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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Coastlands is in it's 21st year of ministry.
- We have people join us for as little as a week. Interested? :)
- Ministry internships are available.

**FALL/
WINTER**

Upton Lake (K-6)	Nov. 15-19
Oxford Hills (K-6)	Nov. 28 - Dec. 3
Beacon (K-5)	Dec. 5-10
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

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“Does Coastlands still exist?”

If the absence of a newsletter over the past several months has caused you to wonder about the continued existence of Coastlands, be assured that the ministry remains strong and growing!

Since the last newsletter we have traveled to schools as far north as South Paris, Maine, and as far south and west as Poughkeepsie and Syracuse, New York. In addition to chaperoning two 8th-grade class trips last spring, I also spoke at two 8th-grade graduations in June. Summer included 3 camps and a VBS, located from Deer Isle, Maine to Hallstead, Pennsylvania. It was also a time to prepare new lessons, handouts, and Powerpoints for this school year. In addition to 3 spiritual emphasis weeks so far

this fall, I have been blessed to speak at 2 middle school retreats as well as the ACSI Middle School Leadership Conference.



Celebrating at an 8th-grade graduation!

Our team has experienced some significant changes in the past several months. Although he hopes to rejoin us, Nate Blanchard has left the team due to health issues. Nate Silvius, who joined us for the spring semester,

currently attends college in Florida. Hudson Wells, who worked with us during the 2008-2009 school year and the fall of last year, has rejoined us. Allycia Veilleux is in her second year with Coastlands, and we are pleased to announce the recent addition of a new team member, Miss Alise Joy Cain. Hudson, Allycia, and Alise are musically gifted, and Hudson and Allycia now teach the elementary chapel lessons. Although Pam continues to travel with us, the size of our team has allowed her to change her role to overseeing the teams and ministering to the teachers. My current role involves teaching middle school lessons, leading middle school and high school weeks, and assisting in elementary chapels.

Behind the Scenes

After working with Coastlands for over 6 years, it has grown clearer and clearer to me that my true passion and calling is mentoring. After building relationships with students and campers over several years, God has opened up more and more individual and small-group mentoring opportunities. Things like making phone calls, writing let-

ters, going out for dinner with a student (or a group of students), hiking, going to sporting events, and staying in touch through Facebook and email are now consuming a much larger amount of my time and energy. These are aspects of the ministry that most people don't see but which I consider to be as important as anything else we do at a school.



It is an incredible blessing to have
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Behind the Scenes (Cont.)



Backpacking in Vermont in July

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 opportunities to invest in the lives of individual young people and both encourage and challenge them. I am reminded often of Paul's words to the Thessalonians: "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us." I am convinced that much mentoring occurs as we simply share life together. In addition, I often learn a lot and am chal-



Spending time with a high schooler as he built this tree house for a 4th-grade boy was a highlight of the summer!

lenged by the young people with whom I spend time - we can learn from them as well as

them learning from us. Please pray for increased opportunities to equip, challenge, and encourage this generation. I am excited about the future and the possibilities!



Clash day for the students!



Which way? Sign on Deer Isle, ME

Jeremiah 6:16: "This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'"

Financial Update

Although my financial situation has improved since the spring, my monthly support remains approximately \$500 below what is needed. Would you prayerfully consider becoming one of 20 partners giving \$25 a month? If you'd like to give more or less or would like to make a one-time donation, that would be perfectly fine too! Any amount is helpful

and greatly appreciated!

This is my 7th year raising support, and thank you to all who have made it possible! It's been an adventure, but God has been faithful to provide through His people! Philippians 4:19: "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."



Reconnecting at camp with young men from a Christian school we visit

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, women's ministries,

leadership training, VBS, camp ministry, 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 con-

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 Thanks!



Hiking with students in October