# The Harvester

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# We are outdoor professionals who facilitate experiences for spiritual growth.

### A Spiritual Facilitator plays the role of a Prophet by:

- 1. Holding up a mirror to reflect back the blind spots
- 2. Gives a picture of what is possible
- 3. Tells the honest truth about what is, no matter how uncomfortable.

When Heather and I are leading a trip it is our job to fulfill the role of a prophet. Growth happens as we do these three things. We observe the group and individuals and reflect back what we see and the cost they are paying. We also want people to know what they can be, painting a picture of what is possible and of God's design. As they see and experience a grace and truth community they desire more of what God has for them. We live in a culture that struggles to tell people the truth. Speaking the truth in love is key for any spiritual facilitator. We desire to be salt and light.

## A Spiritual Facilitator also plays the role of a Priest.

- 1. By Living among the people
- 2. Retelling stories of God's action for us
- 3. Distinguishing between the voices people are hearing and pointing them toward the voice of truth.

When Heather and I are leading a trip we want to be living among the people. Whether it is sleeping in a wet tent or hanging off the side of a mountain. We are in it with them. As we see in the bible it is important to have someone explaining the experiences we are going through so we don't come to the wrong conclusion. The Priest helped the people distinguish what they were hearing and seeing so they could understand the truth. Jesus often got the disciples together and explained the importance of what just happened. We often see in hardships people question if God is holding out on them. However, as we retell all Christ has done for us we are more likely to conclude that this cannot be true. Indeed his love is immeasurable



## 30 Days of April Prayers...



### An update from the Litchfield household

On March 9, both Caleb and Emma were baptized! Emma had been asking lots of questions about when she could be baptized so when the offer was made at church, both she and Caleb were ready. What is baptism? A public expression of faith in Jesus Christ. Baptism by immersion symbolizes Jesus death and resurrection, or the believer's death to self and life in Christ. Above, Pastor Neill blesses Emma while she waits in the baptismal, and Caleb shares his story of putting his faith in Christ with the congregation before being baptized. Please pray that they will stand firm in their faith for a lifetime.

In other family news, Dan just returned from a trip to California for support raising, and thanks to God, everyone he met with has decided to join our support team! Dan has enjoyed teaching our adult Sunday school class on evangelism. Emma and Aliza and I have begun "joy walking" through town on Saturday mornings and praying for the community. It has been fun to have others join us on our prayer walks, too. We are hosting an Art of Marriage conference May 2-3, and then I am co-leading a 10 day student expedition beginning May 25 so there is much to pray and plan for!

#### **Puppy Love**

On March 31, we adopted a tenweek old puppy. "Jaunty" is a Golden Retriever-Irish Setter mix with soulful eyes and a sweet disposition. She is aptly named and has been a great delight!



- 1. Pray for God to make himself known on the PSU campus
- 2. For revival among believing college students in the northeast
- 3. For our team to be seeking the Lord and walking in faith
- 4. That God will raise the support we need to return to campus by June 15<sup>th</sup>
- 5. For new contacts to speak to in support raising
- 6. For our perseverance in support
- 7. For the UNH men's weekend we are helping with this month
- 8. That we will communicate Lifelines' vision clearly
- 9. For God to win couples heart's to him and to each other through the Art of Marriage conference
- 10. For insight as we plan for our summer expeditions
- 11. For God's blessing on our teammate, Claire's, growing baby
- 12. For a new office space
- 13. Praise for our support team
- 14. For God's provision for our full support
- 15. That we would faithfully administer God's Word to the lost
- 16. That God be glorified here
- 17. that students would share Christ
- 18. For boldness and discernment as we serve
- 19. For our Lifelines leadership
- 20. For new staff joining Lifelines
- 21. That our teams would love and work together well
- 22. For the program we created on spiritual multiplication for the Boston student leadership team
- 23. For Creation to sing his praises
- 24. that lost students will hear and believe the gospel
- 25. For Ed, as he graduates and goes on summer project in NYC
- 26. For Michaela to come on project
- 27. That we will be a light at PSU
- 28. For Lifelines' summer projects
- 29. For students Casey and Alex to step up as leaders of men at PSU
- 30. Thanks that He is faithful!