

Dear Friends in Christ ,

August 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

### God Moves Fast!!

I came up to Maine for a preliminary moving trip, the other week. Our neighbor "Buck," a man in his 50's, came over for a visit carrying a bouquet of chives and rhubarb. After visiting for a while, he said, "I've been watches you over the years and you're a decent guy, the main reason I came over was to let you know that because of you I have now come to the Lord." We prayed together and I suggested that we have a Bible study together. He enthusiastically agreed! We barely are getting our feet on the ground and the Lord already has someone for me to disciple!

God graciously gave us this confirmation of seeing a needy soul come to Jesus Christ as we begin this new ministry. Buck is going through a lot. He is an alcoholic, his wife just left him, he is forced to sell the home he built by himself. He also has had several major surgeries this year from wounds he received in the military when he was younger. Please pray for him!

We appreciate your prayer and support. This has been a very difficult and stressful time. Moving, still struggling with insurance from the house fire, leaving our children, grandchildren and friends behind in New York and ministry change all while trying to recover from a severe concussion. My neurologist says I won't get better until I can rest. Hopefully things will settle down now and we appreciate your prayers for healing (headaches, fatigue, tinnitus, and insomnia to name a few).

For our anniversary I gave Vickie a pair of earrings in the shape of sailboats. With it came a little card of explanation that seemed very appropriate for this time of our lives and ministry. It reads as follows:

A sailboat symbolizes peace in time of change.  
Representing courage through transitional times,  
sailboats also symbolize the breath of the Holy \*Spirit.  
Wear the sailboat charm to celebrate the adventurous  
spirit that keeps you moving.

"Spirit" is the name of our sailboat that we will use to reach those along the coast who live on islands and hard to reach peninsulas.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in our new ministry. We will keep you informed, primarily with prayer concerns. Jesus said, "Apart from me you can do nothing." "This type does not come out except by prayer and fasting." I believe the front line of the spiritual battle that happens in the heavenlies over lost souls is fought and won through prayer. We encourage you to join us in building up the kingdom of God.

We love you and are thrilled to be serving the Lord together with you!

All our love,

Chris & Vickie Gerardi

*"We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them." Acts 14:15*

