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Lifelines, Campus Crusade for Christ



Women's overnight

I smothered a giggle. Amanda and I were huddled in the dirt under the cabin, sneaking up on the students. I hadn't done this since I was a kid! In many ways, that is what the women's retreat was about: delight and rest. Earlier I had given a talk about Sabbath, something Dan and I are learning a lot about. "It should be the day you most look forward to," I offered. It is also meant to be a time of gratitude. In response, the students wrote letters of gratitude to people in their lives and wrapped up the weekend in prayer at the foot of a wooden cross overlooking the Connecticut River valley. "Lord, thanks for being patient with me. I know now that you are here for me," prayed Desi. Please pray that she will soon receive Christ!

Leslie, a new Sister!

A few trips ago Leslie was not looking for God. In fact, she could have cared less. But now, after the fall getaway and a hike, and a number of good conversations, she is turning her heart toward Him. Recently she wrote Amanda an email asking her how she could have God in her life. Amanda joyfully responded and led Leslie in a prayer of repentance and faith.

Wow! God is good!! Now

Leslie wants to come to Guatemala with Lifelines during Spring Break. The tickets will be bought this week. Please pray for her parents, who are resistant to her new faith and to the trip, and for God to protect this new believer from the evil one as she grows in response to His call on her life.

Please pray with us!

Staff Preview

Nov 5-7

This conference is an introduction and invitation to join the ministry of CCC. One UVM student will join 80 others from the region.

Monthly meeting

Nov 5, Dec 4

We have designed this as a time to build unity, identity and vision. Pray to fill the room.

World Awareness

Nov 11-12

We erect tents on campus, presenting God's heart for social justice, offering opportunities to help.

This month a UVM student killed himself. Please pray for his family. Might we remember the **urgency** and **hope** of the message we profess.



Leadership Challenge

Seven students have answered our challenge to leadership. These men and women have committed to greater ownership of the ministry and are seeking younger students they can mentor. *Two of them (left) have a pillow fight at our harvest party.*

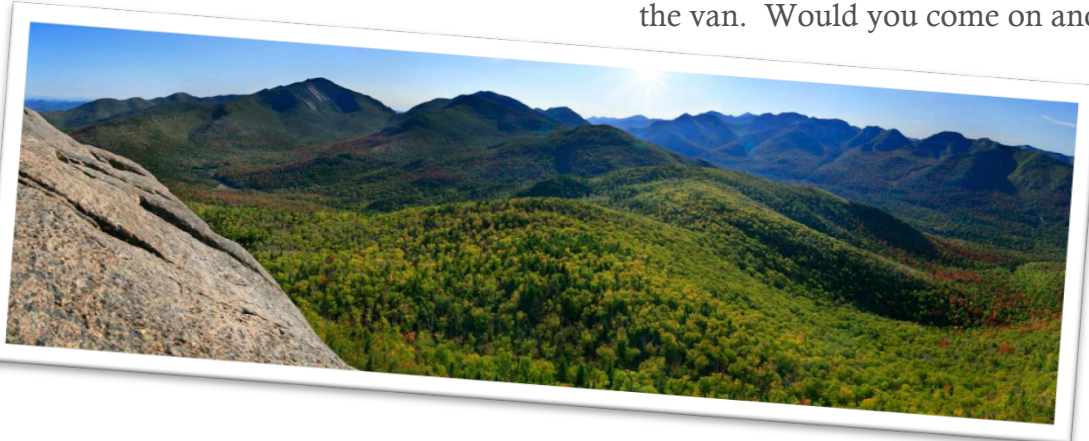
Ravi Zacharias Speaks

Our staff men attended a conference at Yale that confirmed the direction we've been going. UVM students care deeply about social justice, yet they have a worldview that doesn't support it. If there is no right or wrong, then why care about others? That is where we can challenge students today: to consider the One who writes morality onto the heart. Many of our activities, from outdoor programs on morals to social justice mission trips point to this. We pray that our upcoming world awareness village will further reveal the Light on campus.



Men's 24-Hour Hike "The Great Range"

Well, it actually took the guys just 22 hours to complete it. Dan and Gabe led seven students on the hike of their life, past the point of exhaustion and beyond what they felt themselves capable of. Not only did they hike around the clock, but they also hit seven of the Adirondack's high peaks (over 4,000 feet) and broke trail through snow that was at times waist deep. Why? Good question. Er, I mean... to cause a deeper dependence on God and to produce male bonding; to challenge students to real manliness, rather than to the world's "drink you under that table" manliness; to allow student men to discover their God-given strength and to build in them perseverance, which produces character and hope. Was it worth it? A resounding yes. Would you do it again? NO. Favorite moment? Sighting the van. Would you come on another Lifelines trip?



Undoubtedly. God was present in the dark, in the sunrise, in the fatigue... please pray that these men would invite His Presence into their lives.