

October 2014



The Harvester

Dan & Heather Litchfield

Lifelines Cru

God, Science and Creation

“This was the best lecture all year!” – Vanessa, meteorology major and brand new believer

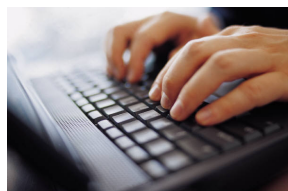
At our Wednesday night meeting here at Plymouth State a guest speaker from the Ravi Zacharias Ministries clarified that science seeks to explain the mechanism of life as we know it but it does not explain or nullify the agent of life, which is God. “Everyone was on a God high,” said our co-worker Rebecca, “it was so good to hear Jesus talked about lovingly and intelligently.” The 25 students who attended comprised our largest group yet. Please pray for open minds and hearts when he returns next week!



Keely, Rebecca, Heather, Dan and Mark

Meet the team

We are excited to announce the impending arrival of Mark and Hannah Manning, new staff from Georgia who will be moving here this week (yippee!) and the growing support for Keely Sawyer who will join us when she has 100 % of her funding! Praise God!



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October: Trip or Retreat

This month has been fun and full, beginning with a rock climbing trip with students from MIT, which addressed “the crux” – pivotal times in students’ lives. In rock climbing when they hit the crux of the climb, how did it challenge them? The debrief then turned to questions about life and about Jesus, the vital turning point in a Christian’s life. MIT Cru students had purposely brought non-believing friends on this trip to engage them in such a discussion.

Other highlights include a mini retreat for PSU students, and a rock climbing trip for UNH students which was actually initiated by Colleen, a student who attended our women’s expedition in Acadia this past summer. In the middle of the month, Mark and Brenda Brown, the Lifelines national director came to visit and connect with our staff. Mark and Brenda both are passionate and decisive, but they also demonstrate true servant leadership. It was a treat to have them here.

Amidst this, Dan and our co-worker, Steph, have been preparing to lead our backcountry guide school for Lifelines staff this Nov 14-22. Please pray for that upcoming event and for our annual staff conference that follows on Nov 22-25.

We really sense that God is moving in the Northeast. Thank you for your prayers and part in that. You are a tremendous encouragement and we know that your prayers pave the road before us.

With love and gratitude,
Dan and Heather

Col 1:17

“Busy” is not a virtue

Last week I co-led our Mom’s Connect ministry at church, speaking about balance in life (Ha!) Dan and I had actually been talking a lot about how life has become busy and we Americans take pride in our busyness. If you ask someone how they are today, rather than saying “fine,” the common response is “busy.” I was compelled to warn moms against this. No one ever says of someone, “I just love her: she’s so busy.” No! We adore people because they are kind-hearted or generous or understanding, and it is our busyness that keeps us from being those kinds of people. The Bible never says, “Be busy and know that I am God.” In fact, busyness keeps us from knowing the Lord, too. Balance comes when we put God first. When we ride a bicycle we don’t find our balance by staring at the pedals and we don’t determine when to turn by looking at the handlebars. We get both balance and direction by looking up. In the same way, I need Jesus to set my course and help me find balance in my life. Now, if we can just put it to practice!

Dan’s marathon

On October 19 Dan ran 26.2 miles in under 5 hours in the MDI marathon. My hero! Don’t expect the same performance when I turn 40... ☺

