

The Harvester

LIFELINES, the outdoor and experiential learning ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ

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Upcoming Events

Jan 29-30	Leadership retreat for student training and semester planning
Feb 11-12	Our staff and students lead a retreat for Boston students
Fridays at 2:30	Inductive Bible study on the book of James, 5 + students attending
Thursdays 8:00pm	Lifelines and Navigators combined men's group
Weekends in February	Sledding, snowshoeing and social events

Where to now?

Our Lifelines national leadership team consists of nine people. This month we met for a week in South Carolina to discuss and plan the direction of the ministry. One of our biggest challenges is making our concepts easily transferrable for new staff wanting to join Lifelines. We are working to make our training and materials unified and accessible in order to manage the growth of lifelines across the nation. Currently Lifelines is on six campuses, with about 35 staff. We are also offering a summer project and two ten-day expeditions for students nationwide this summer. At the end of July we will host a two-day "Lifelines base camp" for all of our staff as a time of aligning and vision casting. Consequently, one of our big needs is for operations and administrative help. Please pray for our team as we direct ministries locally *and* plan for the big picture.

Thank you for your prayers! We know that Christ works mightily through the prayers of the saints. We thank God that we are not alone in this mission, but are carried on your backs in prayer.

Snow Days

Although we've had daily highs of -4 degrees, we have plenty of snow and students are making the most of it. Last weekend 22 students joined our back-to-school sledding trip!



Crepes, grapes and CPR

Creating community through “just for fun” events like our French theme party bring together all types of students

Creating community through parties and “just for fun” events is a great way to love students and to invite non-believers to be part of the body of Christ. It also offers an alternative to weekend drinking games and hook-ups. The down side?

Students are still at our house at midnight! ☺

Actually there are very few down sides. We love opening our home to students and our

kids are delighted to play swords with the college men and cuddle up with our student women to read stories. Feeding and entertaining often leads to deep conversations later in the night, insight into students’ lives, and bridge building to the gospel.

Our French theme party went from grape stomping contests in the kitchen to spontaneous WFR medical training

practice in the family room, to questions about faith in the living room. Parties like this are a fun way to **bless** students, let them experience what it means to **belong**, and then invite them to **believe**. Now more than ever coming to faith is a long process of building relationships and winning trust, allowing people to see Christ in action through others. We pray that is who they see in us!

Who is Christ anyway?

Kat, one of our student leaders, began dating Jake in September. “You know, it is not just about believing; even Satan believed that Jesus existed. It is about loving Him and having a relationship with Him. That is why Christ is so important to Kat,” Dan explained. “She doesn’t just believe in him. She loves him, and she wants you to

meet him in the same way that you want her to meet your parents and loved ones.” Jake is Jewish but has begun attending church with Kat. Dan suggested he begin in Matthew. Jake has a big heart and a lot of questions. Please pray that as he meets with Dan and seeks truth, he too will give his heart to Christ.

2010 Year in Review

7 students accepted Christ

33 students involved

7 students leaders

725 hours of face time with non-believers in Sept & October alone

Over 1100 UVM students came on Lifelines trips, 68% were non-believers