

The Harvester

Thrive Maine

Using the outdoors to help families
follow Christ and leave a legacy of
faith



March-April 2025

Please Pray With Us.

For teammate Jessica and summer intern, Micah, as they train this weekend to get their medical certification for working with Thrive

Please pray for our upcoming Thrive marriage retreat May 22-24: that God would bear a lifetime of fruit in these couples

Pray for our Monday men's hikes and our Thrive at Home event May 6th to offer hope and support and build faith in all who attend

Praise God for new staff Ethan Allen, summer intern, Micah Litchfield, and volunteers Austin and Ellie. Pray for their growth in relationship with our team, those we serve, and in ministry skills

We hope you
had a blessed
Resurrection
Sunday.
He is risen!
Alleluia!



Thrive at Home, Moms!

One of the new outreaches that we are excited to offer is “Thrive at Home”: a training and program that churches can use to build or supplement their own moms’ ministries. As we build the structure and content of this ministry, the goal is to provide a community for moms of all ages to connect, refresh, and grow in faith, applying the Word to their lives and parenting. Jess and I attend the same church, and there has been interest among the moms in our church for this type of event, so we are trying this out among our own friends as we determine how best to serve these women who have such influence on future generations. In the fall, we hope to advertise widely to moms throughout our town, offering a loving, healthy community, wisdom from experienced moms in our church, and godly guidance. As we trouble shoot and establish this ministry, our goal is to “package” what works in the hopes of offering it to other churches, along with annual facilitator training for those women statewide who will lead their ministry or mentor others. Please pray for God’s wisdom and guidance.

A Month in the Life of a Litchfield

May is a big transition month as we empty out and clean our house so that we can rent it while we move to our camp in Clifton. We are pushing hard to finish homeschooling while we pack up our home. God willing we’ll also squeeze in four dance recitals for Aliza, Micah’s 18th birthday and high school graduation, and be able to help Caleb open his shop for the season. A wonderful whirlwind!





Kingdom Building in Costa Rica

“Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’” -Galatians 3:11

“Why have I never heard this?” asked one woman in righteous indignation. She was ready to receive Christ and upset that she had never been told that salvation is by faith and not by works.

Our co-workers, Joe and Angie, were leading a Thrive mission trip for 37 of their church members this month. They partnered with a church in Costa Rica, and the Costa Rican church members, many of whom had taken the week off to evangelize alongside our team,

were encouraged. One woman was especially excited to follow up with her neighbors whom Angie shared Christ with. The whole family put their faith in the Lord, which was an answer to prayer for this Christian neighbor whose house faced their own. At another house, the family eagerly prayed to receive Christ, understanding the Good News for the first time, and they raved, “We’ve been praying for this.”

Our Mainers were surprised to find themselves sharing the gospel in a

place that, due to their Catholic background, had a deeper biblical understanding than New Englanders do. Although our Maine team had hoped to encounter people who knew nothing about Christ, 90% of our mission team had never shared the Gospel. It was great practice for doing so at home in our truly lost and atheistic culture. Praise God for the 24 Costa Ricans who received Him and for lighting a spiritual fire in those from Maine!

Ecclesiastes 2:24 Days

“There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God,” writes Solomon. I am blessed to be the leadership development coordinator for Thrive so I have the privilege of training new staff and interns to do what we do and to love the Lord and our job. Whether teaching about evangelism, spiritual

disciplines, Thrive philosophy, group facilitation, creative program writing, or practicing new ice-breakers, I have the most fun job on staff. Dan has to lead the whole ministry and negotiate policy, and I just get to play with awesome people that I love! In the photo above we even got the staff kids involved as I demonstrated a tried and true activity about boundaries. New Thrive staff have



roughly two years of biweekly training even as they practice ministry in real time. During that time we also pray, confess, and trust God together for the future. I love to see the skills our staff bring to the table and build on those.