

# The Harvester

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Creating life-giving experiences  
so all may know Christ and  
live like Him

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## Please Pray With Us

Please pray that God would bring couples to our first virtual marriage conference and that it will bear fruit in their lives and marriages. (May 29-31)

Pray that our testimonies, as we post them on social media, will be motivation for the lost to know Christ and an encouragement to believers.

Pray for the discipleship course we are beginning; that it would enliven and unite the church, as we sharpen and spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Pray for our eyes to see the doors opened by covid-19 and the faith to boldly walk through them.

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

- 2 Chronicles 7:14

## A Discipleship Chain

Yesterday I came down to find Emma making cookies in our kitchen in front of her ipad on which I could see Eliana in *her* kitchen mimicking Emma's movements. They were making cookies together virtually! Throughout the spring Emma has been meeting this younger friend weekly to love her with the love of Christ and coach her in her walk with God. It is a great relationship because it causes each of them to be stronger followers of Jesus. Joyfully, I am doing the same with a friend who, together with her husband, is spiritually mentoring another couple, and the wife of that couple is discipling my Emma! So we are part of a long discipleship chain of women earnestly striving to build one another up in the Lord. This has inspired us to create a Thrive discipleship training series, which will be coming soon. As a Body, let's follow the plan of Titus 2!

May 7<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer

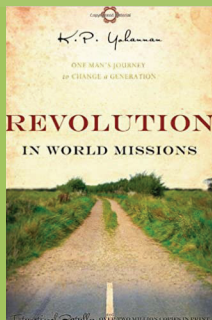
Let's join together this May 7<sup>th</sup> to pray for the nations in light of this covid-19 threat, with all the heartaches, fears, and opportunities that it presents. May we believers rise to faith as lights in the darkness, spreading the message that God is our Savior and infinitely good.



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## Thrive Resources

We urge you to check out our website [ThriveAdventures.org](https://thriveadventures.org) and go to our covid-19 page. It is full of resources and experiential Thrive programs that you can do at home to grow in faith with your loved ones. You can also send us prayer requests, and can link up to see the testimonies we are adding weekly to our Facebook page. Mine will be online today!



## Revolution in World Missions

This book, by K.P. Yohannan, founder of Gospel for Asia, is our most recent read. It challenges the American perspective of missions and has inspired us as “national” missionaries to New England.

## The CHOSEN

This free TV series about the life of Christ can be found at: <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen>

Watch it! It is amazing!!

## Moving from Set-Backs to Possibilities

We are praying for your safety during this covid-19 crisis. I hope you are finding ways to stay employed or to use this new “down time” to draw near to the Lord and loved ones.

At home, our routine has not changed much since we continue to homeschool and to work and play outdoors as much as possible. At the same time, everything has changed. Our relationships are now computerized and the island sleeps, locked up as though preparing for winter.

At first, as we postponed ministry events and moved to online conferencing, I was totally disheartened. I abhor technology, because I don’t understand it and don’t trust it, and in part because it seems like such a shallow alternative to real relationship.

However, we are inspired by David, who sought God for direction before he acted, and then when God told him to go, went powerfully forward. As we have gathered with our team in prayer for direction, God has been teaching us to try new things—how to hold virtual, interactive retreats that are cheaper and allow us to invest in people in their own homes. Such events could be invaluable through the long Maine winters and could theoretically enable us to serve people all over the world. We are beginning to think in terms of possibilities, knowing that this is all part of God’s plan for His Kingdom,

and His plans are always right and good.

Our ministry priorities are to develop healthy Christian communities, to develop disciples of Christ, and to share the Gospel. To that end, we will host our first virtual “Reverse the Curse” marriage retreat May 29-31, and I invite you to join us! Registration is online at our new Thrive store: <https://thrive-adventures.square.site/>

We have officially trademarked our logo and hope to sell packaged activities and materials for small group leaders, families, etc. on this site as well.

We still pray for discernment in how best to share the Good News to the lost while social distancing. Death and fear, grief and anger, are the hallmarks of this world, and all the more so now. Nothing less than the saving truth of Jesus Christ can offer hope. But how do we share the Gospel with those behind masks and closed doors?

We will limit interaction to day trips this summer, rather than gathering large groups in our home. That feels like a loss, but we are trusting in what we do not yet see... New Maine laws will limit almost all tourism here to Mainers, and with so few options for fun and vacation, perhaps they will flood to Acadia. And we will be here to reach our people. Please pray for us to get the Word out.