



John & Kelly Kidd

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Dear Friends and Family,

We hope your summer is going well and you are enjoying the warm weather. We have had a very eventful couple of months as we finished up the semester at UVA and then headed up to Maine for our summer assignment. Here are just a few highlights...

Ministering at the ΦΓΔ House...

It has been such a blessing to have the opportunity to work with the Greek students this year. I am still in disbelief that we held a biblical discussion in this fraternity house every Wednesday night. At the end of one of our last meetings of the year the fraternity historian, Jonathan, wanted to show us the ΦΓΔ recruitment video he made that would be sent to incoming freshmen as well as potential pledges. As we watched the video I



was amazed to see pictures of our Crossroads meeting, Lifelines rock climbing trips, Lifelines paintball trips, and even a picture taken in my basement at a Christmas party. I was overwhelmed to know that we had made such an impact in this seemingly dark place.

Kelly and I are looking forward to working with the Greek system this Fall semester. We are praying that God would provide opportunities for us to use Lifelines to minister to multiple fraternities and sororities. Please pray with us for many to come to Christ this Fall.



Acadia Leadership Adventure 2006

Just a week ago we returned home after spending 8 weeks in a small cabin in Bar Harbor Maine.



Kelly and I were helping to train 17 other staff and 30 students from across the country. We were using the outdoors as a tool to help these men and women grow in the areas of:

- Spiritual maturity
- Personal growth
- Small group dynamics and facilitating
- Relational evangelism skills

One of the best parts of the summer was being able to witness the lives of the staff and students being changed by the power of God working through the small groups. In these groups, many of the staff and students shared about experiences and hurts that they had never discussed with anyone prior. I was saddened by the amount of abuse, divorce, and heretical teaching that these men and women had in their pasts. In the group they were able to experience love, acceptance, truth, and renewed hope. The body of Christ was doing the work to administer the gospel to one another. It really was beautiful.

A major theme for the summer and one we put on our project t-shirts was that "Life is good... and bad." This simple statement reminded us to live in the reality that there is both good and evil in ourselves, others, and the world around us. As Christians there is often an 'ideal' person we want to be and yet there is the reality that we fail at times and are sinful (Romans 7:15). Reconciling this fact is very difficult but crucial to our growth in Christ.

Although we are very grateful to be back home the summer was very successful and was a huge time of growth for Kelly and I. Now we are looking ahead to the Fall semester and will be spending most of July working to raise financial support for the ministry. We thank you for your continued support and prayers that keep us here in the mission field.

Serving with you,

JOHN & Kelly

Praises and Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for a great summer and safe travel.
- Praise God for Elizabeth and her continued growth and health.
- Praise God for another school year and the freedom to minister openly.
- Praise God for His continued grace and blessing on us and our ministry.
- Praise God for our families and friends that love and support us.
- Pray for us as we raise needed support.
- Pray for wisdom as we make plans for the first few weeks of the semester.
- Pray for inroads into the Greek system and for willingness on their part to come on Lifelines trips.
- Pray for us as we continue to adjust to being parents and learn to balance work and family.
- Pray that Kelly and I would continue to make our personal relationships with God a priority.
- Pray that Kelly and I would be refreshed in our marriage and grow in our love for each other.

Rock climbing at Otter Cliffs



John guiding a 180 foot rappel



Sea kayaking around the islands



Hiking in Acadia Nat. Park



Biking in Acadia Nat. Park

