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# Harvester

Lifelines, the Outdoor and Experiential Learning Ministry of Cru



## Sumo Wrestling? No; it's Lifelines man games!

"What difference does it make to have someone in the battle with you?" "What in your life are you willing to fight for?" As the student men answered these questions, it became apparent: we are willing to fight for those that we have relationship with. "I know they would fight for me," said one non-believer. It is a privilege to show these men that God has and does fight for them. Ironically, even as we introduced them to our mighty warrior-God (a side rarely mentioned, but aligned to the heart of men,) the spiritual battle was raging for their souls.

### Upcoming events and prayer requests

#### Fall retreat

**Oct 4-6**

For lasting impact for the Dartmouth and PSU students that attended

#### Upcoming trips

**Oct 12-13 PSU**

**hikes**

**Oct 18-19 URI and UNH trips**

**Nov 4-14 Lifelines guide school**

#### The Team

We covet your continued prayers as we raise support and seek the Lord's guidance.

## Rafting with the Boys

Dan and our team had the joy of taking men from UMASS, and students from the BU wrestling team on back to back trips this month.

Both groups were a mix of believers and non-believers. In one boat, Dan

had a great conversation about doubt and belief with the wrestling Captain, who is a new believer, and his Jewish and Atheist teammates. When told that all religions lead to God, Dan clarified, "that in itself is your 'religion,' but it is not what

Christians or Jews or Muslims believe. It would also mean that Jesus didn't need to die. But Jesus asked for another way and there was none," (Mt 26:39.) It surprises

students that Jesus was willing and wanting another way! Given that truth, it is all the more profound that Jesus would choose to follow God's will. You could see the students

processing that for the first time. A seed is sewn...





## Service with a Smile

**“Honestly, I am still pretty blown away. Thank you guys so much. Count on me for glowing endorsement...!” -Cru staff at Boston University, following a Lifelines rafting trip**

**“Call to me and I will answer you,”  
- Jeremiah 33:3**

“Please do away with all forms of prayer that inform or instruct God without offering a moment of expectant silence during which we anticipate hearing from God,” writes James Macdonald. I just finished his Bible study series on “the Vertical Church,” and have been evaluating my own prayer life. I have realized with grateful surprise that God has answered “yes” to so many of my big prayers, but regretfully there are still many things I have not been persistent or fervent in asking for myself. This question convicted and inspired me: “If someone deeply appreciated being given the opportunity to speak regularly and continually with God, how would they behave?” I was startled by my lack of expectancy in prayer, my inattentiveness to His response, and my willingness to pray for others but my negligence in praying for my own needs. How about you? Let us pray.

## A Conversation with Claire

An upperclassmen here at Plymouth State met with my co-worker Claire recently, asking, “I really want to learn about the Bible.” Please pray for Rachel, this not-yet-believer whose heart God is drawing to Himself. We are excited about her and the 14 students that attended our first weekly Cru meeting here! Thanks to your prayers, we have a strong influx of young freshmen with leadership skills, who are meeting weekly to grow spiritually and reach out to their peers. Their energy has rejuvenated the group. God is clearly at work.

## Days to Hold on to

Dan and I are still on the support raising path, but feeling more and more hopeful. Our goal of \$1300 in new monthly support by year-end is a formidable challenge, but nothing too big for God. Meanwhile this month Caleb broke his wrist, Emma landed a role as a narrator in “James and the Giant Peach,” all the kids are playing soccer (including Aliza!) and Micah has a loose tooth. ☺ Hooray for fall!!!

