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PRAYER POINTS

- Lasting fruit
- More schools for November and May
- More team members
- Increased financial support
- No problems with my car as it has surpassed 170,000 miles
- Times of refreshment between weeks

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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| ACSI Middle School Leadership Conference | November 8 |
| Upton Lake, Clinton Corners, NY (K-6) | November 9-10 |
| Beacon Christian, Beverly, MA (K-5) | December 5-9 |
| Faith Heritage, Syracuse, NY (K-6) | December 12-16 |
| Berkshire Christian, Lenox, MA (K-8) | January 2-6 |

Coastlands Update

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 25, 2011

Spring, Summer, and Fall

Much has happened since my last newsletter in early April! Near the end of the last school year we traveled to schools in Massachusetts and Maine, and I also joined Concord Christian on their annual 8th grade class trip to Cape Cod. Our last 2 weeks of the year were at Mt. Zion, located only 10 minutes away. After speaking at 3 eighth-grade graduations in June, I began preparing numerous lessons, handouts, and Powerpoints for 2 weeks of summer camp in Pennsylvania in July. In early August I went on a family vacation to Florida, and then Hudson, Alise, and a part-time team member and I traveled to Deer Isle, Maine, for a week of vacation Bible school. The summer ended up being much busier than I expected and I was "on the road"

more often than I planned.



A baptism at camp

The new school year began with Hudson and I doing a 3-day retreat in the White Mountains with Jesse Remington High School, immediately followed by a K-8 week at Concord Christian Academy. My parents came up to visit in late September, and the next week our team headed to Holden Christian Academy

near Worcester (a week which also included a 2-day middle school field trip to Connecticut). During the week of Columbus Day I did both a middle school retreat and a high school retreat with Windham Christian Academy in Maine. It was fun to work with Natalee Stotz again, a former Coastlands team member who now teaches at WCA. It's been a busy but good start to the new school year, and we're looking forward with anticipation to the weeks and months ahead!



Dinner after an 8th grade graduation

“How good and pleasant it is...”

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity,” says Psalm 133:1. Our team this year has very diverse personalities, interests, and theological beliefs, and getting along with each other can often be a challenge as we live together, work together, and travel together. We are making a strong effort to improve our team unity, and we also chose unity as our spiritual emphasis week theme

for the year. Each week in chapel we spell the word U.N.I.F.Y. (the students get a letter each day), dealing with topics such as love, humility, forgiveness, and getting along with each other - even with the person who is our opposite. Why are we spelling “unify” instead of “unity”? “Unify” is a verb and “unity” is a noun. As a team we understand that unity is the goal but that it requires work to achieve it!



5 team members

Transitions and Team Members



The 2nd annual Papa Gino's night with a former 8th grade class from a school in Massachusetts

- During the last school year, Pam began to transition out of direct ministry to the students and began to focus more on ministry to the team members, administrative "behind the scenes" work for Coastlands, and increasing ministry here at Covenant House in Manchester. That transition is nearly complete - she has only joined us for 2 half-days so far this year! Please pray for her as she enters a new phase of ministry.



A chapel object lesson

- We are always interested in having new people join us, even if it's only for a week. We also welcome college students during Christmas vacation and high schoolers during February and April

vacations. If you know anyone who may be interested or who would be a good fit, please encourage them to contact us!



It helps to be tall in Ultimate Frisbee!

Mentoring Ministry in the Mountains



Some things are normal at summer camp that aren't normal anywhere else.

In mid-October, Pam, David, Allycia, and I traveled to Indian Lake, NY, a small town in the center of the Adirondacks. Pam's childhood friend Kathy Lowery and her husband Sean are nearing retirement, and a little over a year ago they purchased a home on a 40-acre property. Their desire is to begin a mentoring ministry in that region, and they invited us to their home for a weekend

of fellowship and prayer as they seek God's direction. It was exciting to walk the property and hear the vision they have for its use. Kathy also spent the week ministering with us in mid-September during our week at Concord Christian. Please pray for wisdom for them as they embark on this new journey and as they faithfully steward the property entrusted to them!



With the Lowery's in Indian Lake, NY

Football + Fall + Friends =
A Great Afternoon



For More Information...

Coastlands is a relationally-based ministry providing on-site mentoring teams in a variety of Christian venues, including Spiritual Emphasis Weeks, class trips, retreats, men's and women's minis-

tries, leadership training, youth group ministry, VBS, camp ministry, Sunday School workshops, and teacher training. Coastlands teams currently travel across the Northeast. If you are interested in more information, scheduling an event, or the possibility of

joining our team for a week or more, please feel free to contact me any time on Facebook or at any of the following:
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