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# Harvester

Lifelines, the Outdoor and Experiential Learning Ministry of Cru



## Beauty, Intimacy, and Adventure on Golden Pond

While we serve students and Cru ministries throughout New England, we also serve locally at Plymouth State University, where our team has a chance to invest more deeply in ongoing relationships with students. In September, eight of the Christian students that are involved in our group here at PSU canoed out for an overnight on Bowman Island. Throughout the weekend, our team focused on the beauty, intimacy and adventure of knowing Christ. God created our hearts to crave beauty, intimacy and adventure and to seek it out here even while waiting in anticipation of its fullness in heaven.

“Look to the LORD and his strength” (1Chron 16:11)

### Dan's Travels

Oct 23 Dan will fly to be with our CO Lifelines team for a week. In Nov he'll attend a leadership conference in TX.

### Making plans

We are consumed with plans for winter, spring and summer student expeditions. First is Patagonia in Jan.

### Development

Our current roles involve both staff and student growth. Please pray that we would lead well and follow Christ well.

## Battling in the Gap

In the Book of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar has a disturbing dream and decides to kill all his wise men unless they can tell him the dream. Daniel is confronted by the executioner and boldly asks the king for time to interpret it. Then he asks his companions Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah to join him in seeking God's mercy and in pleading with God for wisdom. Even though they all prayed, God revealed the dream to Daniel. “for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to *me* what *we* asked of you,” (Daniel 2:23.)

Daniel's friends powerfully interceded for him in prayer. During the

Dare2Share conference that my teen kids attended this month, speaker Greg Stier explained that intercession is standing in the gap. Stier gave the image of standing between a child and attacking dogs: “It is like wielding a divine baseball bat against the hounds of hell.” Thank you for standing between us and the enemy in this spiritual battle for souls.



Caleb, Emma, and friends collect food and share Christ during the Dare2Share conference

## Quotes from Boston University

White-water rafting is one of our biggest draws in the fall for thrill-seeking students of every background. We aim to show them that a relationship with God is the greatest adventure of all. Here are some of the lessons BU students learned from their rafting overnight with us:

“I need to shift from a me-focus to a God-focus.”

“Adventure costs something.”

“I have to focus on what God has done instead of what I can do.”



## Risky Behavior

“What risks do you take in life? What are some relational risks? What spiritual risks will you have to take to move closer to God?” These are some of the questions we discussed with the UMaine students. Having just taken a physical risk through the rapids of the Kennebec River, they could easily connect the feelings of vulnerability and courage to other areas of their lives. For the Muslim student on the trip, the risk of discussing Jesus was its own challenge. Please pray for him and for the Christian friends he made on this trip to continue being bold witnesses.

## South to North Carolina

Dan is the Director of our team here in the northeast, and he is also the National Field Director of Lifelines. As such, he oversees all of our teams nation-wide, helping them think critically, move forward and rely on and grow in the Lord. This month he visited our new team in NC to help them think strategically about ministry and next steps as they try to reach the campuses around them. Dan loved connecting with and training this energetic young team and was inspired by their faith, warmth, and enthusiasm.



*Cru has experienced a major restructuring since the beginning of the year. As a result we have been trying to find our fit into the massive puzzle of this global missions organization. This past month God seems to have led us to the “sweet spot” where our gifts will best benefit the Kingdom call of Christ and Cru’s efforts to go into all the world and make disciples. More to come in our next Harvester! ☺*