



**Jesus spoke to them saying, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

**~John 8:12**

When our Lifelines team was asked to put together a fall getaway for over 200 students from Texas schools, we were excited and quite intimidated! We have never done programs for that large of a group, but we decided to trust the Lord and see what He would do through us! We did a few activities with discussions throughout the weekend, but our most memorable program was “The Light in the darkness.” We sent out 226 students into the woods at night with a candle that was not yet lit. Then the 4 remaining students had lit candles and had to go find/share the gospel with the hidden students. One-third of the group was “easy” to find and those students were “easy” to come to Christ, so their candles were lit. Another third of students were a little harder to find and could only accept Jesus through a personal interaction with someone, then their candle could be lit. Finally, the last third was the difficult to find group and thus difficult to come to Christ (they represented those who are far off or closed off to the gospel). As students were found, many small groups formed and they would talk and laugh all while others were still out in the woods by themselves - never to be found. The discussion that ensued was life-changing for many as their eyes were opened to see the reality that there are so many people who do not know Jesus and that there is a real need to get the gospel to them. We talked about the things that hinder us from being used by God in this way: busyness, comfort, lack of desire or know-how, or honestly just the inconvenience of it. The students left with a renewed heart and vision to get the good news of Jesus to more people on their campuses and beyond . . . because no one should be left in the dark.



**Prayer Requests** - That we would finish our fall semester well; for Adam as he finishes up his seminary paper, which is quite daunting for him; for Patagonia and all of the details to come together soon; for our kiddos that homeschool would continue to be a blessing to them; for Adam and I to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit to get everything done that needs to get done! Thank you so very much for your prayers!

## CLIMBING WITH INTERNATIONALS

We love adventures with International students and this rock climbing trip was no different! Students from Asia, the Middle East, and South America joined us for a day in the sun. They climbed, cheered each other on and conquered their fears. It was a great day, but the quote that has stood out to me the most was from a student from Kuwait. As we talked about what hinders us from seeking truth in a spiritual sense, she said comfort. Comfort keeps her in her religion because that's what she has always known. She concluded by saying that she doesn't want comfort to hinder her and that she really does want to seek truth. We pray that as she and the others heard about Jesus and how He interacts with us, that they would find TRUTH!

