



Maine Maritime Ministry

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

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:8

Dear Family & Friends

October 30, 2015

We never got to plant a garden this year but we did harvest some fruit! Thirty years ago we planted an apple tree on our property here in Maine and this summer it was loaded! We canned over 150 jars from this one tree alone. We figured this tree bore over 5000 apples! Amazing! It always impressed me that God wants us to bear fruit. Also about thirty years ago we got to see a young lady come to the Lord under our ministry with Village Missions here. It is great to see her walking with the Lord to this day.

We need you to pray with us as we try to reach her Dad for the Lord. He is dying of liver problems and never came to church. There was a big controversy decades ago when I visited this family's grandfather in the hospital; he did not want the Lord. When the nurse asked if a pastor could visit him he said as long as he does not pray or read the Bible, he may come. I visited and shared with Sunday evening prayer service that this man needs the Lord. He died the next day and the rumor went through the village that I told this man on his death bed that "he was going to hell." This wasn't true and I had to visit every family member to calm things down. It seemed like everybody in the community was related. We plan to go over to stack firewood this week to help pave the way in speaking with Jim. Please pray that I can visit him and that he receive the Lord.

The ministry is progressing logistically as our 23' sailing vessel is now in the water! It's been nearly twenty years since she was last used and she still floats! Ironically, I was launching her as all the other boats were coming out. I guess God's ways still aren't man's ways, Isaiah 55:8. When I was a fisherman years ago I crewed on a boat that went out when all others stayed in and it looks like I will be doing this again. Some things never change!



In 1928 John A. Shedd wrote, "A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." Please pray for safety and fruit as our boat SPIRIT ventures into the ocean to reach those on remote islands and peninsulas with the Word and SPIRIT of God to bear fruit for His Kingdom.

Also pray that relationships can be established and doors open to preach the gospel in many churches along the coast that hasn't been shared there in many a year. May these captive audiences be prepared by the Spirit of God to receive the Word of God, His Son, Jesus Christ.

On a personal note, our family rejoices with the marriage of our son Daniel to Sarah Frueh on Oct. 16. That's right! Daniel is now married and we once again have a Sarah Gerardi since our oldest daughter Sarah married Mark Gwiazdowski.

Vickie and I are doing well. We are living the good old life of heating our house with wood and occasionally cooking on our old cook stove. We pray for you and would like to do so effectively. Please feel free to share your prayer requests, birthdays and anniversaries with us so we can intercede and rejoice with you. Just send us a note.

*We love and miss you all,
Chris and Vickie Gerardi*

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