

The Harvester

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with Thrive Maine
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Deep Freeze Fun

Please Pray:

March 5

A training day for our teen-parent mission team going to Panama in April

March 11-18

Dan will be flying out to help lead a student trip in Moab with our New Mexico Thrive team.

March 17-19

We will host a women's rest and renewal weekend at our camp

March 31-2

Thrive is leading a retreat for student leaders of the Navigators, a Christian ministry at the University of Maine.

"Just wanted to thank you both for being such amazing hosts and leaders and for opening up your house to us and making us feel so safe and welcome. This weekend definitely changed my life for the better and I thank God for making you a part of that."

This was a text I received from one of the UMaine ladies that came on our student retreat this month. The -45 degree wind chill meant a last minute change of plans to keep the whole retreat indoors. So, we communicated our theme of living wholeheartedly through ping-pong and other indoor learning activities. My co-worker, Angie, led a terrific and hysterical experiential program about having a plan for spiritual growth through dividing the girls up to have a bake off without using

Men Take to the Mountain to Do Hard Things

Resist [the devil], firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

-1Peter 5:9,10



Deep Freeze Fun Continued...

recipes. But most of all, we just connected with the girls and shared our stories—many of which were heartbreaking,—prayed and studied Scripture together, and laughed and ate and watched “The Chosen” in our pjs. I had forgotten how broken college students are and how much I love them and enjoy pointing them to Christ. Please pray for discernment to know how to invest in these women who have no female ministry staff on campus. May they be wholehearted in their commitment to Christ and Gospel bearers to their unbelieving peers at UMaine.

Seven stalwart men fought their way through the bastion of snow on Maine’s formidable Mount Katahdin this month. Why engage in such a battle? To learn the lesson of perseverance, to come to the end of themselves and lean on the strength of God, to practice doing hard things in the power of the Lord so they could do hard things in every other area of the Christian man’s life.

Keith, our new Thrive staff guy, said he was thinking of the theme throughout the whole hike and it helped him push on when he didn’t think he could. Mike, a friend from our church and one of the participants, later likened

the hike to his marriage and talked about his call to lead his family whether they are easy to lead or not and whether the world approves or not, and whether he feels like it or not.

Dan was disappointed to miss this hike due to an injury. He ruptured the muscle in his calf while playing basketball just prior to the ascent. For him, the hard thing was missing out on the fellowship with the men while facing a harsh environment together. There is something unifying and empowering about this hike that reminds men of their high calling to press on under trial, to follow Christ no matter what, and to have each others’ backs.