



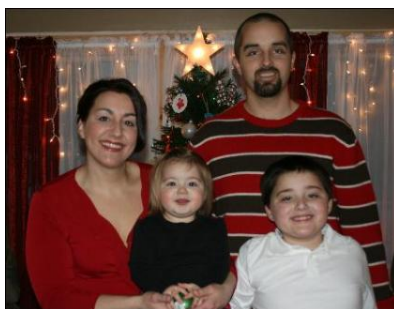
## *This Month's Maine Storys*

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This last month has continued to flow smoothly at the church. Even the attenders are falling into a routine. It is taking longer and longer each week for them to leave after service. They are getting to know one another, are praying for one another, and enjoying the fellowship! The Children's Ministry Team is doing fabulous. Everyone has taught the new curriculum at least once now and all love it. The kids are responding well, too! We had 12 children downstairs this past Sunday in classes! Wow! We are starting a new series of Bible Studies this month. We are trying a new time slot this time—Sunday mornings before service. We are hoping this time will work for more people. So far we have about a dozen people have signed up for the different studies, so maybe it will work. We are gearing up for our Fall Carnivals on Oct. 31. It will be our last outreach event like this until Christmas. The weather here prevents us from keeping the same schedule we have during the summer months. The Mom and Me Playgroup will start back up in a month, so we are beginning to pray through new ideas for that as well.

### Special Prayers for a Special Little Girl

This month we wanted to ask you all to pray for a very special family that we have had the privilege of getting to know. They attend the Augusta campus. Andy and Susan came to know the Lord about 4 years ago. It has been a radical life transformation. As a result of their love of the lord, their oldest child, Little Andy, has also come to know the Lord. Their 2 1/2 year old daughter Hailey was born with several problems with her little heart. She had her first open heart surgery at 5 month of age. She is now to the point that she will be having her second set of surgeries. Her next open heart surgery has been scheduled for November 17th, first thing in the morning. They love the Lord and know that He is in control, but, as you can imagine, is a huge test of their faith. Satan is working hard to consume them with fear! They have given us permission to add them to our newsletter this month, because they have experienced the power of God's people praying and plead for your prayers. Pray that Satan will be far from this family. Pray that Hailey stays healthy between now and the time of surgery. Pray that they will be able to have precious time together as a family between now and the date of surgery. Pray protection from fear and depression. Above all, pray that God will sustain Hailey and heal her little body through these surgeons' hands.



McLean Family—last Christmas



New Elevate Class for Kids



Fall leaves will be at their peak in a couple of weeks!

### Answered Prayers!

- We were able to buy almost 200 backpacks, school supplies, and lunch boxes this week at Target's clearance sale!! We are stocking up to hand out for free to families that need help when school starts next year!
- Winthrop Grade School is allowing us to have our Community Carnival in their gym on Oct.31st.



Hailey (taken this week)

### What About the Littlest Storys?

The kiddos are already driving us crazy asking when the snow will start again! Apparently that is the only reason we moved up here! The boys have started playing soccer and we enrolled Abigail into gymnastics. They are loving their new activities. The big news this month is that we rearranged the rooms upstairs and they all have their own separate rooms again. There is peace in the household once again! We decided we could not survive another winter piled on top of each other! They are all three working hard on Christmas lists thanks to Mr. Chris—who updates us all daily on how many days we have left until Christmas!! They would probably put up the tree tomorrow if we would let them!



The day we bought new beanbags for the Children's classes - 12 beanbags and 3 kids really don't fit well in a minivan!!

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