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Lifelines, the outdoor and experiential learning ministry of Cru



*This bear wears a
kids' size 13 shoe!*

New Beginnings

We made it. On Wednesday we closed on our house and while Dan rejoiced, I cried! That afternoon we left behind a month of moving, cleaning and tearful good-byes and drove back to our rustic cabin in Rumney, New Hampshire, for good. The road to our new home has been paved with both uncertainty and blessing. A team of new friends from the Gateway Alliance church in Plymouth met our U-haul to unload us into storage and feed us, and the Rumney Bible Conference Center has generously provided lakeside lodging for us as we search for a house! We have been welcomed with kindness everywhere, including by four home school families with kids our children's ages. God daily demonstrates His care and provision.

Prayer Requests for our Women's Expedition

9 women

for staff and students attending that we would soak up and apply God's lessons to our lives

Acadia, Maine

to be awed by and enamored with the Lord, and to learn to live as children of the promise.

June 15-25

Would you pray for us each of these days? For safety on our activities, for growth, and for sun!

Teammates

The picture below is of our family with new teammates Chip and Claire Faulkner. This winter they moved from their assignment on staff in New Zealand back to the states to work with Lifelines and they arrived the day we did for a three day vision trip. Though it was our first time together, it felt like we had known each other for ages, exploring in the rain and eating spaghetti in our little cabin. They found an apartment while they were here and will move in at the end of July after serving on the Lifelines Rocky Mountain Project in Colorado this summer. We can't wait!



He is greatly to be praised.

We have tasted and seen that the Lord is good as He confirms His direction on this new adventure.

Steph and Ryan make their move

It is a tremendous joy to be working with friends Steph and Ryan Bethel, who are joining our team from UMaine where they have been on staff with Lifelines. Steph came to Christ through Lifelines as a student while we were on staff at UMaine and Heather had the privilege of discipling her, so it is doubly exciting to serve alongside them now. They are moving in this weekend to a house in Rumney with their son Jack.

Our new office

God has granted us an office space in the barn abutting Steph and Ryan's apartment. The barn once housed an antiques store so half of it is renovated for office space with a large area for groups, and the rest is dry storage where we can house all our gear, and it is just minutes from a premier rock climbing site. What a blessing!

Live Free or Die

For those who don't know, this is New Hampshire's motto and our kids are taking it seriously as they romp around the cabin and through the woods searching for the bear that made its tracks in our driveway, catching salamanders at the lake and observing the goslings and deer. Emma has adopted a groundhog, Mabel. Even Simba, our cat, has joined the action; He's already caught six mice in the cabin. ☺ We feel like pioneers!

Upcoming Events

June will be devoted to planning for and leading the Acadia Women's Expedition with an attempt to pick back up with home schooling. Dan goes to Florida June 12-13 for a risk-management meeting with Crusade's world leaders concerning Lifelines' safety and insurance, and I will leave the next day for the expedition where we will be addressing and applying the promises of God through outdoor adventures like hiking, rock climbing, biking and sea kayaking.



Please pray for Heather's Dad, whose lung cancer has returned and is in his lymph nodes from his neck to his chest.

Please continue to pray for our family's transition. Although it has gone well, Aliza still wakes up in the night begging to "go home."