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Lifelines, the outdoor and experiential learning ministry of CRU

Love,
Dan & Heather

Don't Settle!

"We are far too willing to settle for a tarnished life" I stated. 300 pairs of eyes were trained on me as I shared the "sex talk" during women's night at our Epicenter conference. (This should make talking to my kids about sex a piece of cake!)

"You were an incredible inspiration to me... Thank you for giving me the courage to forgive myself," wrote a student in a message to me. Not bad for a talk about debauchery, impurity and sexual immorality. Actually, the women were completely engaged and had deep discussions at their tables which extended long into the night. Women practicing homosexuality, or sleeping with their boyfriends, or dealing with a homosexual roommate, or unmarried with children all came up for prayer. It is my hope that they will turn to Christ and be set free from shame, and free to live a life that glorifies him.



Students across the northeast experienced the Epicenter

This January, 450 students from universities across the northeast gathered for Epicenter, Cru's winter conference. Through engaging speakers, powerful student testimonies, inspiring worship, and instructive seminars, students were challenged to walk in faith. They had a full day to practice those steps of faith by sharing the gospel with their friends through a variety of media: facebook, email, You Tube, etc. Three of our students from Plymouth State attended (above, praying) and each signed a pledge to serve Christ for a lifetime!

Pray continually...

For PSU

That our students who attended Epicenter would bring their enthusiasm for Christ back to campus and invest in others

For direction

That our new vision for the northeast will be clear, and that we'll maximize our gifts and roles on this team of leaders

For power

That God will use us to bear fruit and change lives in Cru staff and students throughout the northeast & beyond



In tribute to a great earthly father.

It is with a heart full of joy and grief that I look at these pictures of my Dad, Ron Hamlin. My world and emotions have been in upheaval since I lost my Dad on January 25th. I am thankful that because of his cancer we knew his time was coming and were able to spend our days with him well; I am thankful that he was active and full of life up until his final week and that he passed peacefully and painlessly on that last day. Mostly I am thankful that this fall he gave his life to Christ. Antagonistic toward the gospel all my life, his heart softened over the past few years until one night in October when he and I were alone in the kitchen he stated abruptly, "So I hear you don't think I'm a Christian." It wasn't a question, but it gave me the chance to talk to him

about the difference between belief and acceptance. "Even Satan believes that Jesus is God, Dad... have you ever *received* him by giving control of your life over to him?" "Yes," he responded to my shock, "Last night!" My Dad never did anything half way, and he would never lie to me about eternal life, so I was overjoyed, amazed, and spilling with tears. I imagine I will react just the same when I see him again in Glory. My Dad has always been there for me; one of my best friends. He was present for my birth... but I was 15 minutes late for his re-birth, still en route from the airport. That has been the hardest to bear. "If you get the chance, go for it!" he always told me. Well, he must have gotten a chance that he couldn't pass up. *Go for it, Dad.*



Welcome Rebecca!

Our team continues to grow!

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked" Luke 12:48. I can't help but wonder what God has in store for our well-stocked team. Rebecca Strickfaden, a Dartmouth alum, moved into our downstairs apartment on January 4th to join our Lifelines team and our family. Rebecca is an avid rock climber with a keen mind and a heart for the lost. We are thrilled to have her with us. Dear friends Joe and Angie Cousins will be moving here this spring as well. Joe, a fellow founder of Lifelines, has been directing the ministry at the University of Maine. We have never served on a team with so many resources. Please pray that God will mightily use us.