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# **The Harvester**

#### So all may know Christ and live like Him

# **Following God's Lead**

Church pastors and elders practice looking ahead with hope

It had been a full day of teambuilding, learning to "see" differently, practicing authenticity and confession, and now they were walking backwards through the woods. The ensuing discussion about looking forward rather than focusing on the past was timely as these leaders transition to a new pastor.

One leader said, "We are leaving our time with Thrive more united and more resolved to love and serve one another and our entire church family."

"If you want to be challenged, encouraged, and strengthened by the body of Christ, Thrive faithfully provides the opportunity to do so, and so much more," commented another.

It is an honor to strengthen ministry teams, helping them thrive and impact their communities with God's love.

Teambuilding: "Blind" Tent Set-up

## Prayer

Your prayers make a huge difference in this ministry and our lives. <u>Thank you</u> for standing with us in prayer. We have so many praises and requests, we would ask that you please pray as the Spirit leads as you read through this newsletter and God brings us to mind.

### **Retreats for You and Yours**

It is a delight to be able to serve our supporters and their loved ones of all ages through Thrive Adventures. We are proactively planning our 2022 schedule and want to invite you first to come on a retreat. If you, or those you know, are interested in participating, you can learn more and sign up through our website: <u>ThriveAdventures.org</u>, or by contacting Dan.

January 15 Small Group Leader Training

February 4-6 Women's Retreat

March 4-6 Men's Katahdin Ascent

April 8-10 Women's Rest & Renewal Retreat

April 28-May 2 Stages of Manhood in Moab, UT

July 15-17 Marriage retreat, kayaking coastal Maine

August 5-7 Father & Son retreat, and Women's retreat

August 20-21 Rafting outreach

September 23-24 Men's Canoe trip

October 14-16 Marriage Retreat

We also hope to offer partially-guided retreats in 2022. We will send out more information when that option becomes available! Add staff here. 🙄



#### **New Staff**

We are excited that the Ketters. who will be joining us in Maine, have been steadily raising support. Please keep praying that they will be fully funded in the new year! We praise God that we have a new applicant to join our team in Asheville, NC, and that a couple has been in contact with our Taos, NM team about joining Thrive as well. One of our biggest needs is for more staff for each of our three teams. We thank God for these interested parties, and pray for discernment as we review applications, for perseverance as people raise support, and for God to continue sending workers into the harvest alongside us. We especially pray for someone to help us use media to share what we do.



Micah, Dan, Emma, Aliza, and Caleb (on the phone.)

## **Litchfield News**

We have spent many recent Sundays speaking at churches and enjoying our beloved church Body throughout New England, and Dan will be giving a sermon at another church this November. Micah and Aliza just finished soccer, Emma is consumed with dual credit college classes, and Caleb has passed his midterms at Cedarville. We are building a camp on a pond in Clifton and are trying to finish it by Christmas so we can use it for our Thrive retreats, so that

is our big push during the holidays. We also plan to drive out to Ohio for Thanksgiving because we can't imagine it without Caleb! Meanwhile, I am trying (and failing) to keep the kids from singing Christmas carols prematurely. God bless you!!