

# THE HARVESTER

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*Lifelines Cru: using the outdoor experience to help students grow in relationship with God, in relationship with each other, in character and in leadership*

## STUDENTS USE SOULARIUM TO ENGAGE THEIR PEERS IN SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

This month Plymouth State University held an “activities fair” to welcome students back to campus. The University expressed the desire for all student groups to try to make their booth more interactive. Our Cru students were up for the challenge! They decided to use an evangelistic tool called Soularium to engage their peers in spiritual conversations. Soularium is a picture survey in which our leaders spread 50 cards with photographic

images all over a table and then asked students questions that would be answered by choosing a picture. Some of the questions were, “Which three images would you choose to describe your life right now?” and “Which image would you use to describe God?” Once a picture was chosen a follow up questions would be asked like, “Why? What does it say about God to you?”

PSU students from all spiritual backgrounds were fascinated by the

cards. Our students had the chance to dig into the lives of their peers and really listen to them, learning about who they are, what they believe and how to help build bridges from there to the gospel. The question, “When you think about your own spiritual journey, which image best represents what you wish were true?” was a perfect lead in for our students to share their testimonies and to invite their peers to investigate Jesus and to come to Cru events.

### OUR GROWING TEAM (pictured above)

The Mannings have finished their initial support raising and officially reported to ministry February 1. They moved to NH from Georgia this December and we are eager to work with them! Kealy Sawyer, our new staff woman, is over 50% in her fund raising. Colleen, a recent graduate who attended our women’s expedition last year, is considering joining us either here at PSU or at UNH, her alma mater.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Facilitator Training school Feb 8-15. Heather will be one of three trainers leading this week-long course for Cru staff and church leaders. Please pray that participants will leave with a greater ability and fresh desire to put the Word to practice in students' lives.

Team Leader meetings Feb 8-13. Dan will be co-leading this time for the 10 Lifelines team leaders around the nation. Please pray that God would give them direction and insight into how they can best serve staff and reach students for Christ.

For Michaela, Tristan, and Mack, our three leaders at PSU, that they would have the energy to invest and passion to reach the lost on campus and that the believers on campus would be a visible and audible witness.

For our support raising efforts. We thank God for the opportunity to speak at two churches this past month, connecting with church families that we love. Please pray for our great need for referrals so that we might expand our support team.

For spiritual fruit as we invest in students this spring semester.

For Dan and I as we plan for our summer assignments: a women's expedition in June, a Valor expedition in August, a white-water rafting expedition in May in which we hope to bring non-believers, and a 2-week national conference in July.



## PLYMOUTH STATE: OFF TO A GOOD START

Our ministry year of 2015 began with a regional conference called Epicenter, "a gathering of college students seeking to make Jesus Christ the center of their lives and impact the world for Him." Three of our student leaders from Plymouth State attended, worshipping with hundreds of college students around New York and New England, and hearing from keynote speakers. One of the main themes of the conference this year was about breaking free from sexual sins- something that is rampant on the college campus and pervasive in the Christian Body too. Our students returned fired up for Christ and at the planning meeting for the new semester back on campus, they came with vision

and ideas of their own about how to demonstrate Jesus at PSU.

Meanwhile, God has laid on our hearts a desire to focus on reaching international students. Only 6.7% of the world's population holds a college degree. These will be the global leaders of the future and an astounding number of them are educated here in the northeast. If we can introduce these students to Christ, it can make a worldwide difference. In answer to prayer, God brought two new students to our first campus meeting this semester: Will, from Indonesia, and Leah who is African. Both have a heart for the Lord. Please pray that God will use us to resource these students and others, and to demonstrate God's love.