

The Harvester

Lifelines, the Outdoor & Experiential Ministry of Cru



Narrow is the road and few find it

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” - Matthew 7:13-14

As our family enters into foster care we are bumping up against a dark world of abuse and neglect, cheating and lying, imprisonment and hopelessness. By God’s grace we have lived in safety and security, aware of this evil only through what we are told, rather than through experience. Now, for the first time, we are

witnessing it, and the need for Christ is clearer than ever. When a person leaves a path in the woods and gets lost, they tend to just get more lost. As believers, you and I are the guides leading people along or back to that path. Might we be a light along the journey.

Support

Dan and I continue to raise support, but without much result. Please pray for our perseverance and for the Lord’s provision in contacts and funds.

Foster Care

Joseph and Anastacia have joined our family. Please pray for their transition, their mom’s growth and for their reunification with her.

Students & Staff

Please pray for faith to flame among students throughout the Northeast. Pray too for the Lifelines staff who are teaching and being trained at our Guide School in Oregon Nov 4-14.



New Faith

“If there is only one God, why does Jesus live in so many people’s bellies?” asked Aliza during our morning devotional. “You mean, how can Jesus live in everyone’s hearts at the same time?” I rephrased. It was a great question from my four year old. After taking some time to explain, six-year old Micah asked his sister if she wanted to receive Christ in that way. “Yes!” Aliza replied. Before I could explain what to do, she had bowed her head and was praying aloud for Jesus to be her Savior.

While we rejoiced on earth, the angels held their own heavenly party. I thank God for choosing these children to be his own. Thank you for your prayers for our students and family.

A Houseful of Hooligans 😊

Last Monday we got a call at 10am concerning the placement of two foster care children. By 4:30, Joseph, age 4, and Anastacia, age 3, were in our home with two outfits apiece, a toothbrush, and a whole lot of anger. Lying, stealing, and screaming are their ways of life. In our home they are discovering boundaries and consequences for the first time in their lives. As you can imagine, it has been challenging for us all. Writing on the walls, running toward the street, and cutting computer cords have slowly been replaced with laughter and campfires and flashlight

tag. These two broken kids are finally beginning to cry and grieve rather than fight.

“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.” Please pray in accord with these words from Titus 3:3-5 that Christ’s love and mercy will be revealed to them in us.

The World Comes to New Hampshire

This past month students from Brazil, China, Korea, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and India – international students attending the University of Rhode Island – encountered a different kind of peace in Creation. Our team spent the weekend guiding these future world leaders on fall foliage and waterfall hikes, all based on the theme of “the journey.” On the hikes and around the campfire, they discussed their journeys to America and in life in general, and how the Christian life is a journey of

following Jesus. Believers and non-believers engaged through questions like Prathmesh’s, a Hindu student who asked why there were two Gods: Jesus and God. The conversations may have been inspired by our staff’s questions, but they were continued well beyond the “program” through the obvious work of the Holy Spirit. Please pray that the seeds planted here will grow and bear eternal fruit in the lives of these students who will return home as leaders in their countries.