



Maine Maritime Ministry

Sharing the love and gospel of Jesus along the coast of Maine and beyond

"Ask and it shall be given to you..." Matthew 7:7
Startling Answers to Prayer!

Dear Family & Friends

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I first noticed it when I went down to Pemaquid Harbor to pray and ask God to open that area to the gospel. Within ten minutes, I found myself in an amazing situation. I was sharing the gospel with a fisherman while bailing out my dinghy. He said, "Stop! I will bail out your dingy so you can continue to talk." After reading a book about the great evangelist George Whitefield (our town is named after him) during my devotions, I pleaded with God to "open doors so I can share the gospel with the lost." The next morning, I checked my cell phone and there was a message. The person said, "We desperately need someone to fill in for our pastor. She is away and her back up cancelled at the last minute!" I was so thrilled to share the gospel with a captive audience, who likely never had heard the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ before. Many stayed after to speak with me further.



About a week ago, I was feeling overwhelmed and guilty that my house was so undone; I wanted to be free to serve the Lord better and not have so much work to do on my own home. We wanted to show the Lord's hospitality in our home by inviting people over but with only sheets and blankets for walls, we didn't feel our guests would be comfortable, especially in the bathroom. So I prayed for the Father's help. The Lord did it again! The next morning there was another astounding message on my phone. "Hi, my name is Michael from Golden Rule Carpentry. Someone has anonymously hired me to put up some sheetrock in your home." The next day he came to measure and said he would be able to put sheetrock up in our kitchen and bathroom. I can't tell you what a blessing and marvelous answer to prayer this is!



Last night I was praying for wisdom on how to stay ahead of the sheet rocker in preparing the walls, electric, plumbing and ductwork to be covered. I felt guilty asking God so much so often and thought how annoyed I would be if someone continuously bothered me so much. Then the Lord opened my eyes --He connected the dots in my little mind. He is infinitely loving and patient to care for someone so much! He loves you and me that MUCH! We have such an awesome God! As the repentant once slave trader John Newton, writer of the hymn Amazing Grace, said shortly before he died, "I only know two things. I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior."

We have many more wonderful things to tell you about the Lord's ministry here, but we will have to wait until next month's newsletter. Thank you for making it possible for us to share the love and gospel of Jesus Christ along the coast of Maine and beyond. We love you all and are praying for you every morning in our devotions.

With all our love! Your servant and His,
Chris and Vickie Gerardi