



Maine Maritime Ministry

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

“Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole Praetorian Guard and to everyone else.” Philippians 1:12-13

Dear Family & Friends ,

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God works in amazing ways for the furtherance of His gospel. Who would have thought that the apostle Paul being arrested and thrown into prison would further the cause of Christ? But it did! “God ways are not our ways,” Isaiah 55:8 says--they are far better!

My medical care in Maine has been very thorough, leaving no stone unturned. I have two neurologists with the last name Robinson. (Please keep praying for the prismatic glasses that were prescribed back in March--my next court date is October 13). I also have an occupational and physical therapist, besides that that the Lord has sent me to a craniosacral therapist and most recently to acupuncturist.

I felt very much like Paul and his “captive audience” as I was pinned to the table. Every therapist visit turns out



to be an opportunity to witness. Most recently I had a very rare treatment done by a world renowned acupuncturist who does not see patients, but only teaches advanced classes to groups of practitioners. They told me that this would be a long session; 6-8 hours of deep acupuncture. So they suggested that I bring my own music. What an opportunity! Vickie helped me pick out an array of Christian music.

There were a dozen people there for this advanced training. I was able to share Christ with them extensively for hours as the room was quiet and the only sound was the gospel in word and song (besides my occasional groan of pain). I shared my recent sermon on the gospel I gave to the children at Camp Pinnacle on Ephesians 2:8-9 and also from John 14:6, that Jesus is the ONLY way to God. We also discussed that there were only three conclusions we can legitimately come to who Jesus is. He must be either Lord, liar or lunatic, for He claimed to be God! Either He was God; He was who He said He was or He was a liar who knew he wasn't god but claimed to be. Or he was a lunatic; he thought he was god but wasn't. Just a good man or teacher is not an option!

I love the old hymn, “I Love to tell the Story, especially to those who never have heard!” I shared the potent story of the disciples on the Sea of Galilee, afraid for their lives as the storm threatened to sink them and Jesus sleeping peacefully in the back of the boat. When they asked, “Lord, don't you care we are going to drown?!” He rebuked the wind and waves and they became instantly still. They asked, “Who is this that even the wind and waves obey Him?” At the end of the session I encouraged them to take my literature if they wanted to know more about Jesus. The literature was the Bible tract you helped me put together along with our prayer card and another tract I wrote on “Censored History” with many Christian quotes from our country's founding fathers. When I returned the next week, I discovered that the large pile of Christian literature was almost all taken! Please pray that these seeds of the gospel bear fruit for our Lord's kingdom.



Your servants and His,

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