

New England Mission Center  
Congregational Support Ministry  
*Mission Flash*

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Mission Flash # 16-08

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**The Pleasant River Men's Retreat**

Our retreat began by launching our boats into the upper remote reaches of Pleasant River. After loading our crafts, packed as if we were going to be gone for a week, we began our trek down the river. Fishing was GOOD, although, it was an exercise in patience for me. I am not good at that, but the fish were there and plenty were caught for our evening meal. At the mid point of our trip we put ashore to set up camp. Harold cooked our supper of trout and bacon. A cool and damp evening greeted us as we shared stories and dinner around the lantern. After a night's rest, *Bert wouldn't call it that*, we arose to ice on Bert's tent and a bright new day for fishing and floating down the river. It was a unique experience for me, one of retrieving Harold's lost fishing pole, dodging alders and jumping beaver dams with the boat. Everyone but me caught their limit of brook trout, but we each experienced a part of Maine that few get to see. As we pulled the boats out of the water and loaded our gear to go home the exhaustion set in and we began to realize how intense the trip had been. It is good to be able to take time off from our very busy lives to enjoy this world that God has given for our use and enjoyment.

We are planning our retreat for next year. It will be one week later - so mark you calendar and join us in the remote Mopang Stream area of Maine, for the retreat of a lifetime!

