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The Harvester

Creating life-giving experiences so all may know Christ and live like Him.



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Volunteers

Recently Dan and Joe led a rock climbing event for one of our volunteers and some of his co-workers. We have made the difficult decision to cancel overnight retreats for now, and to focus on this type of day trip, which we can better manage according to state restrictions and social distancing. We are beginning to publicize locally, and we eagerly watch to see how God uses this “challenge” for glory!

Rest and Renewal

“Every day is a glaring reminder that I control nothing,” admitted one woman on our “rest and renewal” afternoon. We had been reflecting on Mark 4 when Jesus calms the storm, and considering the covid-19 storm that we are currently facing. “I have this desire to self-protect rather than to trust God,” confessed another woman.

I had joined Abby, our staff woman in Asheville, NC, to help with this brief virtual women’s retreat. This is the third of its kind that they’ve offered and the response has been fantastic. Short and sweet, these “retreats” invite participants to take an afternoon with the Lord. And, they have proven a great way to help people process the national chaos we are in, remembering that God is good, right, and sovereign over all.

We invite you to join us for an afternoon with the Lord from the comfort of your home on one of our upcoming rest and renewal retreats! Register online at ThriveAdventures.org/maine or call Dan: 207-266-6628.

Tell it on the Web

Through this month we have been posting testimonies from our Thrive staff to our Facebook and Instagram accounts (my co-worker, Angie, is to the right.) Our own kids have decided to join the action with their testimonies as well, which we are uploading to our personal Facebook pages. Our desire is to spread hope and the assurance that God's got this. We are also adding new videos, articles, and programs to our website revolving around our three themes of life, leadership, and faith.

One of the outcomes from our national Thrive meetings (via zoom, an online meeting space,) was that we would begin hosting virtual retreats. Sadly, our marriage retreat did not materialize because we had too few attendees, but it has inspired us to create shorter marriage segments on specific tools like communication and responsibility. We are also rolling out a new discipleship training series in July. We would never have thought of these ideas if not for the limitations—and new open doors—of social distancing.



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Prayer Requests

- Pray for our Men's kayak trip, June 20
- Please pray for families to take advantage of day trips as we publicize around town
- Opportunities to share the gospel and demonstrate God's love to those who don't yet know Him
- Wisdom as we develop the discipleship training program
- New staff to join our three teams: ME, NC, and NM. And for our diligence in completing the staff handbook, so we are ready for them!

Waiting for God

What does faith and godliness look like during this season of uncertainty? On May 11th I recorded the following excerpt in my journal from Jennie Allen's inspiring book, *Anything*: "Do we talk more about God than we obey him? We aren't going to get to heaven and have God say, 'Thanks for talking about doing so much for me with your friends. That was awesome!'" As an activator, those statements get me pumped up, wanting to run out and radically serve the Lord with all that I am.

However, my entry

on May 17th is a quote from Nancy Wilson's book, *Learning Contentment*: "Contentment is a deep satisfaction with the will of God... God has put (us) in each circumstance for a purpose... God is doing this *for* (us), not *to* (us)."

As you see, I have been volleying between desperate creativity and a cry for action, and the call of contentment in God's divine plan. Are my ideas from Him or born of my own flesh? Am I trying to lead or follow? These are restless times. Let's pray for ears to hear His voice.