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Dan & Heather Litchfield, serving with Thrive Adventures



Dare2Share in Ellsworth

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” –John 10:10

On October 10th we hosted our first teen evangelism conference in partnership with local churches and the Dare2Share organization. Students from Downeast and southern Maine came together to worship God, pray for the lost, be trained in how to witness, and then practice sharing the love of Christ in the community. God brought together an amazing band, a student from UMaine who shared his testimony, and we even had a live phone call with students in NH to encourage and pray for each other. Please pray that their enthusiasm for Christ and His message will bear fruit.

Praise the Lord!

Our Asheville, NC co-worker and Ops Director, Abby, gave birth to their first child, little Rosemary Oct 9th!!

We have had many interviews with potential new Thrive staff this month. Please pray they will join us. ☺

35 students from across Maine came to share their faith at Dare2Share. It is a start! Let’s pray for many more in 2021.

Preach the Word

In the afternoon, the students poured out of the conference and into the streets and shops of Ellsworth to give away hand-made masks and thank you notes with hand sanitizer to locals and businesses, all in the hopes of loving as Jesus did and beginning spiritual conversations that might lead to the Gospel and changed lives.

Students took huge steps of faith and came back electrified, eager to tell their story of who they met and what conversations they had. Many got to talk about faith, pray with those they met, or share the Gospel.

Although no one that moment received Christ, seeds were planted around town, and took root in the lives of the students. They also texted lost friends and set up meetings to share their faith. Pray for these emerging leaders!





Climbing Kids

A few weeks ago Dan and our co-worker, Joe, led rock climbing trips for the 5th and 7th graders at Penobscot Christian School. The kids experienced and discussed trust, courage, and faith while enjoying God’s creation. Most of the kids had never climbed outside before. Many came overly-confident, looking at the rock and thinking it wouldn’t be hard. Then when their turn came, fear and difficulty set in. How like life that is! Everything looks easy until we try it. Walking with Christ seems like it should be simple for someone else, and we scoff at the inability of others, until it is our turn.

But the kids persisted; no matter how many times they fell, most kept at it, and the elation on their faces at triumphantly reaching the top of the cliff was radiant.

I can’t help but think that that is how we will enter the Kingdom of God. We may be scratched up, having fallen over and over, but throughout it all, God held us, just like the kids were held by Dan or Joe at the end of the rope. And when we make it to the top, what a view! Our bruises won’t matter in the face of God’s glory. Take heart!



Back to Basics

This month we had the joy of guest speaking at Cru’s weekly meeting for Boston college students. We spoke about grace and truth in relationship with God and with others—a staple of the ministry of Thrive and of Lifelines, the Cru ministry we served with for over 20 years. It was such fun to join the Boston Cru team via zoom, some of whom we haven’t seen since starting Thrive 3 years ago. And, it was a delight to teach the 50 students from universities all over the city, hailing from countries around the world.

Thank you so much for your prayers, which have both compelled and sustained us through the uncertainties of Covid this summer and through this exhausting but fruitful fall season. We have reached more people with the Gospel, invested in bigger communities, and served more churches than ever before. The only explanation for that is that God is moving. Thank you to all who have prayed for us, given financially, visited, made masks, and participated in live or zoom events. Your faith stimulates our own. We pray for you every week. Please email us with any specific prayer requests. Dan@Thriveadventures.org