



## Thrive Adventures

*So that all may know  
Christ and live like Him*



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# The Harvester



## Prayer Requests

Please pray that God would raise up more staff for our three teams. Pray for someone with media/videography skills to join our team, and also for our new staff, the Ketters, to reach their full support goal.

Please pray for our upcoming parenting adventures and for our new programs with retirees this month. We are also doing activities with our co-op and are hosting a youth retreat. May God bear fruit through it all.

## Parenting Adventures

Inspired by our new staff member, Shawna Ketter, we have begun offering parenting adventures for moms and kids at various locations around the island. The goal is to give moms the chance to play with their kids, connect with other moms, grow in godly parenting, and invite non-believing friends. We gather and hike a short way to a beach. Then our teens watch the kids while we take 20 minutes with the moms to do a game or learning activity with a discussion based on themes like “Envisioning the goal,” and “The power of words.” This week, moms built sand castles while blindfolded (pictured, left) and were given negative then positive comments as they did so. The ensuing discussion about how we speak to our own kids brought up raw emotion. One mom admitted that she does not enjoy mothering and does not think she is good at it. Others confessed harsh phrases they find themselves repeating. It was encouraging to consider what we *want* our kids to hear from us, to share Scripture we want to speak into our kids, and to pray for each other. July events will address *living in Grace & Truth* and *letting go of guilt*.



*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.*

-Psalm 37:5

## How Does it Work?

Last week we were blessed to serve long-time friends and supporters who came up from PA with a group of friends to stay at our home and go on a Thrive kayaking adventure. The first evening, around the campfire, we talked through “The State of My Soul Wheel”—a tool developed by Asheville co-worker, Peter Ivy. “Do you create all your own material?” asked one guest. The answer is “yes and no.” We do create tools and material as the Lord leads, and we develop our own programs to bring out Biblical truths. However, many of our activities are borrowed from others. The ideas we discuss come from God’s Word or the labors of other Christian authors and psychologists. We do not create new concepts as much as we help put Biblical concepts to practice. We use experiences to point people to Christ and apply the Word to our lives. We plant or water, and God, in His grace, makes it grow. Thank you for praying with us.

## Family Affairs

Summer is in full swing here on the island. Aside from Thrive, we recently hosted a co-op fun night that drew about 60 people to our home for games and fellowship. We will host another in July. Aliza just finished attending a three-day ministry training with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Caleb is working away on my in-laws’ farm this summer. Micah has been helping with the Thrive events and building the camp with Dan on our free days as part of a summer construction class (and because we need the help!) The roof is on and we hope to use it for ministry this winter. Emma just turned seventeen and is working in retail in Bar Harbor. She is also helping watch kids during our parenting adventures—one of her gifts. I’m reading Jerry Bridges, “The Discipline of Grace.” I highly recommend it! We all wish you a wonderful summer!!

