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# Harvester

Lifelines CRU

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## Praise the Lord!

Not only did we make it through this hectic season of ministry; we also made it through soccer season, Halloween, emceeding our region's Preview Weekend, and two months of home schooling! It all feels like a major accomplishment right now. Currently we are preparing to leave tomorrow for our regional staff conference; then we come home to the holidays. This break in our schedule marks the first real opportunity we will have to work on our new house (we will be tearing down wallpaper the day after Thanksgiving, I am sure.) It also gives us time to begin a new and exciting adventure... adoption. We'll be sending a letter out soon to share more about that. Our plan is to adopt siblings from Colombia. Yippee! Yikes! Wow. ☺

## What's cooking for Lifelines staff nation-wide

Last week marked our first annual Guide School for 14 Lifelines staff and volunteers from across the country. Although our staff are proficient gospel ministers, there is a need to improve our outdoor skills and professionalism as recreational guides. In an effort to bring staff up to speed, we hosted an 8-day training on backpacking, navigation, search and rescue, Lifelines standard operating procedures, and more.

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“pray without ceasing...” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

### For Rebecca

Our newest staff member is in CA raising support and will join us in January.

### PSU students

Boldness, faith and compassion for Ed, Sarah, Meghan & Ben as they follow and reflect Christ

### Our witness

That as a family we would walk with the Lord and be a light to our new neighbors & friends



# Service, Salvation and Supper

## Service

Student Venture, CRU's high school ministry, sent their student leaders from Boston on a Lifelines overnight, canoeing and rock climbing while they learned leadership skills like putting others before oneself. Here, Ryan starts a high-schooler on a traverse. They hope to return with non-believers in March.



## Salvation

"It struck, in a way that simply explaining why others needed Christ, and how important it is to share with others, wouldn't hit. It was very eye opening!" said a student from UMASS. Dan and our teammates, Chip and Claire, led the fall retreat for UMASS, teaching and running programs to help students experience the gospel in a fresh way.

## Supper

They hiked, they canoed, they did learning activities... and then they came to our house for supper. We enjoyed hosting Yale's weekend retreat this October. Our programs for them focused on busyness and putting things before God – a real problem for a studious Yale undergrad! It has been fun working with both believers and non-believers from across the region.



## Survival *(continued from page 1)*

Though the schedule was grueling, alternating between class time and field experiences, and wrapping up with oral and practical exams, the staff left Guide School feeling far more equipped to take people into the back country. We intend to offer future schools for flat and white water, group facilitating, and winter practices. It is a great way to measure people's ability and to move them toward a higher level of competency as guides who use the outdoors to draw people to Christ.

