intent to learn from the Bible and not make a game out of it, he would be totally welcome," I replied. **Pray that Dan will open his heart and mind more and more to Jesus and bring his roommate along with him.**

"Well!" said Brittanie, between bites of the delicious lasagna we feasted on last Wednesday, "I **certainly** took to heart what Stephanie said last week." Stephanie had challenged her peers: "You have to have a quiet time with the Lord every day or you are dead meat. I know, I am terrible at it, but we all **have** to get better!" Brittanie was the second person this week to tell me Stephanie's exhortation hit home. Brittanie continued, "So, I decided that no matter what I would read my Bible and pray every day. One day, when the temptation to skip my Bible was strong, I said, 'Lord, you've got to help me because I'm really in a bind.' I kept my commitment and it seemed like the Lord paved the way for me all day. The Lord made everything work out! I was worried about a quiz that day, but the professor said we could use our notes! I was completely amazed! The Lord did that for me." **Pray students will make reading God's Word and prayer a regular habit.**

*Brittanie*

We have started many small group Bible studies so students will increase their knowledge and love for the Lord and develop deeper friendships. Some are still picking up new members. Although we have struggled to find leaders, and the times and places to meet, we have a record number of students involved. Ken, Ryan, Kathleen and I are leading groups along with five students, Heather, Tanae, Brittanie, Aidan and Lauren. **Pray for the success of all the groups and these new leaders!** They are vitally important.

Praise! Our leadership team has become streamlined. Students know what their responsibilities are and they are stepping up to fulfill them.

Thanks! The people preparing meals for us have been doing a great job and students flock to our dinner and fellowship on Wednesdays. There's nothing like a homecooked meal, especially to a college student!

Thank you for your prayers and support. God is at work here in Oneonta and you are a big part of that.

With Love in Christ,

Chris & Barbara Deemer