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Lifelines, the Outdoor and Experiential Learning Ministry of Cru

Growing Faith

Sam stopped by our booth at Plymouth State as a freshman this fall, interested in learning about Lifelines. She was shy and reserved but had often hiked with her Dad and chose to come on some trips with us. As she began to trust us and feel loved, she shared that her father had died just months before she left for college. Sam was searching for meaning in life, and for direction and hope. Through meeting one-on-one with one of our staff women she is beginning to find that hope in Christ. Please pray that Sam will give her life to the Lord and find renewed joy and strength in her heavenly Father.

Every 3 seconds someone in the Cru ministry shares the gospel.

Every three minutes someone comes to Christ through the worldwide ministry of Cru.



God's Grace

Our Facilitator Training School and the Lifelines Team Leaders conference were both held at Sky Corral in Colorado. The owner of this Christian ranch has generously offered to give the facility to Lifelines. His desire is for it to be used for the glory of God. We are overwhelmed by this gift, which would create a space for the ministry to house our summer and winter projects, staff conferences, and offer year round activities for the front range team. Cru does not generally own property so we are entering a two year trial period with the ranch to see how God might use it and how we can manage the property. Our

National Director, Mark Brown and his wife Brenda (above) are planning to move there this summer, along with another staff couple who will maintain the facility. Please pray that we will lean into the Lord for his guidance with this gift, that we would be good stewards, and that we would effectively use the ranch to expand His Kingdom!

Prayer and Praise

Dan will be taking a support trip to CA March 24. Please pray that God will provide \$1000 in monthly giving.

Please pray for our co-worker, Chip, who lost his mom this past week. He and Claire are also expecting a baby.

Praise God that our teammates, the Bethels, have bought a house! Pray that God will provide a new office space (it was in their barn.)

Lifelines Facilitator School

“You guys bring intentionality to what Cru does...it’s unlike anything else I’ve ever done. I really appreciate it.”

Who was it for?

Lifelines’ first Facilitator School took place Feb 1-7. Eighteen people attended, comprised of Lifelines staff, church leaders, Cru high school staff, Valor ministry staff, campus ministry leaders, and a handful of people from Crusade’s headquarters in Orlando. Our hope was to make it applicable for anyone who leads groups. One staff from the Research and Development team at Cru’s National Office, confirmed that he learned “so many personal things, as well as things that will help me professionally.”

What was the purpose?

The Facilitator School was designed to equip Lifelines and other ministry leaders in the art and science of facilitating groups for believers, non-believers, peers, etc, with an emphasis on using experiential learning in Bible teaching.

What did we do?

Trainees participated in over 20 experiential learning activities designed to teach norms, asking good questions, group management, communication, conflict resolution, creating a safe environment, program planning and other nuances of facilitation. They also designed their own programs to teach Biblical concepts like worthiness, judgment, and grace and truth experientially.

What impact did it have?

We were pleased by the rave reviews. Even our Lifelines staff, who have many of these skills, said “This was a deeper version of Lifelines than what I’ve experienced in the past,” and “There is a lot that applies to more than just the Lifelines context; I feel like I have life skills.” Kurt, who works with internationals, learned “It takes courage to help people engage the heart.” Please pray that the skills these leaders acquired would have a far reaching impact as they lead groups into relationship with Christ and into a deeper application of the Word.

