The Harvester

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Prayer Requests

Aug 8 Fall Planning begins. Pray that we will love the Lord and each other well this year

> Please pray that as we plan, we would seek and follow God's direction

- Aug 12
 We will be training the northeast region's interns in responsibility and communication skills as they prepare to serve with Cru.
- Sept 3 Student orientation at Plymouth State. Pray for new believers and returning leaders to continue in Christ on campus
 - Pray for the lost to seek and find Christ!
 - Pray for God's provision as we raise support



"And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.""

-Mark 1:17

Lessons from Alaska

One of the challenges we are facing on campuses is the lack of godly male leaders. Student men tend to be passive or generally uninvolved in ministry. In fact, men are just absent. According to the US Dept. of Education, in 2010 56% of undergraduate applicants were women. They project that by 2019 only 41% of undergrad students will be male.

In response, we are trying to shift the culture by teaching men leadership skills, and trying to build their God-given (but often dormant) courage, compassion and commitment. Dan led a ten-day expedition in Alaska training student men through both hard work and adventure.

The men experienced compassion as they did work projects for the native people, they learned commitment while bush-whacking through Alaskan wilderness, and practiced courageously leading their peers on a daily basis. Please pray for their continued growth as they lead on campus, and for God to build up a new generation of noble men.

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Our Northeast team:

Bethels, Rebecca, Mannings (raising support), Faulkners, Litchfields and Poths (raising support) The Boston Museum of Science has a temporary exhibit featuring the Dead Sea Scrolls! We went as a family and it is well worth the visit to see pieces of these ancient scrolls that help validate to the world what we know as the Word of God.

Lessons from Colorado

Every other year Campus Crusade has its national staff conference in Colorado, and for the past few years we have preceded that event with our own Lifelines meetings at which we cast vision for the direction of the ministry, pray corporately and introduce new concepts ad practices. We also have fun men's and women's events to build our ministry "family" and develop relationships between staff across the country. It is such an encouragement to see how our staff have grown numerically and how God has specifically provided for each one as they transition to new locations.

One thing we have been seeing over time is the disintegration of relationships within our culture, to the point that many students are isolated and disconnected from their family and their peers. God intends for us to live in relationship. His design for our growth and for our experience of Him, is as a body. Students long for that but don't know how to create it. As believers, we have the opportunity to show we are different by our love for one another. But as we all know, relationships take work. We want to model, teach and give students the chance to experience grace and truth relationships. "And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us." (1 John 3:23.)

Life as a Litchfield



With the start of the new semester, we are also gearing up for home school. At the same time, we have finished the process for foster care and are waiting on children. Our hope ultimately is to adopt young siblings, but it may take a number of placements with kids in our home before God brings those who will stay forever. It also means that for those kids there is no one left in the world who wants or is able to love and provide for them. Our joy may be their nightmare. Please pray for all the kids involved, including our own, and for the logistics of finding baby gear and a bigger vehicle. We are excited about this transition, but are aware of unidentified challenges on the horizon. All in God's hands...