



Maine Maritime Ministry

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

Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated means "God with us". Matthew 1:23

Dear Family & Friends,

December 9th, 2015

This has been a very eventful year for our family! On January 5th I was called to the office at Camp Pinnacle to meet with a Human Resources person to go over legal issues for Camp. On the way, I slipped on black ice, hitting my head extremely hard. Over the next few days I felt worse, with increasing headaches and sensitivity to light and sound—the diagnosis, severe concussion. In a unique way, God freed me from my responsibilities as Camp Director to spend three months alone with Him in a dark room, with virtually no sleep at night and little through the day. I must admit that was a special blessed time for me with the Lord. Since the doctors say it should take a year or two to recover, it became necessary to resign as Director of Camp Pinnacle. God opened the door to start Maine Maritime Ministry, a ministry that we can implement and share the gospel as my health permits. God doesn't say everything that happens to us is good, but that "He works all things together for good".

By faith we know God is leading and blessing us. We are now in Maine, recovering and having special opportunities to share our faith. We greatly miss Sundays with our family around the big table at our former house in New York. We can't see our children and grandchildren as often right now, but God does give us special times with them. And our family continues to grow!

*Talking about children, our oldest, **Sarah** Gwiazdowski and her husband, Mark, gave birth to our third grandchild, Mason, born May 7th. He is a bundle of joy! He puts his hands together, with the biggest smile and laughs every time we walk into the room.*



*Our son **Daniel** was blessed to meet a lovely Christian girl, Sarah Frueh. She served as a missionary in Nepal and now they both work at Camp Pinnacle--Dan on maintenance and Sarah in the office. They were united in marriage in October and now the blessing continues, as she is with child. Grandchild number four and counting!*



***Abigail** and **Joey** are doing well with their two children, McKenzie Rae and Emma Claire. They make our hearts melt every time we see them! McKenzie will turn four on the day after Christmas and Emma just turned one in September. It's fun to watch the two sisters together—they love each other sooooo much!*

***Lydia** is going to school, studying nursing while also holding down her job working for the Air National Guard. It's always exciting to see what she is going to do next!*

***Samuel**, our youngest is doing very well at Houghton College as Chemistry major. He was voted to be his dorm's president and also received the Shenanigan award. Whatever that is... but we understand it is a great honor.*

*We pray you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Chris and Vickie Gerardi*

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