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Dan & Heather Litchfield, serving with Lifelines Cru

Living & Active

“We love this and want to keep it going,” said Jeremy, the director of the Ozarks project. He was so encouraged by the growth of the students and the way that Biblical concepts were both taught and practiced through experiential learning. He and the staff team in the Ozarks have asked Lifelines to continue this partnership indefinitely.

“...I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith” (Philippians 1:25b)



The Ozarks: a Partnership

Over the past year God has been impressing upon us the importance of partnership and of investing in other leaders who can then make a deeper impact in their ministries, exponentially expanding the Kingdom. We often want to be the hero, but God more often calls us to build others into heroes who will be empowered to reach their people group. This is what Dan and fellow Lifelines staff, Marc, did for the Cru staff and students on the Ozark project this June. (See back for details.)

Prayer Requests:

July 14-16

Base Camp

For me as I emcee this Lifelines conference, and for both Dan and I as we lead seminars

July 16-23

Cru Conference

For the thousands of Cru staff who attend—for renewed passion and pliability in God’s hands

July 24-27

Advisory Council

For God to direct our team of Lifelines leaders as we seek His vision for the future



If You Were in the Ozarks This Summer...

...you would see college students purposefully living out their faith as a witness for the Lord. For forty years Branson, MO has been hit every summer by Christian students converging as a Cru summer project, growing in their love for the Lord, and serving in summer jobs— not just make money—but to be a godly witness to their co-workers.

This year, for the first time, you would also find students suspended on the side of cliffs and paddling down rivers as Lifelines staff experientially taught them about grace and truth, communication, and the power of vulnerability and humility. Dan and Marc also led programs for the staff themselves, and for their children, to develop everyone in their walk with the Lord. Mid-week, they hosted a “Circle

of Death” men’s time where the guys wrestled each other out of a giant circle and connected that with real life issues of standing firm in faith, and knowing what is worth fighting for. The men considered their own lives and hearts as they talked over questions like, “What aren’t you fighting for?”

Oscar, one of our Lifelines reps from Texas, was the catalyst who staffed the project and asked us to come help lead programs for students. Other Lifelines staff did a similar thing on Cru’s Tahoe Project, and Lifelines has led its own project with students in the Rocky Mountains and in Spain this summer. We look forward to all being together this coming week in Colorado and hearing updates about what God has done on these projects.



Family Affairs

We have finally made it to summer break! While Dan was in the Ozarks the kids and I wrapped up our homeschool year. Our sweet Emma has turned thirteen and Caleb just returned from a week of tremendous spiritual growth at Berea, a Christian Camp. Micah and Aliza have been reading furiously to win their summer reading prizes, and have been swimming in the lake as much as possible. They will all be staying with grandparents while Dan and I are in Colorado until the end of July. You can join us by using the link to the left.

<https://www.cru.org/connection-weekend.html>
to watch the action & speakers at Cru’s National Conference online July 21-24