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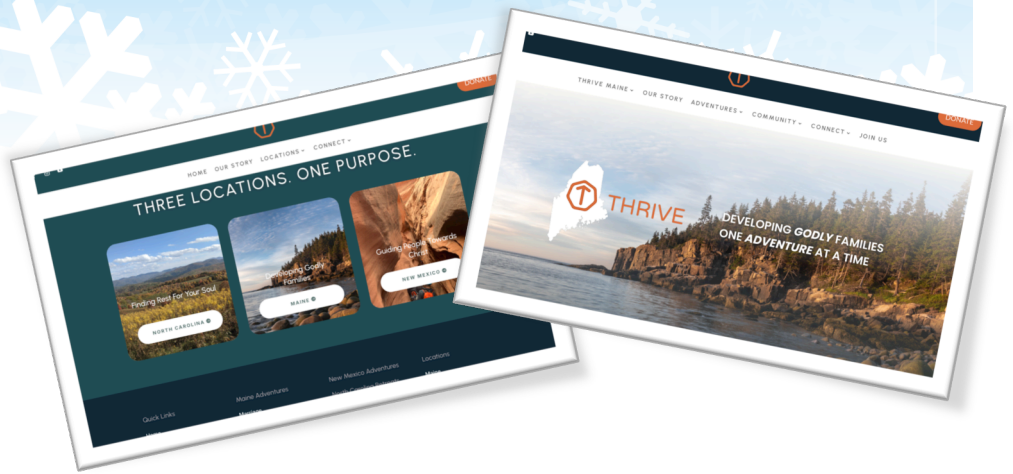
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Harvester

Dan & Heather Litchfield serving with Thrive Maine

Uber Evangelism

A white car with heavily tinted windows, skeleton stickers, and a thumping base pulled up to the curb. Hesitantly, I slid inside. Over the next hour as John, our young driver, wound through traffic, we discovered he had just lost his Dad and was now helping support his mother and grandmother. Grieving and overwhelmed with responsibility and expenses, they were considering a move to Nevada. When I shared my story of losing my Dad in my thirties, and how I took solace in God, he was attentive. He was agnostic by default, having never known anything of Jesus and never having heard the Gospel that Dan described. And when I pulled my Bible out of my backpack and offered it to him, he accepted it like it was gold. He and his family had never owned a Bible before and he promised to read it. As we prayed together over him at the end of the drive he was visibly shaken, "God knew I needed to take this trip tonight. I needed this." Now as I read my new Bible, I pray for John that one day I will meet him again in eternity.



Praise God! New Website!

www.ExperienceThrive.org

We are so excited to introduce Thrive's newly renovated website! Shawna has done an incredible job capturing what we do and making the site engaging and professional. We would love you to visit us online and see how user friendly the site is to navigate, register for trips, donate to the ministry, and learn about what we offer in each of our three locations. With Shawna at the helm, we are excited to add photos and videos and upcoming opportunities, making Thrive more accessible to all. We envision a day when we can also post free resources for people to use at home or in their church.

Prayer Requests

Feb 15-16

Youth retreat for a church in Augusta on "Growing in Godliness." Pray for unity & faith

Feb 19-20

Men's Katahdin ascent focused on "Leadership in the Home". Pray for safety & growth

Family

Pray for the start up of family expeditions and moms' groups in coming months

You are Invited!

Interested in growing deeper or reconnecting in your marriage? March 21-23 attend the “Journey to Oneness” Marriage Retreat.

Or parents, consider joining your teen in making lifetime memories and an eternal impact Nov 1-7 as we host a parent-teen mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Find out more online!

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Who's Who in Thrive

Alongside our work in the field, a number of those on our Maine team hold national roles in Thrive. Dan is president, Jess learning the financial manager role, and I am the Leadership Development director. This month, Shawna Ketter has agreed to be our Media Director! Shawna is extremely talented and is an answer to years of prayer.

Start-Ups, by Faith

In a recent visit with a friend, her two year old probably said her name 200 times. This amazing, in-demand mom was exhausted and just needed someone to give her permission to take 15 minutes to herself, guilt-free. “How do I make time for that?” was the obvious next question. I am surrounded by moms with young kids who struggle with the same question. Another friend recently confessed in tears that she snaps at her kids in aggravation. These moms adore their children and love the Lord. How do they apply biblical truths in their parenting when they don’t have enough alone time to hear God’s voice? How do they make that time? Thrive is currently developing tools for churches to use in building mom’s ministries to serve their own moms and to reach the community where non-believing moms have even greater challenges without the direction of the Lord. Likewise we are beginning family expeditions where families will meet together periodically for fun, growth, and accountability as they aim to live purposefully for Christ for a year. Please pray for God’s guidance as we plan and begin these events.

Litchfield Life

Meet “Champ”— our ten week old addition! ☺ Despite Dan and I coaching basketball and Micah being in playoffs at another school, and Aliza taking up violin, and me starting up a new round of teaching classes at our co-op, we have all joyfully made time to be on “puppy duty” during the day to make sure our new Cavalier Spaniel is well guarded! He is tiny and adorable and has won our hearts and is (almost) house trained! While adding more is not the recommended way to rest, we agree that he has taught us to stop and enjoy life!

