



Using the outdoors to help students and staff grow in relationship with God, with each other, in character, and in leadership

The Harvester

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Serving the Church

Over the past month we have had the joy of taking a new audience on trips: adults and kids

In August we were grateful for the chance to connect with highschool students on Mount Desert Island, in Maine. As part of a youth group, these teens came rock climbing with us to learn about taking risks both physically and relationally. When asked about taking risks as believers, many agreed that telling their friends that they follow Jesus Christ was the hardest part and that that is where they want to begin. Please pray that they will do so!

Labor Day weekend was another opportunity to serve, as we took 34 local friends and supporters white-water rafting, addressing concepts like communication, vulnerability, teamwork, and staying connected to Christ. It is rare for us to have a chance to serve adults, and it was so fun to get to know these dear ones better and to grow together in Christ. I hope we can make it an annual event and that you will all be able to come some day!!!



Scouting the Magalloway River as a team

Prayer

Every 72 hours there is a terrorist attack in Europe. Please pray that God would use this evil to turn hearts toward Him in dependence and hope.

Please pray, too, for international students here in the U.S. to hear His calling and put their faith in Christ.

On the Horizon

I am trying to keep my eyes trained on Christ as we look toward an adventurous, challenging, and unknown future. We have been asked to build a Lifelines ministry in New Zealand, so our family is moving across the globe in January for the spring semester. We will be joined by the Lovejoys, a Lifelines family in Oregon, that we know and love, and the rest of our team will stay here to carry on the ministry stateside. We will be hosting training schools abroad and working directly with the current Cru staff in the college town of Dunedin, many of whom want to pursue Lifelines full time. Please pray for God to raise the funds we need to go, for His provision of a car and lodging while we are there, and particularly for Him to guide us in starting this new ministry to international college students. This is our first international plant and we are excited and completely dependent on God for it!

In light of this move, our annual Facilitator School will be held in November this year, which I would also covet your prayers for. We will be adding new instructors, and are praying for 24 participants who want to hone their skills in large and small group facilitating and to use experiential learning in ministry, applying the Word to life. If you want to come, we would love to have you!

Email Heather.Litchfield@cru.org to learn more.



Back in Business

This fall we've served Brandeis, UMASS, Bentley, Babson, Wentworth, UMAINE, Boston University...Students from all over the world come on our trips along with the our New England students. This past weekend we had 3 Muslim students, a couple from Japan and a handful from China for an overnight rafting trip. It is great to be in creation, pointing them to the Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. This weekend our team shared the gospel with about 50 students. "God continues to keep coming after me and rescuing me," one student said in evaluation of the trip.

In October we will take UNH, and Plymouth State on trips, and host retreats and training for UMASS and UMAINE. Please pray that God would open the students' hearts and would fill us with His Spirit to boldly proclaim His message.



"Train up a child in the way he should go..."

At the Litchfield House

We are back to homeschooling, soccer, and musicals. Although the days seem long and exhausting, it also feels like we never finish. Why is that? Dan is gone most weekends with rafting trips from Fri-Sunday, but we did get to spend his birthday weekend in Maine hiking and playing games as a family. Our newest after-school projects are adding a rope bridge to the tree fort and preparing entries for the upcoming fair. Dan has been getting in shape and losing weight while I have been busy adding it! It has been a delight to welcome the freshness of fall, my favorite season; I am so grateful that God marks time so beautifully.