## **Maine Maritime Ministry**

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

"You were formally in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Ephesians 5:8

Dear Family & Friends,

August 29, 2016

Our purpose at Maine Maritime Ministry is to "share the love and Gospel of Jesus along the coast of Maine

and beyond." Though He has given us many times to do this in Maine this month, we would like to share with you opportunities "beyond."

We are so very pleased of how our sons, Daniel and Samuel served our Lord by leading the summer camp ministry at Camp Pinnacle. Though it was challenging for them at times, it was exciting to see them turn to the Lord and His Word to give them strength and direction. One of their counselors had a hard time leading Bible studies, so Sam gave her one of the ones I developed for the camp. The next week he told me that the Bible study went great and her whole cabin came to Christ!



I was asked and given the honor to share the Gospel Wednesday night at Camp. I hadn't preached since my concussion, so it was a step of faith and I saved up my strength to be with the campers that night. God is so



good--it was like old times! It was great sharing the good news of Christ again, seeing 17 children receive the Lord that night. Afterward one of the campers asked if I would baptize him. It was awesome to connect with children and teens. After the gospel presentation, I opened it up to "Questions with Pastor Chris" and they did not disappoint. They asked me searching question after question. After an hour, I turned to the summer camp directors and asked, "Don't you have other things planned for tonight?" "Yes," Sam replied, "but you can take three more questions."

After that, the children were released, but many stayed for another hour to get their questions answered and hear more about the Word of God!

Thursday night I was given the opportunity to give the message at the dedication fire and was pleased to share with the children how they can take the next step as a disciple of Christ. It is so good to share the gospel and so the hungar for Cod's Word met in these young lives.

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Right after Camp Pinnacle, we had opportunity to go to another camp, Central Manor Camp Meeting. It's a family tradition and blessing to go down to this Camp Meeting in Washington Boro, Pennsylvania. This year we celebrated 125 years of fellowship around God's Word! We had a great time being together as a family again around the Word of God. If that wasn't enough, our granddaughter, McKenzie, let us in on a little secret!



Grandchild #5 is on the way!! She excitedly shared a picture of their family, showing our Abigail with child.

Your servant and His,

Chris and Vickie Gerardi