

## **Maine Maritime Ministry**

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

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Dear Family & Friends,

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

God continues to open doors of ministry to us for different people groups. He first gave us many connections to the maritime community where an announcement was made to the audience, "We have an ordained minister as part of the Friendship Sloop Society. If you need crew it won't hurt to have Reverend Chris Gerardi on your boat." Also, God has opened up the door of ministry to the farming community, first the Amish and now other local

farmers. Now He has also opened the door to children!

Vickie and I have been witnessing to a local family with three children ranging from 7- 16 years of age. Vickie invited the children to come with us to Sunday School and church. The parents were very excited to let them go! Last week we brought them. It was wonderful to see these little ones in God's house. I asked Andrew, the 16 year- old boy, "Have you ever been to church before?" He answered "no". Wow, God is truly helping us to reach those who have never heard the Gospel before. They loved Sunday School and when the church



people saw that we had young people with us they said, "We see your grandchildren are with you today." No, these are our neighbor's children but we look forward to having our own grandchildren here someday as well.



When church started I could not find little Aiden. I looked everywhere, then asked Vickie if she seen Aiden. She pointed, and guess where we found him? Sitting all alone up in the very front on the church, eager to learn more about God. After church, Amy, the pastor's wife told Vickie, "You should have seen Aiden! They whole time we were singing, he held his hand over his heart!" Please pray for these three children Andrew, Aiden and Ashlyn that God would open their heart to Him as Savior and Lord and their parents Greg and Carrie as well.

> God keeps giving us opportunities to know our new Amish neighbors. And now He is opening doors to old time Maine farmers as well. The other day I was driving a tractor in our

backfield and a man was waiting to see me. His name is Mark and is one of the largest farmers around. He was watching me and after speaking for a half hour or so, he said in closing, "You bear watching." I'm not sure what he meant by that, but pray that he sees Christ in me, and he opens his heart to Jesus. Many people are watching us and know we stand for Jesus. Please pray that we are clear witness for our Lord and His Gospel.

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

Chris and Vickie Gerardi