



# Maine Maritime Ministry

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

*“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season” 2 Timothy 4:2*

Dear Family & Friends

March 4, 2017

I woke up this morning with the temperature close to zero and winds up to 20 mph. We keep the “home fires burning” – literally! The work of Maine Maritime Ministry goes forward. The pastor of the last church I preached in sent a letter stating, “I heard wonderful things about your message and your presence while I was away. Thank you.” I learned some powerful lessons at that church. First is the power of prayer; that was the only way God opened the door for me to preach the gospel to that lost church. Second the necessity for me to learn to preach without notes so I can be ready both in and out of season.” (I am still waiting for prismatic glasses, but “God works out all things for good!”)



Please join with us in prayer that God would open the door for the gospel to be preached in churches along the coast of Maine. Many have not heard the gospel in years or even generations. Please pray also for me as I prepare messages without notes, freeing me to be led by His Spirit to preach the gospel at every opportunity.

In preparation for our Lord’s service, I am reviewing and meditating on my top 100 + memory verses and adding to them as the Spirit moves, making messages from them in such a way that I would be able to preach at a moment’s notice. Just yesterday at my extended 2 ½ hour therapy session, I was able to share the gospel with a dozen students looking on.



God gave me a special verse the year our house in New York burned down. He literally sent a precious saint named Jim Couchey to drive up from New Jersey to give me Isaiah 61:3. The end of this appropriate verse says “a planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.” It’s amazing how God planted us in Maine. There was an article in the Bangor Daily News entitled **“Got Faith? Maine the Least-Religious State in the Nation.”** “Coincidentally” God has strategically placed us in the midcoast, in the center of the least religious state in the nation! We have prayed that the Lord would use us where He needs us most. He does indeed know what He is doing!! Please pray that His light would shine through us in this most dark and needy place where He has planted us for His glory!



On a personal note...God has blessed us with our fifth grandchild, born February 15th to our daughter Abbie and her husband Joey. His name is Jack Ryder Haley. He joins his big sisters McKenzie and Emma Claire. We love him so and I am jealous of his this full head of hair! We were also blessed to have our youngest son, Samuel, visit us for a couple of days in Maine right when we needed someone strong. He helped us to install our upper kitchen cabinets, after God’s blessing of sheetrock! Another coincidence? Not with God!

With all our love and gratitude! Your servant and His,

*Chris and Vickie Gerardi*