



December 9, 2019

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to report that God is amazing! 😊 We are so grateful for His work in our midst this year with the startup of Thrive Adventures. We have been blessed to host marriage retreats, youth adventures, church pastors and leadership teams, business professionals, women's groups, and families. It has been a joy to serve so many communities from all over Maine, both investing in the family of Christ, and sharing the love, truth, and hope of Christ with those who don't yet know Him.

Our role has been to invite people into grace and truth, and to help them apply the Word to their relationships and the events of their everyday lives. At a women's retreat, one woman shared years of buried pain from her past that she was afraid to tell her sisters in Christ about. During a different event, an elder humbly confessed to his fellow church leaders, "I have a plan in my mind of how things should work out and I am not really listening to what others want." Around the campfire in our backyard a student told his peers about how guilty he felt that his Dad abandoned him. On our porch a couple worked through a wall of heartache that had devastated their marriage.

All of these situations face only pain and despair without the hope and help of Jesus Christ. We use outdoor activities to help believers and unbelievers walk with Christ—not just talking about biblical truth, but *practicing* it, and trying to relate to each other in Biblical ways. We want to help groups thrive so that they can reflect Christ in their culture and community.



This year we finished a major reconstruction project on our house, which has been our home-base from which to host groups and minister. Not only do we get to do the outdoor experiential ministry we love, we get to invite groups into our family. Whether tenting in our backyard, eating lobster on the deck, paddling in the brook, or slumber partying in the newly created "game room"... it has been an immense amount of work and a terrific honor to invite groups into our home, guide them on the paths and waterways of this stunning island, and help them practically apply the Word to their lives. We pray that each person who comes through the door encounters Christ.

Between building the house and funding the new ministry, our financial needs have been staggering. We are grateful for God's constant provision through the support of friends, family, and ministry partners. So many people have made this ministry a reality. Looking into the new year, there are additional expenses for purchasing new outdoor equipment like another single kayak, two stand up paddle boards and for traveling to North Carolina for our annual Thrive meeting with our NC and CO teams. We are excited to be on the brink of becoming our own non-profit, but that will include hiring an accountant.

We are grateful for the chance to share these needs with you and ask if you would prayerfully consider helping us by giving a special end of the year gift. **Would you pray about giving a gift of \$500, \$250, \$100 or some other amount to help?**

Thank you so much for considering this request and for being stakeholders in this ministry.

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