

Dear Family and Friends

March 15, 2015

You mean more to Vickie and I than this letter can ever express. You have faithfully supported us over the years and we pray that we can continue to serve the Lord together for years to come.

We know that God is in control. Over the years I have learned that His ways are not mine, they are so much higher! (Is 55:8-9). When He leads us down paths that we do not understand we have opportunities to trust Him by faith and see His perfect will eventually unfold. One thing in which we can be confident- when we ask for wisdom He gives it. (James 1:2-8). And we know in all things God works together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Rm 8:28). The decision we had to make was very difficult for us, but by His counsel we know that it is the right one.

Walking by faith is an adventure. Following our God who is ever faithful takes trust and is not always easy. If it were, He would not have given us such promises as Prov. 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. This past year particularly has been difficult for my family and me. As you know, our home burned down in May and now I am injured so that it is difficult to make it through the day, let alone lead a ministry like Camp Pinnacle.

Who would have ever thought simply walking at camp to go to an appointment would change my life and ministry? On Jan. 5th I slipped on black ice hidden by a light coating of snow, falling backwards hitting my head extremely hard. Since that day I have been living with the symptoms of a severe concussion for over two months now. The Lord confirmed His direction for me when I tried to take care of some needed things and was completely wiped out hardly able to function the following week.

The neurologist said it would probably take 4-6 months to heal or it could be a year or two. He explained that the brain is very complex and mine has suffered thousands of micro tears. Unfortunately my appointment this week may indicate a longer healing schedule and further tests have been ordered. Each day I awake, expecting to be better but the Lord has a different plan. I spend a lot of times alone in a dark room (for needed rest and sensory deprivation) which is hard but comes with a special blessing of prayer and His presence.

One of my guiding principles as Director of Camp Pinnacle has been "whatever is best for Camp." This has helped me make some difficult decisions. So on the advice of my doctor I respectfully gave the board notice that I am stepping down as director of Camp Pinnacle Ministries. The board at Camp Pinnacle has been very patient and supportive of us. We are so truly grateful. Over the years Vickie and I have been blessed to witness over a thousand souls

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come to Christ. I believe the future of Camp Pinnacle is bright for the darker this generation gets the more needed is His light on the hill of God's Mountain, Camp Pinnacle.

God has been speaking to me in my dark sanctuary of a room. He has blessed me in a way that I did not expect. After much struggling prayer He gave me a release and a promise, Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart, trust also in Him and He will do it." Over the past year we have been receiving a "Macedonian call" (Acts 16:9) but didn't take it seriously. Some people who God allowed us to lead to the Lord have been begging us to come back, even some lost their have told me "I need to speak with you". The Lord has been closing doors in New York but opening them in Maine.

Many of you may know that I grew up on Long Island and went to the University of Rhode Island and came to know the Lord while receiving and Associates degree in Commercial Fisheries and Marine Technology while working on draggers out of Point Judith. My call to ministry comes from Matthew 4:19 "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." So that is what I have been doing these thirty plus years.

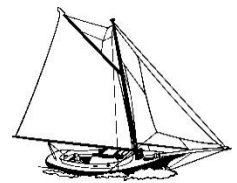
Many years ago the Lord placed on my heart the need of a Maritime Ministry and now He is germinating that seed. Maine Maritime Ministry is an incorporated non-profit ministry with all the paper filed for a 501c3 ministry. I never planned on retiring but redeploying. I thought this was going to happen when I was 67 not 57 but now is the time. As I heal and am able I look forward to sharing the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ along the coast of Maine and beyond. Would you continue to stand with Vickie and me as we endeavor to serve our Lord where He calls us? We hope you do.

Vickie and I are trusting the Lord and His people more than ever. We will be living at Camp Pinnacle into June. If you would continue to support us please pray and send checks made out to Maine Maritime Ministry, 358 Head Tide Rd. Whitefield Maine 04353.

Lovingly your servant and His.
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

*You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
Micah 7:18-19*



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