



Dan & Heather Litchfield

Lifelines: a ministry of Cru



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The Harvester

Making the Move

From New Hampshire to Downeast Maine

Well, we have officially made it to our new home (above) in Mount Desert, Maine! Although we are all smiling in this picture, we have passed through grief, tears, exhaustion, hope, fear, and gratitude on a rotating cycle for the past month. We are so grateful to the many friends who helped pack the house, watch our pets, and load and unload the moving van. Our dear friends, the Roseberrys, even made the long haul with us to Maine pulling their own trailer full of our stuff! Other friends, the Mitchells, graciously housed us for three days following the sale of our home, so that we could stay in town and the girls could participate in their year-end dance recitals. ☺ We have felt tremendously blessed and cared for.

As I type I am watching the kids race down back to go kayaking. My Emma is out taking pictures of the lupine. They will all turn up muddy and sunburnt. God is good. We have begun attending a women's Bible study and a homeschool co-op and have been meeting our neighbors as we empty boxes and settle in. Hope is winning out!



Pray With Us

We have two major summer events: our first ever Kayak Guide school to certify and equip other Lifelines staff to use coastal kayaking in ministry, and the Acadia Women's Expedition for which we have nine students from across the U.S. attending- our theme is eternal perspective. Please pray for the massive amount of planning and preparation for each of these, especially in the chaos of the move.

Pray too as we speak at churches and share our new ministry plan



What About our Team?

We are especially sad to leave our team, but are grateful to be serving in the same state. Our team from New Hampshire is in the process of moving to Portland, Maine where there is a greater population of college students. They will continue to coach Plymouth State students from a distance and will resource the region with experiential and outdoor trips as we've been doing. We are thankful to have this summer to serve together in our kayaking guide school in July and the women's expedition in August.

We are all excited and expectant but we are also facing new fears. I've been asking myself what would I say or do if I did not fear any type of persecution or rejection. As believers we all need to pray for each other to courageously share the Gospel. Would you pray for our bold and Christ-honoring witness in these new communities?

New contact info!!!

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Thrive Adventures

Coming in September

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” –Joshua 1:9

Although we will be working for Cru through September 1st, we have begun planning the new ministry: Thrive Adventures. We'll be offering real relationships in a broken world through adventure and experience. Our mission is to create grace and truth experiences that offer people a real relationship with Jesus and each other. We intend to work specifically with parents, church leaders, and community leaders so that they can experience and then recreate life-giving relationships in their scope of influence. Our vision is a world defined by grace and truth where the Gospel is experienced and whole communities are transformed.

We are excited to announce our acceptance to Global Service Network, which is the non-profit mission organization that will oversee our accountability and financial management. Our hope is that all of our supporters will transfer their support to Thrive by September as we will continue to be funded through the gracious giving of individuals and churches. We will be contacting supporters this month with information on how to do that.

We are also overjoyed that our co-worker Peter Ivey is joining us in the start-up of Thrive in September!! He will be based out of Asheville, NC, and we are praying that God will raise up a team to join him. Finally, we thank God for the five new members of our Advisory Board whom I'll introduce next month! Thank you for your ongoing prayers.