



Lifelines Cru

The Harvester



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A degree of difference

I recently received this message from two students that attended last year's Facilitator School: "Facilitator Guide School has made at least a 1 degree change in our lives, probably more like 90 degrees. It was awesome experiencing that week with you all... the goal is to be at Cru new staff training in June!" Hooray!

- Please pray for this Facilitator School Nov 6-11 (I leave tomorrow!)
- Please join us in also praying for 70 Lifelines staff by mid-summer.
- Pray that Deanna and Hannah, PSU students, would put their faith in Jesus Christ.

Making Lasting Impressions

The picture above is of our team here in New Hampshire. We have been blessed to have two new interns: Abby and Beth, and to our joy both decided to join staff full time this coming summer! This heals some grief over losing teammates Marc and Hannah Manning this November as they move to Ashville, NC to be part of the new Lifelines team that is being established there. The highs and lows of being a Lifelines training team... Meanwhile, our team has been large enough to expand and serve in many directions. This fall we have offered over 500 Gospel experiences for students, along with retreats and ongoing ministry at local PSU. Beth, our intern, has taken the initiative to create trip videos to use in outreach, promotion, and for recruiting new staff and students to join us. She has added some of these clips to the national Lifelines Youtube page, which you can view at this site: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC991ojCwtHoGwYM2ZjeH7Hw>

Todd, Cru staff at BU, used the footage as a follow-up to a trip he brought students on: "It was great at getting people together again, even new students/non-Christians." He led a brief Bible study at that meeting as another opportunity to connect people to Christ.



God makes it Grow

"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. He who plants and he who waters are one in purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor"

-1 Corinthians 3:7,8

This is the verse I read with my kids yesterday morning. It reminds me that we are privileged to serve God and have any part in His work. You, too, are part of that work through prayer. Two of my teammates are meeting with Deanna and Hannah, PSU students who came rafting with us. Though they have not yet received Christ, they are excited to do Bible study; last week, Deanna read the whole gospel of John. It is for our joy that we can pray for and serve these students; please ask the Lord to make them grow.

Retreat or Advance?

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"Lord, I pray that we would not be overwhelmed by the evil in the world." I listened as the students prayed, heads bowed. "God, would you give us hope by knowing your grace," another student added. As we talked to God I couldn't help but think of how young and vulnerable these students are and how they are being hurled into an unforgiving world. My heart longed to gather them up and protect them from a culture that is increasingly opposed to their beliefs and that seems to be cracking apart at the seams. From their prayers, they obviously sense that. Yet, **God** has overcome the world.

We were at Cru's fall retreat for UMASS, at a morning prayer led by students who were burdened for their peers. Our intention was to inspire these future leaders to rely increasingly on the Lord and not on themselves. One non-Christian Chinese student said she really connected with my testimony about pride and my realization that I wasn't as strong or as able as I thought I was. I pray that she will also follow my example to depend on Christ's transforming grace through faith in Him.

We are not enough in and of ourselves. Even these men and women in the prime of life, energetic, talented... apart from God can do nothing (Jn 15:5), yet with God, all things are possible! (Mt 19:26) Pray with us for the possibilities God can manifest in lives yielded to Him.

