Gerardi Family News 2016

Dear Family and Friends,

We have just returned from a wonderful Thanksgiving time, spent with our kids and grandkids. The Lord certainly has blessed us with

the best family ever! (We are a little bit biased!) We were finally able to get everyone together for the family picture after church on Sunday morning. With so many different schedules, it was quite a feat to be able to do that!

We will start with the oldest.... Sarah and her husband Mark are the proud parents of our rambunctious 18-month old grandson, Mason. (He is the one holding a cup in his hands.) Mark is a head machinist at General Electric. Sarah works part-time for the state, and is privileged to be at home with Mason the rest of the week. They are almost finished redecorating their house, and the newly done bathroom looks fantastic! They are having a hard time keeping up with Mason, who can run circles around us. He is the happiest little guy ever!

Next we have Daniel and his wife Sarah, (he is on the left, holding almost sixmonth old Gabriel.) Dan is the maintenance guy at Camp Pinnacle, and Sarah is the office manager there. When people stop in at the office, they get a special treat, because Gabriel is there in the office to greet them! We had the privilege of keeping Gabriel while his parents went out for their anniversary, and he was absolutely the best baby! He has the best smile!

Then there is Abigail, (the one with child) sitting next to Vickie. She and her husband, Joey, are expecting their third one in February. The whole family is sooooo excited! None of us know for sure if it's a boy or girl, but McKenzie, the oldest, says it's a boy! She will be five on Dec. 26, and is attending preschool this year at Westerlo Baptist Church. Emma is two, and is our budding cosmetologist-hair, make-up, nails, the works! She gets into almost everything! Joey is a correctional officer and Abigail works as a hair stylist one day a week. She does a fantastic job!

Then we have Lydia who is the newly decorated staff sergeant in the New York Air National Guard! We are all so proud of her! She also is a member of the Honor Guard, and will be continuing with her education to become a registered nurse. She is one busy gal!

Last, but not least, is Samuel, who is a junior at Houghton College. He is majoring in bio-chem, and is also a Resident Assistant at his college dorm. He is doing a great job with his studies....we are so proud of him! We do our best to come back to New York when he is home from college, but still don't see him too much! Hard to believe he only has a little over a year and a half until he graduates! He will be 21 in February—WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE????

We are so thankful that all the kids love the Lord and follow Him. Please continue to pray for us all, because it is so difficult to be apart from them! And please pray for us as we continue the work God has for us with Maine Maritime Ministry. We love and miss you all! God bless you with a joyous Christmas happy New Year!

Love in Jesus,

Chris and Vickie Gerardi