



Maine Maritime Ministry

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

"We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2:2

Dear Family & Friends,

December 15, 2017

The Christmas star that the wise men followed to Jesus was no ordinary star. This star was unique, never seen before and specific enough to lead to the exact house where Jesus was. Sailors used stars to direct them at sea but never just one star to fix an exact location, especially the size of a house (as accurate as GPS is today.) This star led them directly to the Emmanuel, Messiah, Prince of Peace, King of the Jews ... King of Kings!



We need your prayers to help lead people to Jesus. Especially pray, as we give each Amish family a Pennsylvania-Dutch/ English Bible to celebrate their first Christmas in their new home, and that God's Word would bring them closer to Jesus.



This Holy day season we are so grateful to our family in Christ who have supported our ministry over the years and our family with whom God has blessed us. Because of our busy schedules and God's blessing of expanding our family, we could not get everyone together this year for our annual family picture. However, with a new generation of Gerardi's here is a picture of us with our grandchildren.

God has blessed **Sarah** and **Mark** with **Mason** (2 ½) who is smart and strong. We went out to start our car, but at the age of two, he had already done it for us with our remote starter! "Scary!!!" **Noelle**, (4 months) was our Christmas gift in July. As she celebrates her first Christmas, what a gift she truly is!

Daniel and **Sarah Jean** have been given a little angel named **Gabriel** (18 months). He has a gentle and quiet spirit. He started to walk a few months ago, reminding us of a sailor who just got off the boat. Brings back memories for this old commercial fisherman!





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Abigail and **Joey** have three precious children. **McKenzie** the oldest, soon to be the big 6.0 the day after Christmas (Papa just celebrated his big 60). She is so smart and is now reading to Papa! **Emma Claire** is such a cutie! She saw Papa walking with a cane and said to me "Papa. you're old!" Perhaps I will soon be back to my old self. I am scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on Jan 8 and Feb 22. Please pray! Their youngest, **Jack**, (10 months) is all boy with inquisitive eyes, letting you know his wheels are always turning.



Lydia is on active duty with the air force, serving in the Honor Guard. She did a couple of surprises this year. First, she got permission to be involved a service for a navy veteran, Paul McFate. Jean, his wife, was pleasantly surprised when Lydia handed her the folded flag. Jean did not realize that Lydia was involved until then. Lydia had served for 2 months in Africa on the mission field staying in their home in Uganda. God has blessed Lydia with a beautiful voice. We found out after the fact that she sang the national anthem a Capella at the Empire State Plaza in Albany to kick off the 4th of July celebration in front of thousands of people!

It is hard to believe that our youngest, **Samuel**, is getting ready to graduate this spring with a degree in Bio-Chem. God has made him strong in body mind and spirt. He won a weight lifting contest at school, lifting 325 pounds! He studies hard and is at the top of his class. Most of all, he wants to serve God. Please pray that God guides his steps.

You are such a great blessing to us!

From the bottom of our hearts we wish you a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a God honoring New Year.

*With all our love and gratitude! Your servant and His,
Chris and Vickie Gerardi*

