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Lifelines, the Outdoor Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ



Until next time...

May brought the end of the academic year with our final "Spring thing" getaway followed by the last discipleship appointments, the last canoe trip, the last Bible studies, the year-end picnic, and the last good-byes to Kat, our graduating senior leader. Amid all these "lasts" we also looked ahead to next year's firsts. Students helped plan some of our September events, building momentum for what is yet to come. Julia is especially excited to help lead a women's rafting overnight and to begin ministering to fellow athletes. Emily is eager to reach out to internationals, and Cait and Amy want to begin investing this summer into some of the underclassmen. They have a vision for God's Kingdom at UVM!

Hey, where is everybody going??

Turkey

Amy, UVM junior
On summer project

Guatemala

Emily, UVM senior
In the ghetto with our partnership

Men's Expedition

Alex and Brian, UVM
A 10-day Lifelines project Dan and fellow staff are leading here in VT and up-state NY

Rocky Mountain

Zack, UVM soph
A 6-week Lifelines summer project in Colorado

2 new Brothers!

At the beginning of the year he was wondering, "Why am I really here?" But, Zack felt like he knew all there was to know about spirituality: "I'm not going to find anything else out. I am just going to live my life as best I can." Then he got involved with Lifelines and started meeting weekly with Gabe. "I have grown so much through every trip as a person... and with God." This month Zack gave up control of his life and offered his all to Christ. "Lifelines is people that want to love you and when you are loved, God is there," he explains. God has been pursuing Zack and Zack turned to meet him- the best decision he will ever make! Rejoice! And Zack is not alone; Sean, the boyfriend of one of our student leaders gave his life to Christ this month too! He was challenged to "lead their

relationship" by reading the Bible and when he did, he discovered the Author. Glory!





Baseball, Theater, Birthdays, Road trips, and a Tornado Watch?!

Is it dangerous to use the computer in a thunderstorm? I'm not sure, but I am determined to finish this newsletter anyway. We have had thundershowers, (and flash floods and a tornado watch,) every day since Dan left over a week ago for the Men's Expedition. He took off with 8 students for a hard-core, hard look at Biblical manhood. I have been praying daily as they brave the elements. No doubt this will make men of them! Meanwhile the kids and I have been holding down the fort here at home, forging on with home school and eating lots of ice cream. I have been trying to squeeze in massive amounts of reading before nodding off each evening so as to be prepared for the

classes I am taking this summer in Colorado. We leave June 14th for our 2 month stint in CO for seminary courses (part of Crusade's mandatory on-going curriculum), Lifelines National Base Camp days, and Crusade's national conference. We will pack June 13th. ☺

Meanwhile our evenings are filled with little league games, Emma's theater production, and birthday plans. Micah turned 4 this month and Emma will be 7 in June, so party planning has been a major concern (grin.)

This Memorial Day, we thank those of you who have and are serving our country. To all, we thank you whole-heartedly for your support and we wish you a blessed summer! All for Him!

I want to share with you an excerpt from one of my summer course readings. I will be taking Biblical Communication, Biblical Interpretation, Church History and Apologetics. The books I have had to read are arresting. I only hope I remember and practice all I am already learning! The following is from Tim Keller's "The Reason for God." Wish I could share it all!!

God under examination

"A loving God would not allow Hell"

Tim Keller puts it well, "hell is simply one's freely chosen identity apart from God on a trajectory into infinity....All God does in the end with people is give them what they most want, including freedom from himself."

C.S.Lewis explains, "There are two kinds of people - those who say 'Thy will be done' to God or those to whom God in the end says, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell choose it. Without that self-choice it wouldn't be Hell."