



The Harvester

Guiding people to Christ and the abundant life

Thrive Adventures

March 2019

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1st day of
Spring!



Becoming non-profit

"The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." Proverbs 16:9

How true. We started off hoping to forgo some of the work involved in starting and running a non-profit, so teamed up with Global Service Network. But being denied a critical National Forest permit for the Asheville team has us reevaluating. These permits can't benefit a third party, and we, as subcontractors of GSN, are considered a third party. As a result, we've made Thrive a legal entity, allowing us to get the permit—and by God's grace just in time to run a planned trip! Now we are filling out the paperwork to be a non-profit. Our support is still running through GSN and we will keep evaluating what makes the most sense as we go along. Please pray for this process.

A race, a hike, a life of action

A church friend recently shared something profound: We do not start a race and congratulate ourselves on having crossed the starting line. We do not stop running. We press on to the end—set our sights on the finish line—and only collect the prize once we've crossed it.

When my ten-year old hikes, she begins with a burst of energy, which wanes to a dejected, foot-dragging crawl within the first half mile. With some encouragement and tugging, water breaks, and assurance, she rallies a bit. Finally she breaks through the trees and sees the peak, then races exuberantly ahead of us all. What a triumph! Her enthusiasm is unmatched.

We run the race of life much like that. Too often we are resting on the side of the trail drinking Gatorade or complaining about the terrain. And, today, most people are unaware that there is even a race going on. Thrive exists to set others on course and urge them to run with us!

The Prayers of the Saints

Every Monday morning at 6am our Thrive team is committed to praying for the ministry. We are well aware that apart from Christ, we can do nothing. This ministry, the fruit, the funding, even our service and faith are all by God's grace. Would you join us in praying through the month of April for Thrive and for the growth of God's Kingdom? I have included a prayer calendar on the back. We praise God for you!

April Prayer Requests

	1 For our staff team to be faithful, courageous, and devoted to God	2 For our teammates Joe & Angie to reach full financial support	3 For our non-profit status to be approved	4 For the men that Dan & Joe meet with weekly to help them lead spiritually	5 For an accountant to help us keep financial records	6 For groups to come who want to grow personally & in Biblical community
7 For dying churches to be revitalized	8 For our home to reflect the heart of God to all who enter	9 For wisdom as we plan the marriage adventure in June	10 For the Thrive activities at our church youth night to draw kids to Christ	11 For the 36 kids at co-op in my Spiritual Formation class to walk with God	12 For God to use our staff team in Asheville, NC to make an impact on that city	13 For God to use us to lead our neighbors and community to Him
14 For the church to be faithful witnesses, sharing the Gospel	15 For ministry gear: paddle boards, tents, and rafts	16 For God to open partnerships with local hotels & eateries for our groups	17 For summer opportunities to reach the hundreds of internationals who work and visit here	18 For God to use us to help church bodies grow in character, witness, & relationship	19 For our friends in New Zealand as they share the DNA of Thrive	20 For safety for all on our outdoor adventures
21 For believers' hearts to be filled and renewed by gratitude	22 For wisdom in providing appropriate learning experiences for all ages	23 That our team would be connected, humble, and depending on God	24 For participants to give their hearts and rededicate their lives to Christ	25 For insight in how to reach and strengthen families to God's glory	26 For God to show us how to effectively share what we do (to publicise)	27 For our weekend warrior program to continue offering experiences
28 For the Body of Christ to live in grace and truth	29 For our kids healthy involvement in ministry with us so we can serve as a family	30 For God to use us to build godly, healthy communities locally & worldwide	<p><i>"I wanted to say thanks for the trip. I have had my fair share of the Christian centered outdoor experience and I have never encountered something like Thrive. You guys have figured something out about how to meet people where they are..."</i></p> <p>-Asher</p>			