

Rocky Mountain Lifelines



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Dear friends,

What an amazing summer it has been beholding the beauty of the Lord's creation in Crested Butte, CO! We were hiking tall mountains and rafting raging rivers, all while learning about our relationship with God and others. Our main goal for the summer was to help students grow in character and leadership skills while experiencing relationships filled with grace and truth. There is so much I could say about the summer but here are just a few stories.



The first time I met Andrew I was pulling into the parking lot after my cross-country move a year ago, and it was great living with him this

past year. Although I wasn't directly discipling Andrew this year, I still had the privilege of speaking into his life and watching him grow from a timid, shy guy into a more confident young man with vision for his life. After graduating from Cal Poly in early June, Andrew joined us in Colorado for summer project. Since Andrew is heading into the working world, we spent most of our one-on-one time talking about how he can grow in adulthood and use his unique talents and personality to glorify Christ in the workplace. After a year with Andrew I have grown to appreciate his tender heart. *Would you pray with me that Andrew will continue to grow as the Lord goes with him into his next phase of life?*

What students learned while on Rocky Mountain summer project:

"I learned what healthy relationships look like when lived out in a grace and truth environment; conflict resolution is much easier now!" -Jordin

"Bonding with others was always hard for me but being on project helped me learn how to accept and internalize grace given from others." -Andrew



The summer was a challenging but fun experience for me. I was constantly reminded to have the attitude of a learner and follower. There were many times

during the summer that I found myself being critical or harsh. Thankfully the staff and students were gracious with me! In light of the summer, I have started reading *Humility: True Greatness* by C.J. Mahaney. I highly recommend it to you!

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What is Rocky Mountain Lifelines?



Prayer Requests:

- renewed sense of hunger for God's word
- Spirit's work in creating a humble heart of flesh
- rest and time to bond with my family while on vacation
- continued vision for Cal Poly and raising up more student missionaries
- courage to work through fears in relationships

Lifelines uses the outdoors to help people grow in relationship with God, in relationships with each other, in character, and in leadership.

A summer project with Lifelines is definitely not a typical experience! We only have four weeks together, as opposed to ten for most projects, so our time is valuable. Our overall goal is to foster an environment filled with grace and truth so that students can experience the Lord through their relationships in a way that will bring lasting character change. Our value of intimacy with Jesus and others plays out in our experiences together.

Each week we were focusing on one area of growth and how they affect relationships. While backpacking we talked about the benefits of bonding authentically with others so we can experience God's grace through them. Day-hiking focused on establishing healthy boundaries such as knowing when to say "No" to people. Rock climbing helped students to learn how to identify and be comfortable with the good and bad in themselves and others. And lastly, it was so fun talking about adulthood while whitewater rafting! An issue that many students dealt with in this area is not comparing themselves.

God was very gracious in allowing us to ultimately realize that we need His Spirit to change us! *Please pray that we will continue to yield to the Holy Spirit as God leads us into understanding more about Him and ourselves.*

What's next?

I'm currently back at my mom's house in Columbia, S.C. for a few weeks and would love to reconnect with many of you who have been such a blessing to me this past year! I'll be in town until Aug. 19th when I fly back to California.