



## Maine Maritime Ministry

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

***“You have little power and have kept My word and have not denied My name.” Rev. 3:8***

Dear Family & Friends,

October 29, 2016

God opens up doors to ministry in the neatest way. I think it is appropriate to call them “divine appointments.” One day I had taken the dinghy out to our moored sailboat, Spirit, to do some maintenance. The wind began to pick up and started violently banging the dinghy against the side of the sailboat. I finished my work and tried to get back to shore. I tried with all my might, but I just couldn’t row into the wind and make it to shore. I gave up and let the wind push me to the other side of the bay, and tied the dinghy up to a tree. It made for a long walk, but somebody finally picked me up and I was able to share a little about the Lord. They went out of the way to drop me off at the other side of the bay where my truck was parked.



So we upgraded the dingy to an electric motor and we used pipe insulation and a sheath off an old fire hose to pad the gunnels, laced with lobster pot line to protect Spirit from further harm.

On one of my first trial runs, I was impressed that the marine battery could last for four hours at full speed, a whopping three knots (about 3 miles per hour). On my way back to the dock I saw an older couple trying desperately to start their outboard engine on their dinghy. They were trying to get off their moored sailboat and back to shore. But they couldn’t get it started. I quietly slipped up with my silent electric motor and offered them a tow. They look so relieved, gladly receiving the tow and hearing about our ministry.



The Lord gave a few special blessings recently. We were invited, all expenses paid to a Phil Waldrep Pastor’s Conference on Cape Cod for pastors in New England. What a blessed time of fellowship, encouragement and instruction in the Word! We were further blessed to meet our old friends, Bob and Deb. Bob was the best man in our wedding back in 1981. It’s great to see us both serving the Lord after all these years!



We also had the great privilege to be invited back to New York and take part in the dedication of our grandson, Gabriel, at Westerlo Baptist Church. How blessed we are to see a third generation of Gerardi’s to be given over to the Lord and His service. While in New York, we tried to visit Bob and Gincie, a couple who attended our church in Quaker Street. Unfortunately, they were out of town. So I went to visit Helen and Carol, who also attend our church in Quaker Street. The timing was of the Lord, because Helen was in the hospital and I had a good visit with her. It’s hard to believe that she is almost 95! As the Lord would have it, when we got home Bob and Gincie called and told me they were on their way to Maine! Yesterday we had a great visit together at our house.

Praise God....an answer to our prayers! I have finally been approved to get the prismatic glasses with special FL-41 filters! Thank you all for praying!

With all our love! Your servant and His,

*Chris and Vickie Gerardi*

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