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PRAYER POINTS

- Lasting fruit
- More schools for May and June, plus bookings for next year
- More team members
- Increased monthly supporters
- No problems with my car as it has surpassed 156,000 miles
- Times of refreshment between weeks

SPRING SCHEDULE

Oxford Hills (7-12)	April 4-8
Dayspring Chapel (K-8)	April 13
Cape Cod with Concord Christian (8)	April 17-21
Weymouth (K-8)	April 25-29
Mt. Zion (5-8)	May 2-6
Mt. Zion (K-4)	May 16-20
Concord 8th Grade Grad. Speech	June 9

Coastlands Update

APRIL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1, 2011

Spring Forward

Coastlands has traveled to 5 schools since my last newsletter. In mid-February we spent a week in Clinton Corners, NY, with the junior high and high school students of **Upton Lake Christian School**. This small school has a family-like atmosphere with strong mentoring and Scripture-memory components, and we are always blessed by our time there. We were able to commute from home the following week at **Concord Christian** - it's always nice to be able to sleep in our own beds! :) Another advantage of "commute schools" is the opportunity to build deeper connections with both staff and students because of the "localness"; for example, I stopped yesterday to pick up something and ended up staying for the afternoon! We already

look forward to returning there for 2 weeks next year - once in the fall and once in the spring. I stayed home the next week while the rest of the team traveled to an elementary school in



Eva, Shannon, and Ben: 3 high school homeschoolers who joined us in ministry at PCS

Massachusetts, which gave me time to work on other ministry-related "stuff". Two weeks ago we experienced a powerful week

at **Cornerstone Christian School** in Manchester, CT - one of the best weeks I've experienced in 7 years! We were especially blessed by what happened in the middle school on Friday morning, when chapel unexpectedly went from 8:45-12:00! Students prayed for each other individually and in groups, tears were shed, apologies were given and accepted, etc. It was very clear that God was working in their lives, and we pray for lasting fruit. Finally, last week we were excited to return to **Penobscot Christian School** in Bangor after a one-year break. On Wednesday we also planned a bowling reunion with several campers from a camp at which I have spoken, many of whom are also PCS alumni.

Changing Seasons

As some of you know, this has been a year of great transition in the ministry. In the spirit of **2 Timothy 2:2**, Pam's desire has been to train team members to replace her. Consequently, her role has switched to more behind-the-scenes work this year, mentoring team members and being available for the teachers. She now does very little "up-front" ministry in the chapels.

While this has been difficult for some staff and students to adjust to, the transition has gone relatively smoothly and will hopefully enable the ministry to continue long into the future. It will also open new opportunities for Pam after 21 years of an itinerant lifestyle. We appreciate your continued prayers for this transition and for an increasing number of team members!



Pam shares a laugh with younger team members at Covenant House

Do Hard Things!

Several **high schoolers** have joined us recently, resulting in multiple layers of ministry each week. One **senior** from



Sarah talking with a 7th-grader

senior homeschoolers and one **junior** homeschooler joined us at Penobscot. We have been so blessed by their energy and enthusiasm! If you are interested in joining us for a week, please contact me for more information!



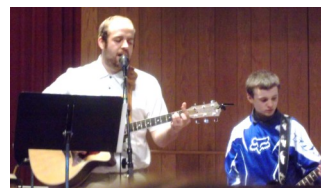
Teaching a new game to 5th and 6th graders!



Peyton playing Ninja with junior highers

Pinkerton Academy and one from Oxford Hills Christian

Academy joined us at Concord Christian. Then, five **9th and 10th graders** from Concord Christian joined us at Cornerstone Christian. Finally, two



Hudson and Zach on guitar in chapel

Summer Reading

A few weeks ago I read a new book by Jeff Myers (with Paul and Paige Gutacker) called **“Cultivate: Forming the Emerging Generation through Life-on-Life Mentoring.”** I *highly* recommend this book to every adult - it is the best summary of what I have learned working with young people over the past 12 years. Investing in the next generation cannot be merely

an option for *any* of us. It’s a necessity, and this book is filled with excellent insights and tips. As the authors write on the back cover, “The emerging generation needs positive life-on-life influence from adults now more than ever if they are to truly thrive.” Whether you are in youth ministry or not, you have an important role to play, and this book will help equip you for the journey!



PCS alumni and Deerwander campers laugh together at the bowling reunion during our week at PCS



Tough defense!

The 5th annual tradition of going out for pizza with the high school guys after school



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

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