



Maine Maritime Ministry

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

"We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

Dear Family & Friends,

February 12, 2018

God keeps opening doors to encourage people to come to Christ. It is neat how God meets our needs so we can meet the needs of others. When Sarah and Mark surprised us with a visit the weekend before my first hip surgery, Mark's first words were, "Dad, if there is anything you need at all, let me know and I will do it!" For those of you who know me well, that is a dangerous thing to say. I always have lists of things to do. Even my lists have lists. In fact, for Christmas one year our other son-in-law, Joey, and Abbie made me a white board just for my lists.

True to my word, I instantly rattled off a list of things I was trying to accomplish before my surgery. I had given up. "But with God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26! At the top of my list was to get Vickie's car ready for an overdue inspection, it failed at two shops for completely different reasons, non-legit. It did need brakes, rotors, ground straps and more.... Mark got up Sunday morning at 3am, took a break to go to church with us, and finished 11 pm that night. My surgery was the next day and they left for home once they visited me after surgery.

As the Lord would have it, a friend of mine at church recommended this fellow, Brian, to inspect my vehicle. I called him on the phone and we spoke for an hour about his need for Christ. About a year ago he died on the operating table when doctors performed the catheter procedure. They brought him back but he has been very anxious about dying ever since. In fact, he admitted he has been struggling with suicidal thoughts to the point that he had his friend take all the guns out of his house. Please pray as I continue to witness to him. When he inspected our vehicle (Passed PTL!) I gave Brian our tract, wrote out some Bible verses, and plan to keep in touch with him.

Brian shared with me about his buddy, Danny, who is a lobsterman. He just went to Boston to get his hip replacement updated and they nicked a nerve--now he is paralyzed. Danny is on our prayer list and hopefully, soon through Brian, I will be able to share Christ with him. Please pray that we reach many others in the lobster industry, which is huge here along the coast of Maine.



We are still making progress with our Amish friends. One of the Yoder's young boys, Joni, broke his leg ice-skating. I visited him to encourage him in his faith and share a get-well card. Which reminds me—**the answer to our riddle!** Mose Miller's father, Old Henry Miller, has a nephew, Mose Yoder, which makes them first cousins. Also, Mose Miller's mother, Lydiann, has a younger sister, Anna, who is married to Mose Yoder. This makes Mose and Anna Yoder's ten children his first cousins as well. (I hope you can follow this better than I can - - Chris ☺)

I appreciate your prayers as I go to replace my right hip soon on February 22. My physical therapist said she never had a patient get two hips replaced so close together and I have to be very careful with all my hip precautions! It has been a challenge nursing my right hip until surgery--already my left hip replacement is much better than my old right hip. May the Lord allow these old feet of mine to bring good news of salvation in Jesus! Isaiah 52:7

With all our love and gratitude! Your servant and His,

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