



Milestone - Downeast Maine Tiny House Placed on Foundation

MILBRIDGE, ME — August 3, 2020 was a banner day. The Downeast Maine Tiny House was placed on its foundation. The work and love of many people paid off. We recommend *WVH-TV's* Brooke Reilly [report](#) and [video](#) of the event. Ms. Reilly was there and produced an excellent report.

More stories, photos, and videos from the Mission and others of the event coming soon on the [Downeast Maine Tiny House Project Blog](#).

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BAR HARBOR, ME -- *MissionTogether* is a fundraiser to raise spirits and resources that allow the Maine Seacoast Mission to respond to community needs. As we have adapted our service programs to effectively embrace public health needs - by creating a drive-thru food pantry, online educational programming, and virtual outreach services to strengthen community - we are also adapting our event format this year to offer an opportunity to be together, apart. Our mission has always addressed the conditions of isolation experienced by downeast coastal and island communities. Our event on August 14th at 5:30 p.m. will do no less!

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Director of Island Outreach and Chaplain Douglas Cornman on his midday work commute to Maine islands pre-Covid-19.

Douglas Cornman - Spirituality Past & Present

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- On Tuesday, July 28th, Mission President John Zavodny and I had the pleasure of co-hosting a *Spiritual Roundtable* with past Mission presidents and pastors. Joining our Zoom meeting were the Reverends Gary Delong and Scott Planting -- both former Mission presidents. Former *Sunbeam* pastors the Reverends Tony Burkart and Rob Benson, and current Mission Board chair Dan McKay joined too.

John and I wanted to connect (or re-connect) past and current spiritual leadership, listen to Mission stories straight from the pastors' mouths, and better understand the guiding principles and values of the Mission's history of spiritual work.

The meeting did not disappoint.

After introductions I led the group in prayer. Each participant then shared

experiences from his time with the Mission. Stories were told of identifying community needs, and of Mission programs growing from those needs.

I was reminded of why and how Mission workers like Edith Drury once distributed packs of seeds to Mission families. Her work was similar to today when *Sunbeam* Steward Jillian, and Island Health Services Director Sharon Daley, bring aboard the *Sunbeam* seedlings from their gardens to share with islanders. Similar to staff at our Downeast Campus building and distributing “Gardens in a Box” to families in Cherryfield.

[Full Story](#)



Summer Camp Safety & Smiles

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- It was a delight to welcome campers to the Downeast Campus in July for an action-packed summer experience. The sound of laughter was abundant as EdGE staff provided the first in person programming since schools closed in March.

We offered four weeks of a modified version of summer camp that followed State of Maine guidelines and CDC recommendations. Our number one priority was keeping students, families, and staff safe. Camp activities were classic EdGE, modified for mask wearing and social distancing. Students took part in cooking,

DSLR cameras photography, science experiments, engineering, trail hiking, volleyball, basketball, and many more engaging activities. One summer camp highlight was the opportunity for students to have much-needed social interaction with their peers and EdGE staff.

Through generous grants and partnerships we provided many extras to students attending camp.

Each Friday, the Mission food pantry provided a box of food to all campers and their families. Some families took part in a Good Shepherd Cooking Matters course where they were provided over the four weeks of camp with food for six dinners to cook as a family.

An Evelyn S. and K.E. Barrett Foundation grant provided books to all campers and students in the summer meals program. Students selected a few books to read. We bought those specific books for them.

With a Healthy Acadia grant we provided students activity kits containing STEM, Art, and outdoor activities they could explore and enjoy in August.

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Partnership in Action - Asociación en Acción

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- The Mission and Mano en Mano are working together to provide culturally-specific deliveries of food for Latinx families who live year-round in the area, and for workers who arrive for seasonal blueberry and seafood processing. This collaboration was made possible by a grant from the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

In May, through this program, and working in partnership with locally-owned Vazquez Mexican Takeout, the Mission and Mano en Mano distributed 165 boxes of food to 347 people. Just this past weekend, the second large food distribution kicked-off, starting with a Friday delivery from Good Shepherd Food Bank. Mission and Mano en Mano staff unloaded the truck and packed up 120 boxes of food for distribution. Next week additional distributions to families will take place both at seasonal workers' housing and at the Mission's Family Food Center.

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