

The Harvester

Thrive Maine

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



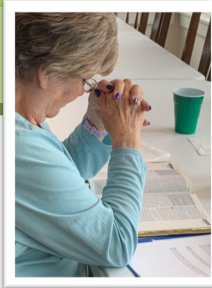
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Prayer Matters.

Praise God for the new staff He has brought to our teams! Pray that He will add staff to our Taos, New Mexico team, and that He will raise up someone with marketing and videography skills to join us.

Please pray for our national Thrive Family Conference in New Mexico at the end of May. Ask the Lord to unite us as a family and to lead us according to His will for the ministry.

Please pray that those who come to our retreats will encounter Jesus Christ and leave changed. We also ask for your prayers for us as staff to be faithful witnesses, lovers of God, and glorifying to Him.



Rest and Renewal

"My great 're-set,'" was how one woman described the "Rest and Renewal" retreat. Angie and I were so encouraged by how God enlivened the group that attended. A mix of women from Portland and from Southwest Harbor gathered to devote a weekend to re-focusing on the Lord. Through learning activities, devotions, solo time, painting, prayer, and fellowship, women had multiple means of connecting with God afresh. One of my favorite times was the second evening when we assembled by candlelight outside in a time of teary confession and recommitment to God. All of us, even the most mature believers, felt convicted by God and rejuvenated through repentance. How easily we are consumed by the cares of this world, and yet those cares are the very things that confirm our desperate need for Jesus Christ. With lots of time for quiet and reflection and meditation on the Word, the Lord spoke to each of us uniquely. Two women sensed the Holy Spirit nudging them to return to church (which they did the following Sunday! Praise God!) Others went home to confess to husbands or commit to daily time with the Lord. What a joy to see how living and active the Word is when we are dwelling in Christ.

Women's responses to the weekend:

"I feel so rested but my soul feels very challenged. I would recommend this to everyone!"

"I feel so emboldened for Christ and so energized. This was exponential in terms of growth."





Take a (Challenging, Winter) Hike.

Mount Katahdin, the highest mountain in Maine and final peak on the Appalachian Trail, makes its own weather: Winter-er.

Our Thrive guys led their annual winter ascent up Katahdin last month with nine men. We were delighted to have Craig, our new staff member who is raising support, fly out for the event from Kansas along with four of his friends. Despite the cold, he is still excited to move to Maine and join our team! ☺ Only three of the men made it to the top, which added depth to the discussion about contentment, the topic for the weekend. How can we be content in the midst of disappointment and challenges? How does that relate to our trust in God, and to our own

humility? The chilling weather and the mountain itself provided ample experiential learning when it came to practicing contentment in the face of adversity and limitations.

Jason, one of the hikers, called the experience “a trip of a lifetime... I personally can’t thank you enough.” Another participant wrote a week after the event to say he was still thinking about contentment and how it related to his work and family life.

We pray that these men will cultivate the contentment that the apostle Paul

learned to have in every circumstance through Christ. And we pray that they will lead their families and communities in the pursuit of godliness with contentment, which is “great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6.)

We look forward to hosting Craig and the whole Ketter family when they come to visit us for a week in June. Please pray that they will be diligent in support raising and that the Lord will richly bless their efforts so that they can report full time. We are eager to have them on our team!

Welcome to Thrive Maine!

It is our joy to welcome Keith Jewett to our Thrive Maine team! Keith has been serving with Cru at the University of Maine, where the rest of our team began almost thirty years ago. What a joy it is to see a lifetime of ministry come full-circle! Keith will serve full time with Thrive and will continue to disciple students on campus at UMaine, reconnecting us to college students and to Dan and Joe’s alma mater.

Keith lives in Old Town and hails from western Maine. He has served in ministry for five years and will bring both his youth and his experience to the team. Please pray for his transition, that his current supporters will stay with him, and that we will embrace and train him well. Keith will officially start serving with Thrive in May. We praise God for adding staff to our team. We have need of them all as



we obey God’s calling to build His Kingdom here. Thank you for being part of that mission alongside us. Please consider coming on one of our upcoming events to meet our growing team!