

# October Update!

It's been a great start to the school year! September began with a 4-day high school retreat with **Oxford Hills Christian Academy** in Mechanic Falls, Maine. Retreats provide an excellent opportunity to spend quality time with students in a less-formal environment and to build upon relationships established during the school year.



In mid-September we traveled to **Mount Hope Christian School** in Burlington, MA. As a pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade school, it's somewhat challenging for me haha, but it's one of our easier weeks of the year – a nice way to start life on the road again. 😊



**It was a blessing to spend time catching up with Jonny and Colin, who are now 10<sup>th</sup> graders at a different school.**

Each fall we journey to **Holden Christian Academy** near Worcester. We're always blessed by how many parents show up daily for chapel there, and we also were visited by some alumni. It's so much fun to watch them grow up! We also had a special team member that week named Sonja, who I met a few years ago through a mutual friend. Sonja spent part of her elementary years at HCA and willingly took time off from her job to invest in HCA's current students. Her former teachers were thrilled to see her and she was a huge help to us as well!



**Sonja in the classroom and on the field!**



Last week we returned to **Living Waters Christian School** in Buxton, Maine, for the first time in 7-8 years for a middle school and high school spiritual emphasis week. It was exciting to be



**2001: With Pam and Debra at Camp Fireside - 3 years before I joined Coastlands!**

back! We were very blessed again to have an additional team member for the week. Dr. Debra Hess worked with Coastlands for 4 ½ years before eventually moving to New York. God called me to Coastlands right after she left – in God's perfect timing, I actually called Pam about possibly working with Coastlands on the day that Debra was moving!



**2015! So glad our paths in ministry continue to cross!**



**Soccer games:  
One of my favorite things about fall!**

*What's next?* During the fall I spend many afternoons/evenings at students' sporting events. Next week I'm taking a course called "Healing in the Context of Community" at **His Mansion** in Hillsboro, NH. I'll leave the following week on an 8-day trip to visit several students and campers in **NY, VA, NC, TN, PA, and OH**, some of whom I haven't seen in many years! I'll also visit my alma mater, **Grove City College**, to recruit one-week team members, speak to the Fellowship of Christian Educators, and visit with current students that I know there. It'll be an intense week!

**Thanks for all your prayers and support!**