

From the Desk of Betty Hoover. . .

June - July 2009



Dear Friends, Family, and Prayer Partners,

**Hitherto the Lord has helped me. Can I doubt His future claim?
He will always go before me, for He is always the same.**

(See Ps. 48:14)

-BH, 5/20/09

Yes, it is **time to embark on my summer mission's trip to Maine**. There's so much yet to do in this final week, but somehow the Lord will enable me to depart with Crystal Wilson and Zippy with her kennel June 18th. I'll need to do much more sorting and careful packing to have room for Crystal and her belongings. Crystal, a Piedmont Baptist College student from my church, will be a summer missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)[®], taking training at our Christian Youth in Action (CYIA)[®] training school, where I'll be teaching and helping, and then working at Camp Good News[®]. I'll be teaching Bible again at River of Life Bible Camp. We'll head south after August 8th, visit friends en route and then arrive home around August 13th.

Why is it important for me to return to Maine in the summer? Is it just so I can enjoy the cooler summer and the beautiful scenery, so I can see my friends there and enjoy fellowship, or so I can reminisce over the blessed years of ministry God gave me in Maine? No, these things are part of God's blessings, but the **most important reason is to teach the Word of God** and to help train others. There are still opportunities for me in Maine and I rejoice in the health and strength God has given me to return.

The youth group from my church will serve in one of CEF's day camps in Maine for a week in July. I had the privilege of having training classes for them three weeks in May, nearly two hours each week. Their leaders are continuing with follow-up and further preparations. The whole group is excited about their missionary trip to Maine, and I am looking forward to meeting them for a visit at Camp Good News, where they'll have their hand bell choir special music on Sunday morning. After lunch we'll go to Central Maine CEF Headquarters for orientation. Then the youth group will serve in the evening service at a local church. I'll be with them a couple of days or so. Since it is also day camp week at River of Life, I hope to make a short visit to Aroostook County before returning to River of Life Bible Camp to teach the last two weeks of Junior Camp. I am trusting the Lord to put together the details of my schedule and to work out His good purposes.

My family is doing fine. We'll be together at Wendy's this Saturday. I'll celebrate my two grand nephews' June birthdays and see my sister Shirley and Joe before they leave for a trip to Israel. Meanwhile, I'll begin my study for our camp Bible lessons on DANIEL and try to figure what to take for the summer and how to fit it all into the van. I'll change an old statement and say: "Where it's God's will, there's a way." Prayer is an important way of seeking His will and His way.

For My Prayer Partners:

- ❖ **Preparations for all of us serving this summer with CEF of Maine**, both staff and young people
- ❖ **Traveling mercies** for me and Crystal June 18th -19th and in July for our youth group and their five leaders
- ❖ **All young people attending CYIA training**, June 24 – July 3, to come with hearts prepared to learn and serve for His glory
- ❖ **Crucial need at River of Life camp:** nurses, cooks, life guards, speakers; wisdom and strength for Brad Walker, director
- ❖ **The summer camp ministries, both overnight camps and day camps**, to be fruitful in the lives of children.
- ❖ **God to provide the rest of Crystal's support** for five weeks of summer missionary work in Maine in addition to CYIA
- ❖ **Health and strength for Betty** along with additional support for **travel expenses**

I hope there's room for me in the van. I want to see my friends at camp! Pray for me, too. I'm getting old.



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Crystal Wilson's summer support: CEF of Maine Inc.

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