

# The Harvester

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## Finding our Niche

We have officially been named a “Field Strategy” within Cru. As such we will continue to serve campuses as well as working with Cru’s “Bridges” international ministry, “Valor”—the ministry to cadets and ROTC students, etc. We will also adopt and open new campuses. Please pray that the Lord would guide us to the next new campus to pursue in His strength!

## God’s Call

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.” This was a verse I read during my time with the Lord yesterday morning from 2 Corinthians 4:5. It struck me as a clear explanation of what we do, and a reminder from God to humbly serve and proclaim that Jesus is God. I hope it gets you fired up too!

## A Special Thanks

Every November as we recount what we are thankful for, you are near the top of the list. We could not do this ministry and reach out to college students without your support behind us and your prayers before us. Thank you for serving with us in this way. Thank you for your faith in God’s work through us and for your own stand for the Lord. May God bless you and give you strength, purpose and peace. Amen.



# Internationals

One of the most fun trips of the year has traditionally been with international students from the University of New Hampshire. It is such a privilege to reach the nations through students who study abroad here in New England. International students come on trips to see and experience something new, and they build relationships and hear the Gospel in the process. On this climbing trip our staff created a program to help the students see that we have a family wherever we are when we have Christ in our lives. Our co-worker, Rebecca, shared how this is possible. One student said that through the trip they discovered the meaning of life. Please pray that this, and each of these students will pursue Christ as He pursues them.





## Upcoming events:

Nov 9-11 we will attend the Association for Experiential Education conference for ongoing training in experiential education.

Nov 17-20 is our Northeast region staff conference in upstate NY. Please pray that we would hear from the Lord personally and be invigorated and revitalized as a region.

Nov 28-Dec 2 Dan will be in Texas at Cru's national team leaders conference. Pray that God's plan and direction would inform the agenda and ministry strategy

Nov 12 & 26 Dan gives the sermon at churches that support us. Please pray for God to lead and speak through him.

Dec 10-14 Dre, Mic and Finn Neihaus visit from New Zealand. Dre was our campus director in Dunedin, NZ.

Jan 1-14 Heather co-leads a team of students on an expedition in Patagonia, sharing the gospel with hikers and investing in spiritual and character development in our students. Emma, our 13 year old, will come with me along with my brother, who is a professional photographer. Please pray for fruit in the students who attend and for those who hear our message to receive Christ with joy!

## Creating Community in Colorado

This past month Dan flew to CO for a multi-night rafting trip with a bunch of our Lifelines staff men who serve out west. Connecting with these guys not only brought him life; it helped him build relationships with our leaders and connect with them over life and ministry. As students become more invested in studying for finals and the weather worsens, Dan turns more of his attention toward his National Role as Field Director of the Lifelines ministries across the country. Our current teams in Colorado, Oregon, New Hampshire, and North Carolina have collectively served over 2,000 students this fall, sharing the love and gospel of Christ. Even so, we pray for a greater impact, for God to bear fruit, for ongoing involvement of non-believers in the Body of Christ, and for more laborers to join us in the field. Our hope is to expand internationally as well as here at home, where we set our sights on planting a team in heavily populated California. At the same time, we want to build deeper into the lives of these students, drawing them to Christ and shaping their lives to reflect Him through faith, that they may be lights to the world in every future community and profession they'll be part of.

## New Zealand Developments

We look forward to hosting NZ staff director Dre and his wife Mic here this December and to having NZ intern, Brodie, come on the Patagonia expedition in January. Although we will not be part of the team returning to New Zealand this spring, we will be sending a team back, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to connect with these friends this winter, continuing to build into them as they help Lifelines grow in NZ.



Mark & Alicia went with us to NZ; Mark will go back in April