

The Harvester

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Mission

To create life-giving experiences so that all may know Christ, live like Him, and bear fruit for His glory

Vision

A world where the Gospel is being experienced



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Travel and Transition

As a parachurch organization, our ministry often looks very different from the work of a pastor, but this month has proven to be an exception. Dan and I have both spoken at churches across the state in the past few weeks, and Dan had the opportunity to give the sermon at our church on Mother's Day. Sadly, we have also had the privilege of leading the graveside service for my aunt and will be doing another service next week for my other aunt. I continue to disciple college age women, talking and praying them through current relational issues and pointing them back to the Word. Our whole family has gotten involved by giving presentations about our Panama mission trip and hosting our team cook-out two nights ago.



Even so, we have had a rare retreat-free month, which has offered space for prom, dance recital, finishing homeschool, driving Emma home from school in Ohio, moving out of our house to rent it for summer income, helping kids apply for summer jobs, and Micah getting his license. 😊 Dan is currently hanging the ceiling in our camp basement to better host upcoming retreats from this summer location. Our camp (aka the Pond House) will be a hotbed of activity for guests and retreats in the coming months so we are trying to make it as accommodating as possible!

Adding Harvesters

Dan or I are usually on every retreat, but this month Joe and Keith led the Thrive weekend father-son canoe trip without us. Our desire is for our team to grow so we can offer more trips, serve more groups, and rotate staff so everyone gets some time off. We are thrilled that Jess, who attended a women's retreat this winter, has begun the application process to join our team and that the Ketter family is house searching to move here in the next two months. Please pray for them all as they raise support and make the move to join us. Praise God, too, that two of our part time staff are transitioning to more full time work with Thrive!

June Prayer Calendar

Thank you for upholding God’s mission in Maine through prayer.

<p><i>Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. -Colossians 4:2</i></p>				1 Pray for God to cause revival in Maine	2 Pray for the state-wide Armor Bearers weekend Thrive is helping lead	3 Pray for Thrive’s evangelism training for our church and others
4 Pray for our Panama mission team to continue to share Christ	5 Pray for a home for the Ketters and for their move to Maine & Thrive	6 Pray for the college students we disciple to love & serve God	7 Pray for discernment in creating a Thrive internship program	8 Pray for churches across Maine that need pastors	9 Pray for Maine christian teens for firm faith and to live on mission	10 Pray for our teams to abide in Christ & be grounded in Truth
11 Pray for God to bear fruit through Thrive events and retreats	12 Pray for compassion for the lost and boldness in sharing the Gospel	13 Pray for our Asheville, NC team as they serve their city	14 Pray for Maine legislators to make godly decisions	15 Pray for wisdom in planning new mission trips	16 Pray that we will be intentional about reaching out to our neighbors	17 Pray for insight in witnessing to the GLBTQ community
18 Pray that we will be able to serve & enliven struggling churches	19 Pray for God to raise up staff to join our New Mexico team	20 Pray for protection as we lead outdoor adventures	21 Pray for more media and operations personnel for Thrive	22 Pray for Christian marriages to honor God and grow in love & commitment	23 Pray for our marriage retreat & the couples attending this weekend	24 Pray for God’s work & our wisdom in building up God-fearing families in Maine
25 Pray for direction & unity among our three teams nationally	26 Pray for our leadership and rest & renewal retreats to be spiritually lifegiving	27 Pray that God would open the hearts of the lost across New England	28 Pray for our individual teams to love each other as a family, reflecting Christ	29 Pray for our new staff to finish support raising and be freed to fully serve	30 Pray for our perseverance in serving, for our spiritual zeal and that we would live gratefully	