

THE HARVESTER

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*Building communities that
know Christ and live like
Him*

2023 IN WITH A BANG!

Happy 2023!! After years of gorging ourselves and watching the ball drop, we decided to shake things up this year by hosting a New Year's Masquerade Party for our community. Almost 70 teens and adults from our co-op, friends, and church family filled our home and danced their way into the new year (ok, so, many of the adults dropped out before midnight!) ☺ Everyone participated by dressing up, bringing food, and joining in on the minute-to-win-it games. We ushered in the new year by singing "All Glory Be to Christ" to the tune of Auld Lang Syne and circling up to pray for 2023.

Days later the Lord blessed our new year by bringing along a young couple from Pennsylvania that is interested in joining Thrive. We interviewed them over tea and snacks at the house and are praying they will begin the application process!

We also hosted our first team training for the Panama mission trip we are leading in April. Unfortunately, one mother and son dropped out, however, that opened a space for Caleb and I to attend, so we are excited to bring most of our family on this faith-filled adventure. Caleb has been considering joining Thrive part-time, so I trust God will

use this time to direct His steps. Our design for the teens and parents is to train and give them an opportunity to live on mission as a family, raising up young people who live for the Kingdom and not for the world. Every Monday Dan and I go on a prayer walk specifically for Thrive, and we are especially covering this mission in prayer. Would you join us in praying for this event and more using the calendar on the reverse side of this page? Thank you for your commitment to the Lord and your faithfulness to us. We pray for you weekly too!!

Recently I read "Already Gone" By Ken Ham and Britt Beemer and it is awesome. From a 70-question survey of a thousand 20-30 year olds who grew up in Bible believing churches and have left the church, the conclusions are astounding. One of the discoveries is that Christian kids need to learn apologetics and they need to be shown how the Bible is relevant to their lives today in this age. We need to be able to defend our faith in this post-Christian world, and we need to know why we belief and why it matters. I have been teaching "I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist" in my apologetics class at our homeschool co-op and have learned so much; I suggest you read that too! We desire to equip our churches, Sunday schools, and homes to be a light that won't be snuffed out or hidden. Join me—parents, grandparents, and friends—in arming our kids to stand strong in a world we have never faced.



*Please pray with us for the ministry of
Thrive and send us your prayer requests!*

FEBRUARY

*“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous
man availeth much” –James 5:16*



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| 1 Pray for those in the weekly marriage study we host to reflect Christ and the church | 2 Pray for the teens in my apologetics class to be steadfast life-long witnesses for Christ | 3 Pray for our “wholehearted” retreat Feb 3-5 for University of Maine women | 4 Pray for the University of Maine student men who will be on a Thrive retreat Feb 3-5 | 5 Pray that UMaine students on our retreats will return rooted in faith & fellowship |
| 6 Pray for our Thrive staff to abide in Christ and be soaking in the Word | 7 Pray for the Kettlers to be diligent in support raising and for God to fully fund them | 8 Pray for Hunter Poole to be diligent in support raising and for God to fully fund him | 9 Pray for our Christian youth to stand firm in their devotion to Christ | 10 Pray for God to make His presence known in Maine and for masses to put their faith in Him |
| 11 Pray for God to prepare the hearts of our Panama team to boldly proclaim Him | 12 Pray for the lost in Panama whom we will meet to receive Christ and live for Him | 13 Pray for God to enliven the church in Maine to be His ambassadors to their communities | 14 Pray for the Thrive marriage retreats- that God would powerfully restore & unify couples | 15 Pray for wisdom as we discern next steps for the ministry and seek to serve faithfully |
| 16 Praise God for all who attend Thrive events & for God’s work in them | 17 Pray for Dan, Joe, and Keith as they lead a men’s Katahdin hike | 18 Pray for the safety of our Katahdin trip and all our events | 19 Pray that the men on the Katahdin trip will grow as godly leaders | 20 Pray for Austin and Ellie to join Thrive staff |
| 21 Pray for new Thrive staff to join our New Mexico team | 22 Pray for our Asheville team to be a light and to turn many back to God | 23 Pray for our Ops team, Board, and president (Dan) to lead well | 24 Pray for fruit for Keith as he reaches out to students at Umaine | 25 Pray for our men’s and women’s retreats to turn hearts to God |
| 26 Pray that we would be courageously speak truth with grace | 27 Pray for Kingdom fruit through our evangelism trainings | 28 Pray for us to enhance Thrive’s media presence & be more accessible | | |