

Lifelines Cru

Using the outdoor experience to help students grow in relationship with God and each other, in character and in leadership

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80 women do some group bonding.



Debriefing in small groups. Some are sporting the “crown” of life.



Trying to serve, but offering a sweet enticement rather than living water.

Please pray with us:

Mark Our executive director is slowly healing from complications with a broken femur while in New Zealand.

Bob Dear friend and part time Lifelines HR Director has been battling a blood infection. After multiple surgeries he is now out of critical care but still in the hospital.

Chris A Lifelines Team Leader in CO, doctors found that He is riddled with growths that are likely cancerous.

Dave One of our Facilitator School instructors, Dave’s father just suffered a massive stroke. His mother has Alzheimer’s.

For God’s grace in the spiritual battle

We help people experience Biblical truths

“She spit in my water!” said one woman of another (whose role was to keep people from drinking.) And yes, you will be persecuted, Paul warns.



Oasis: refreshment in the heat of life

Oasis is our regional women’s conference with Cru. This year Lifelines had the privilege of hosting the opening session. But how do you help more than 80 women bond and turn busy minds toward Christ? The theme was Jeremiah 17:8, reminding these staff women that they are like a tree planted by water, not fearing when the heat comes. One of the activities we led paralleled the Christian life on earth. All the women were told to mingle and answer get to know you questions. Some of the women had other roles: handing out desserts or sweet

drinks, or telling people not to drink, or informing others that the water was toxic. One was offering water, and inside each cup was a notice explaining that once the bearer had drunk of this “living water” she had LIFE and should go and invite others to do the same. In the end, the room was divided between those who received the crown of LIFE and those who went on to eternal punishment. “This is exactly what I do in real life, confided one woman in the debrief, “I doubt what I know is true.” It was a great visual of why we turn to or from Christ.



As you can see from the photo to the left, we have recently adopted twelve baby chicks. The kids are smitten with these new arrivals, and I have to admit to being fond of my own two: Dittens and Cleopatra. We are eager for warm weather so that we can move them out of the cellar and into their permanent home. They are now six weeks old and two of them are learning to cock-a-doodle, so we may soon be down to ten. To Dan's dismay, Aliza tearfully insists that getting rid of them is impossible now that they are family. ☺

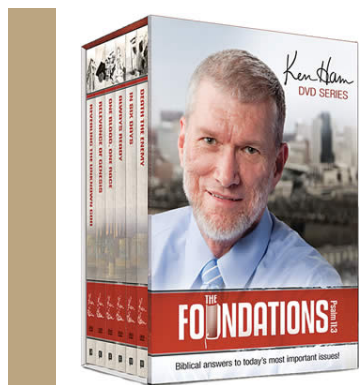
We are not chosen simply for survival; God calls us to revival.

While I was at the Oasis conference Dan left for CO to lead our Lifelines Team Leaders week. In compiling trip data from all our teams, he determined that as a ministry we create about 17 Gospel experiences each work day. Those statistics are very encouraging, especially as the campus soil seems less fertile for the growth of the Gospel. Across the nation Cru's summer projects are being cancelled from poor attendance and two of our Lifelines projects have

been closed from lack of staff or students. We continue to pray daily at 8:20pm that God would increase our Lifelines staff to 70 in the next two years, and that He would raise up a million student disciples by the year 2020 to go into all the world radically moved by the Holy Spirit.

My summer assignment (May 30-June 22) is to co-lead an expedition on the Camino pilgrimage across northern Spain. We will spend three weeks teaching Christ-like

character concepts while hiking the Camino and serving meals to fellow pilgrims and sharing our faith while doing housekeeping at a house on the trail. Eight students are coming, along with my brother Andy, and Caleb, our son, who just turned 13. Please pray for us all as we raise support for this project and for our hearts to be wide open to be used by God as His ambassadors. I pray that we would be compelled by His love to speak His message.



Over the past few weeks our family has been watching an Answers in Genesis video series called "Foundations." Ken Ham addresses evangelism today by explaining that we are speaking to a Greek-like culture as in Acts 17 that needs to know the foundation of the Bible, rather than a Jewish-like Acts 2 culture that knew Biblical history, so a simple Gospel presentation is not enough. I couldn't agree more. Students need to know where it all began. Genesis 1-11 is imperative. We get to take them into creation and show them the God who began it all, in much the same way that Paul introduced the Greeks to the unknown God that they worshipped in Athens. Most of our students have only ever been taught that the Bible is a myth; on our trips we try to help them experience that it is God's living and active word.