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DAN'S UPDATE ON MINISTRY THEOLOGY

A Ministry of Grace and Truth

George Washington Carver is famous for inventing 100's of products made from peanuts such as cosmetics, dyes, paints, plastics, gasoline and nitroglycerin. He was born a slave but through God's grace became a college professor. He recounts one night asking God to show him the mysteries of the universe. "This is too big for you and is only for me to know," he believed God was telling him. So he asked God to show him the secrets of the peanut, which God granted. He spent the next couple of weeks

in his lab where he credits God with his great success.

What does this story have to do with Lifelines? Well it reminds me that God has given us some great secrets but not all of them. One of the things Lifelines does best is create a Grace and Truth environment for spiritual growth to take place for both Christians and non-Christians. 1 John 1:5-10 talks about walking in the light, fellowship, truth, forgiveness. These are things people need to experience, not just hear. We challenge students to be vulnerable

with each other and to walk in the light - not hiding from God or others. As they take a risk to do this and are met with grace (acceptance) and truth they experience hope just like the Biblical woman at the well did (John 4.) We help students learn the value of speaking the truth in love such as in evangelism with their non-Christian friends and family. John 1:19 says, "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." We pray that Jesus Christ is revealed through Lifelines and through the grace and truth environment that we strive to create on each trip and on campus.

PLEASE MINISTER WITH US THROUGH PRAYER:

For the Acadia Women's Expedition, a ten day expedition for college women using outdoor activities to teach about the attributes of God. Pray for safety, endurance and pliable hearts to experience life change through knowing Him.

For support. By God's gracious provision, and your generous support we have met our May \$\$ goal! Please pray that God will provide another \$300/month allowing us to be back on campus full time.

the art of marriage®

This month we helped host an *Art of Marriage* conference at our church. One couple wrote, "We've plugged through some great trials along the way of almost 28 years of marriage. But we are so glad that we came; the material confirmed some things we're doing right and it gave us some strategies to work on in areas that are challenging. Through God's grace, we believe we have a *great* marriage, worthy of 'continuous improvement.'" Many couples were in tears both of joy and of frustration throughout the event; it was obvious that God was

confronting them on their relationship and pointing out areas for growth. Our prayer is that they would continue to face these issues together and draw hope and strength from Christ.

As Micah exclaimed from the backseat of our van as we tore out of the driveway late for a meeting and in a huff with each other, "You two need the Art of Marriage!" Yes, son, anyone who is married could stand to work at it a bit more. ☺



MICAH THE PROPHET

"Are you a Christian?" Micah asked one of his flag football teammate during Saturday's game.

"What's that?" Was the boy's surprised response.

And then Micah proceeded to share the gospel as only a just-turned seven year old can.

Micah relayed this conversation bounding off the field, exuberant about winning the game and buoyed by his desire to give his teammate a Bible at the next practice. He highlighted passages and brought the Bible this week, offering it to each teammate only to be rejected each time. He returned home, Bible in hand. "They didn't want the Holy Bible," he said sadly.

We prayed together for his teammates and talked about how God still used Micah as a light on his team and that because of what he did, he got his whole team at least talking about God. Who knows what may result? Way to go, champ!



RISKY BUSINESS

Dan helped lead a rafting trip for UMaine students this month on the topic of "Taking Risks" (rather appropriate for a cold spring flow!) It was encouraging to see the student leaders initiating spiritual conversations with the non-believers that they had invited. "What are some risks you have taken in life?" and "What risk can you take to get to know God?" are some of the questions asked during the program that spurred dialogue about Christ.

As the culture changes it is becoming more and more risky for students to put their faith in Jesus... greater losses in the world, but immeasurable gains in eternity. Please pray that students will see "the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:7.)