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PRAYER POINTS:

- Lasting fruit
- More schools for April and May
- More team members
- Increased monthly supporters
- No problems with my car as it approaches 150,000 miles
- Times of refreshment between weeks

WINTER SCHEDULE

Berkshire (5-8)	Jan. 3-7
Manhattan (K-8)	Jan. 10-14
Salem (K-8)	Jan. 24-28
Dayspring (K-8)	Jan. 31 - Feb. 4
Upton Lake (7-12)	Feb. 14-18
Concord (K-8)	Feb. 21-25
Mount Hope (PreK-5)	Feb. 28 - Mar. 4

Coastlands Update

WINTER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 17, 2010

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

The last several weeks have been eventful! The week before Thanksgiving we traveled to Upton Lake Christian School, where we have developed a high level of relationship over the years with both the staff and the students. After Thanksgiving we traveled to Oxford Hills in central Maine, a week sponsored by Coastlands supporters who walked 60 miles in 3 days in August for the second consecutive year to raise money for spiritual emphasis week. We enjoyed spending last week in Beverly, MA, with a very loving and enthusiastic group of elementary students at North Shore Christian School!

In early January we travel to Berkshire Christian School in western Massachusetts. This will

be a new school for us and we'll be working with grades K-8. The



Our full-time team

following week we'll make our annual trip to Manhattan Christian Academy. This inner-city experience is always a highlight of my year, and we anticipate being joined by 3 or more additional

team members that week. January will end with a visit to Salem Christian school. Hudson and Allycia are both SCS graduates, so it is a fun "homecoming" week for them.

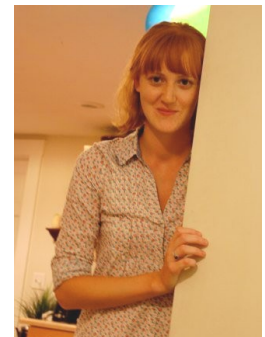
It is difficult to capture in words all that happens during a week at a school, or in ministry opportunities between weeks, or through email or texting or Facebook, or through one-on-one or small-group conversations. Much of the ministry in which we're involved is either confidential or otherwise not appropriate to share with large groups of people. Please pray for both the public aspects of the ministry and also the behind-the-scenes aspects, which are equally, or often even more, important.

Coastlands Welcomes a New Member

Coastlands has been blessed by the addition of a new full-time team member, Miss Alise Joy Cain. Originally from Sandown, NH, Alise graduated from the New Hampshire Institute of Art last spring with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography. Allycia and Pam invited her to join us for a couple weeks of ministry in the fall, and she was quickly hooked!

Alise enjoys worship, music, photography, traveling, hiking, and dancing. She attends Manchester Vineyard Church and ministers to the homeless through her church's weekly Mercy Lunches. We're excited to have her on the team!

(Special thanks to Alise for the pictures in this newsletter!)



Opportunities for High Schoolers!



One of many uses for orange cones!

Do you know a college or high school student who would like to join us for a week of ministry? We were joined by 6 high schoolers last spring, hope to be joined by an 11th grade homeschooler in January, and will be joined by high school students in both February and March. David Small, a senior at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH, reflects on his week with us in October: “My time with Coastlands was everything I thought in my head that it would be and more. I learned

more, and just had a fun time being me and being able to do what God has called me to do, by



David at recess

just loving on kids and showing them that they are sons and daughters of the living God. I can tell that God has surely blessed this ministry and hope that God keeps making this ministry everything He has called it to be. I would love to join this ministry in the future because God is with them everywhere they go, and I experienced that the week I was with you guys. The way you teach the kids is so simple and fun, it keeps the kids attention. I loved my week with you guys and hope to go again soon.”



Psalm 122:1: “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’”

Update on Nate Blanchard

Nate Blanchard, one of our team members, has experienced severe health issues in the past several months. He sent us this update: “Dear Friends: Well, the last few months have certainly been challenging. In the last six months, I’ve spent the equivalent of more than one month in the hospital. In May, I was in two different hospitals with some major issues in my feet and

ankles, including 2 infections and some pretty severe joint issues. It all led to the amputation of my right foot. But please don’t be too concerned because in the last few months, I’ve truly started to rely even more on God for His provision, and I firmly believe in Romans 8:28: ‘And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his

purpose.’ I have taken the last several schools off (though I was able to travel with the team to Mt Hope Christian School in Burlington, MA in September!) but it is my sincere hope to rejoin the team at the end of January. To get a more in-depth understanding of how I’m feeling, check out my new blog (<http://clowningatnerd-club.blogspot.com>)!”

For More Information...

In-between exhausting games of Tag!



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: 603-321-8903 matthuffman@hotmail.com 345 Coolidge Ave. Manchester, NH 03102 Thanks!