



Maine Maritime Ministry

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

“Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, to practice it and teach its statutes and ordinances in Israel,” Ezra 7:10

Dear David & Nancy April 1, 2017

This verse is dear to my heart as it is my role model for ministry. As the old saying goes, “practice what you preach.” It has been a lot of work, but exciting to prepare myself as a servant of God to preach without notes. As Paul told Timothy “be ready in season and out of season.”



I visited my mother in North Carolina a couple of weeks ago to celebrate her 89th birthday. We spent part of it at my sister’s time-share in Atlantic Beach. Cold, windy, rainy, but a great time. A couple of my sister’s friends from Florida came for a few days and I was able to preach what I practiced as we did our Sunday service. I preached from James 1:2-8 entitled, “Are You like the Surf of the Sea?” This is from part of a series of sermons I am preparing that have to do with the sea. This is quite challenging, but much more of a blessing to serve our God in this way.

I received a funny compliment on the phone the other day. I was talking to a customer service representative and she asked me how old I was. I told her that I was 59. She replied, “Oh my! I thought you were my age!” I asked her, “How old are you?” She replied, “I’m 29.” Wow! When people speak with my 89-year-old mom on the phone, her voice sounds so young they think she is in her 50’s. Perhaps God has blessed me with a strong voice to preach His Word for many years to come!



The Lord has expanded our mission field to include a new “people group.” This spring fifteen Amish families are moving to our rural town in Whitefield. Pray as we get to know them and try to give them a warm welcome in the Lord’s name to our area. However, as I write this, it is snowing and that’s no April fool’s joke. Welcome to spring in Maine!

God has also given us another way to help support our ministry. I must confess, I do most of my shopping on Amazon to save time and gas. Amazon has a seamless site called [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), absolutely no difference; your account is the same on both. *Maine Maritime Ministry* is a Federal nonprofit 501c3 organization. You can choose **Maine Maritime Ministry** and .5% of all purchases will go to support the Lord’s work. Cool☺. So if you like, at no additional cost, Amazon will become another supporter of Maine Maritime Ministry.



May the Lord bless you with a wonderful “Resurrection Day” as we celebrate Jesus’ great sacrifice, His victory over death and our new life in Christ.

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

Chris and Vickie Gerardi

