

# HALVORSEN MINISTRY UPDATE



## Experiential Learning with Lifelines (Maine)

For all those who have joined the masses for summer vacations in Maine, you know the wilderness wonderland that the state is known for. Our Cru staff team in Maine cannot get enough of the beautiful wilderness in their state either! Not only do they have ministries on 6 college campuses in southern Maine but they also have a [Lifelines Ministry](#).

Lifelines is a particular branch of Cru that focuses on using the outdoors to experience adventure, connection, and authenticity while connecting with God. They take high school, college students, and faculty on short trips to longer expeditions which include rock climbing, hiking, sea kayaking, paddle boarding, and camping.

A Cru student from Virginia Tech noted: “Along the seven day expedition up Mount Kilimanjaro, we engaged in discussions and activities to help our spiritual growth. A word that God put on my heart at the beginning of the summer was, BEING. I am very performance-oriented and have a hard time receiving grace. But instead of focusing on always making the right decision and seeking God’s favor, I learned that I only need to be rooted in His love, be still, rest, and listen.”

Lifelines ministry also meets a huge need to reach students with the Gospel that otherwise may never be reached with traditional campus ministry. Many unsaved students are not open to attending Bible studies or church services, but they are generally very open and excited to attend an outdoor adventure experience, whether it be a rafting or rock climbing trip, or just a simple day hike. Lifelines aims to lead

students on outdoor expeditions that build community, allow students to be enveloped in grace filled Christian fellowship, and ultimately challenge students to think about how there is a God who created them and loves them dearly.

For the last year, I have been coaching Joe Sastic, who will be joining the Lifelines team in Maine and will be Cru campus staff at Portland area colleges. He and his wife, Karin, had their hearts transformed by God while struggling through health issues, experienced healing, and left their former careers to join the Lifelines team! I look forward to hearing how God will use their wisdom and perspectives in the lives of the students Joe meets on campus and on Lifeline trips.



## NEWS: WE HAVE MOVED!

After years of talking about moving to the suburbs, we did it! One month ago we moved west of Boston to a beautiful old home in Newton, MA with lots of history and potential. Evelyn and Silas are thrilled to finally have yard to run around in (especially when it rains) and to have their own rooms, although we have yet to move into our bedrooms due to renovations we are doing ourselves. Aaron is using all sorts of constructions skills I did not know he had, plus learning from YouTube for the rest! Note the change in your address books: 87 Derby Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

Please pray for us as we transition into a new neighborhood, develop new relationships, settle into a local church, and the kids attend a new school this Fall.

Thank you for being on my team!

