the Harvester

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Thrive National Conference

This month we drove down to North Carolina to meet with our teammates from Asheville and New Mexico. This annual event was virtual last year, so it felt especially hopeful and encouraging to be together again. We missed Maine teammate Jenn, and our new staff family, the Ketter's, who are raising support, and New Mexico director, Adam's, wife and kids, but we were delighted to welcome 7 month old Rosemary on the Asheville team and to connect with the rest of our beloved staff family! Days of prayer, playing, and planning with faithful, capable, devoted friends refreshed us all. God has restored our confidence in His good purpose and power.

Please pray for God's heart-changing work

Parenting Hikes
June 21, 29
Please pray for fellowship, evangelism, and growth in godly parenting for moms & kids who attend

Kayaking Trips
June 4, 28
8th graders at a Christian school and then adult couples on the 28th focused on bonding with God & others

Marriage Retreat
June 24-26
Pray that God will bring 4-5 couples, and that He will renew a lasting love for Him and for each other

Graduation!

He did it! Caleb was one of nine who participated in the graduation ceremony at our co-op on May 15th. As he sauntered down the aisle, I was struck by the realization he is ready, and he needs to leave and become what God intends. But, we are all really going to miss him. Caleb is working in southern Maine on the family farm for the summer and then leaving for Cedarville University in Ohio in August. Please pray for him as he navigates God's will for his future. He is half-hearted about college, believing it to be the best next step, but unenthusiastic about more classes. Please pray that God gives him clear direction and courage to follow Him whole-heartedly.

Clockwise:
Peter, Adam, Abby, and the Cousins rafting in Asheville. Yes, we raft at our conferences too! ☺

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
-1 Jn 4:12

Asking for Laborers in the Harvest

One of the first things we do at our national conference is to share how the year has been personally, on the home front. We do this because we believe that people matter most, and that includes our staff. Later we share ministry ideas and celebrate the work God has done, and dream together for the future. But if our staff are not personally growing with the Lord, thriving in their marriages, relationships, parenting, character, etc. then they will not have the energy, joy, or resources for serving, and will not be effective in the field. Plus, we love them, and we want them to thrive! A big concern that we addressed was the lack of staff and how that wears on our teams. Adam is currently solo in New Mexico, and his family is struggling with having moved during an isolating Covid year. And Peter and Abby have been praying for staff for three years, especially urgent now that Abby is a mom too. Lack of staff affects our capacity and enthusiasm for ministry, and is a real need. Please pray with us for God to fill up these teams.

A Blast From the Past

On our way home we stayed with former Lifelines teammates, John and Kelly Kidd. John is now the youth pastor at a Presbyterian church and is a member of Thrive's advisory board. Kelly works with Bridges, a ministry of Cru. Our families have not been together for years, but everyone—kids included— picked up where we left off, with long talks into the night, robust games of volleyball, and ice cream and jeep rides. A sweet ending to our trip!

A Family Heartache

We are sad to've had to put down our sweet kitty-boy, Simba, this month. He has been our fluffy companion, living in three states and adapting through four moves and the addition of children, and inserting himself in the middle of the party for all our Lifelines and Thrive events. He has been Emma's bed-mate for the past 13 years and is deeply missed.