



# Maine Maritime Ministry

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

*"The planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." Is 61:3*

Dear Family & Friends

June 7, 2017

I am so glad that God is in control, even though we may not understand. (Proverbs 3:5-6). A few days after our house burned down, God moved one of His servants, Jim Couchy, to drive all the way up from New Jersey to upstate New York to give me this wonderful Bible verse—Is. 61:3 (pictured left). I had to listen! I am listening still.



This Bible verse was an encouragement to me then and continues to help me understand God's will now. With 20/20 hindsight, I see that God "planted" us back here in Maine to do the "works He had prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ep 2:10.

God has strategically planted us in the middle of the midcoast, on the edge of farm country to be a witness along the coast of Maine and our Amish neighbors. The two closest Amish families to us are just a couple of miles down the road. (Picture of Amish wagon passing our house with "new" horse drawn farm equipment) Vickie and I visited with two

families last week, the Yoders and Hostetlers. Very nice friendly folk. One of our supporters has generously offered to provide us with German to English Amish Bibles to give to these families. They are both BIG families. The Yoders have 10 children while the Hostetlers have 8 "kinder." When we visited, Vickie made sure that she baked a large rhubarb cake (rhubarb from our garden) for each family. Please pray as we get to know them and their need for Christ.



I have a second prayer request. Pray for wisdom and strength as I have considerable work and upgrades to do to our boat to make it seaworthy for the rugged coast of Maine. My prismatic glasses are working, but not in the way I expected. No one told me that the glasses would make my headaches and fatigue increase. When I went to my Occupational Therapist last week she said, "Oh no, that is to be expected to retrain your brain." I guess "no pain – no gain."



There are many churches on the islands and peninsulas off the coast of Maine that have not heard the gospel in over a generation. Pray that God would continue to open doors, as many of these churches are desperate for pulpit supply and especially the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. We shared in a previous letter that Maine is rated the least religious state in our nation. But did you know that Maine is very "spiritual"? With the void of truth, the enemy has set in and we need your prayers as many find the gospel hard to understand and even offensive. Pray as we endeavor to boldly share the gospel in Christ's love, that the messengers will never give offense though the message might. Jesus said, "I send you out as sheep among wolves." (Matt 16:10) Without yours prayers and support, our ministry would be in vain.

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

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