



# Maine Maritime Ministry

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

*“That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified” Is. 61:3*

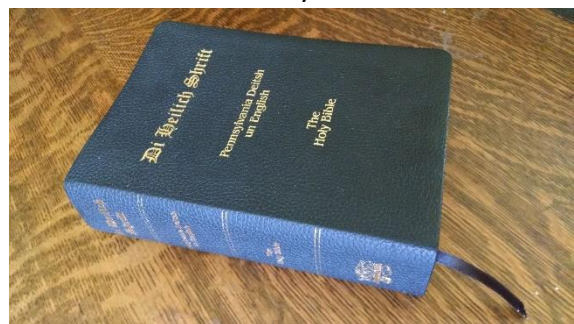
Dear Family & Friends,

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God wants us all to bloom where we are planted. We are still learning about the Lord’s strategy of planting us back in Maine precisely where He wants us to be-- even if it means to be away from or beloved family. Amazingly the positioning of Maine Maritime Ministry can be summed in the Maine State Seal. You see, God not only put our ministry in the middle of mid-coast Maine but also right on the line where Maritime and farm land meet--just like the symbol of farmer and sailor. We live on Head Tide Road, where the tide waters begin and the farms start. DIRIGO is Latin for “I lead.” Please, pray as God uses us to lead people to Christ.



When I found out last year that our town was now a new Amish settlement, I



immediately called my dear friend Eli.

He was brought up Amish and I

wanted to get the inside story of what it’s like to be Amish and how to reach them for Christ. One thing led to another and before we knew it, Eli’s Sunday school class raised money for us to give each Amish family a German/English Bible. It is typical for Amish families not to have their own Bible. Pray as we give the gift of God’s Word to each of our new Amish neighbors.

Eli and his wife Renee came to visit last week, to give us these Bibles and to help with the much needed



replacement of our front steps. As you can see, they were well past being on their last legs. Eli, with a little help from me, built us a wonderful, safe & sturdy set of stairs.

This will probably save our lives, or at

least from one of us breaking our legs as we go out to get the mail.



God is also working on the maritime front.

The biggest maritime retail store in Maine, Hamilton Marine said, “We believe in your mission and want to give your ministry our deepest US Coast Guard/Government discount.” Not only that, but now they display our tracts How to Navigate safely to Heaven’s Shores on their retail counter!

Last week I was able to attend the Friendship Sloop Regatta. I was privileged to race on a couple of different Friendship Sloops--the classic gaff rigged Maine lobster and fishing boat from the 1800’s). It was exciting—we even came very close to having an accident! People received our tracts gratefully, paving the way for further sharing of the Gospel.

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

*Chris and Vickie Gerardi*

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