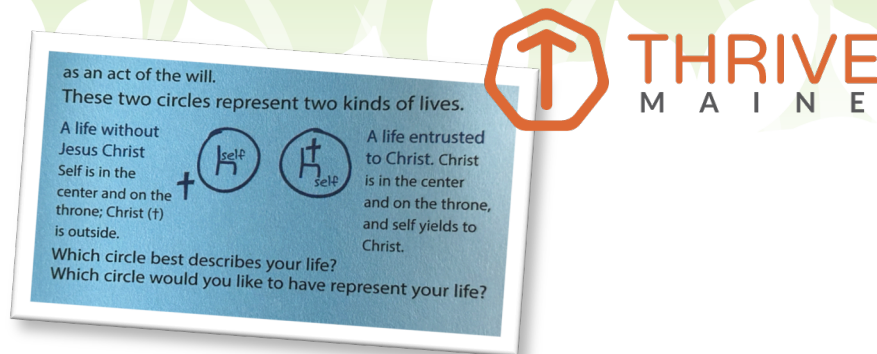


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Dan & Heather Litchfield serving with Thrive Maine
So that all may know Christ, live like Him, and bear fruit for His glory



Evangelism

Recently we hosted evangelism training for our church. Participants practiced sharing good news, beginning conversations, asking spiritual questions, transitioning to the Gospel, and sharing the Gospel to the point of decision. So much of sharing the Gospel is overcoming our fear of rejection, or we grow accustomed to the world and forget there is a spiritual reality and a calling on our lives. It was so motivating to gather and learn and encourage each other, reminding ourselves of the awesome news we have to share. We each committed to pray for a non-believer and to asking exploring questions of two people. Tonight is our follow up cook-out to celebrate what God has done and pray for greater fruitfulness.



A brother in Christ practices sharing Jesus with our daughter, Aliza.

A Neighbor Becomes Family

“Have you ever made a decision to ask Jesus into your life?” Dan probed. John’s response was yes, though we were skeptical, having talked with him about the Lord before. Dan was sharing the Gospel using a booklet and was on a page with two circles depicting a life yielded to Christ and one not in submission to Him. “Well,” John clarified, “I mean, if Jesus was there at the door, I would let him in!” Dan grinned. “Well, let me show you how to do that.” In moments John was giving his life over to Jesus, becoming a child of God, and being filled with the promised Holy Spirit. This older neighbor has had many health problems and set-backs this year. Please pray for his new faith and hope, and for Dan as he meets with him to read through the Gospel of John.

“Blessed are all those who wait for Him” (Is 30:18)

Please pray for housing & financial provision for our new staff: Jessica Loose & the Ketter Family

Pray for our July 7-9th teen retreat on “Making Faith Your Own” and July 21-23 men’s “Legacy” retreat

Over July we will host more than 30 guests outside of ministry. Pray that God will live through us to them.



Armor Bearers Thrive

This month our staff men, Dan, Joe, and Keith came together to invest in men from across the state at the Armor-Bearers conference. Through learning activities more than seventy men learned about building grace and truth relationships and practiced communicating and working together as a team. In one activity, the men were given the task of rolling a giant, heavy ball through their opponents to the other end of a field. After failing to do so on their own, they were encouraged to work together to accomplish the same feat. As a group, they were able to overcome their opponents and reach their goal. Likewise, we are engaged in a spiritual battle that cannot be won alone. God has given us the Body of Christ so that we might build the Kingdom and walk with God together. A lone soldier

cannot defeat an army no matter how strategic and strong he may be. Yet, many men try to live the Christian life on their own. God calls us a Body, a priesthood, a family, a people belonging to Him. He is constantly gathering, calling us to unity. He does not scatter His people unless it is as a punishment, so why would we choose to follow Him in isolation?

We are blessed to be part of a team and we are better because of it. Thank you for being part of our spiritual family and our ministry team. We could not serve without you. We pray for you weekly and so appreciate your prayers, which God is graciously answering. These newsletters are a tribute to your faith. And, we have room on our upcoming men's legacy retreat in July, so guys, please join us! ThriveMaine.org



Praise

Introducing our newest staff member: Jessica Loose! Please pray as she begins support raising to join our Maine team.

Living By Design

I am privileged to disciple two college aged women, seeking together to live for the Lord in the face of the world. One of these ladies met me for a walk the other day. She is angry and scared about an ex-boyfriend who is making her life miserable. "He is spreading lies and trying to destroy my reputation," she lamented. I grabbed my Bible and reminded her that God is in the business of bringing truth to light. "He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication" (Micah 7:9.) Our job is to forgive, obey, and trust Him. Please pray for my young friend, and our Christian young adults to find mentors and to be a light to a dark world.