



## Maine Maritime Ministry

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

*Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated means "God with us". Matthew 1:23*

Dear Central Manor Men's & Ladies' Class,

January 9, 2016

It's hard to believe it is 2016! Wow, I remember when I had to read the futuristic book for school entitles 1984! Time goes by fast. Soon we will be in our Lord's presence, face to face. No wonder the Bible says that the time is short and our opportunities are limited to do our Lord's affairs. (1 Cor. 7) Mark Cahill puts it: there is "One Thing We Can't Do in Heaven" and that is to share our faith with a lost and dying world.



We had a great Christmas delivering Christian Xmas cards with Vickie's addictive pastry braids to the neighbors then off to New York to have a wonderful time with family over Christmas, so good to see the children and grand children. We always make the most of our trips to New York. Going to the doctors, catching up with family and still moving what we had left from the fire.



The Lord continues to help us be a light for Him. Vickie attends a local women's Bible study and I am getting to know the men, some of which really need to grow in the Lord. One man in particular is Howard. We witnessed to him 30 years ago when we were first here in Maine and we have seen some interesting fruit. When we left took it upon himself to take care of our place and mowed the lawn for a couple of decades without charge. I said to Howard, "I would never ask you to do this." He replied,

"That's why I'm doing it."

When we first met him, he was reluctant to speak of the Lord. Now He mentions the Lord's name all the time. When we left he even started going to church with his wife for a few years but now he likes to meet the Lord in the woods and calls it "his church." Natural revelation in creation is good but the Lord wants so much more for us! The great and precious promises we find in the Bible are truly beyond compare.

Psalm 19 clearly reveals that God's Word is "more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb." Howard is missing so much! Please pray as I try to reach him for the Lord. He has been hurt by the church and other believers but he still seems to want to be around me and I need your prayers to be a light for the Lord to him. Our time to reach people by faith in this life is indeed short.

Vickie and I appreciate your and your support for our ministry. We have devotions together and pray for our mission field and our supporters most every morning. We would like to pray for you as effectively as possible. Please feel free to jot down a note of your prayer concerns for us. We love you and want to partner with you to do the Lord's work in every way possible. May we all be fruitful for our Lord in this New Year!

Your servant and His,

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