



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Announcements



Attached you will find a poster about a fund raiser that Pastor John Bohnsack's organization has scheduled for July 23rd. It is a free concert put on by Lynda Randle a singer seen on the Gaither Homecoming videos. Jericho Road Ministries will receive \$100 for each person who attends. To get free tickets call Pastor John at 612-237-5720 or 612-455-1193 before July 13th.

Please take note. The fall banquet will be held the 2nd of October at Wilderness Fellowship camp in Wisconsin.

Just a reminder to be sure and get your camping reservation in early for St. Cloud in July and August.

With God's Love, Ron Nelson, President

Camping Dates for 2016

July 15 th - 17 th	St. Cloud
Aug 19 th - 21 st	St. Cloud
Sept 16 th - 18 th	Waseca
Oct 2, Banquet	Wilderness

Wagon Masters for 2016

July Alan & Marlys Johnson, Stuart & Charlotte Swenson, Gordon & Renee Gotfredson

Aug Ron & Judy Nelson, Dave & Delphine Wagner, Rollie & Eloise Whittaker, Jim & Paula Wright

Sept Doug & Linda Mosier, Ron & Esther Heath, Terry & Patty Larson



Bev Stangeland-Cancer treatments
 David Michaelson-herniated disc, pain
 Franklin Graham-Decision America Tour
 Gibbs staff of 54 Nigerians
 Dan & Tina Gibbs for wisdom

May Camping Agenda

Next months handout has been e-mailed or mailed to you for detailed information on the events that are scheduled.

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Elected for 2016 *

May Financial Report



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Beginning Balance	\$1,391.91
Income	\$1,056.00
Expenses	\$1,018.72
Balance as of 5-31-2016	\$1,429.19

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

Expenses include program costs, coffee, rolls, speakers, Missionaries, postage, printing and badges.



Camper of the Month

Earl and Judy Fuller have been camping since their kids were small. They started out in a tent, then a popup, travel trailers and now have their second fifth wheel trailer. They purchased a new NuWa Hitchhiker in 2004 which has three slides. Plenty of room for the winter months. During the winter for the past 17 years they have taken it to Arizona for three months. Before joining Christian Campers they kept their RV on seasonal sights during the summer. They were 10 years at Your Haven Near Eden Valley, Mn., and 10 years before that at Eden Acres on Lake Mary near Alexandria. They have been in the Camper club for 10 years since 2006 enjoying the fellowship and new friends.



Missionary Reports



Amy Hedstrand, Thank you so much for your gift of financial support! Wow, that was such a surprise and blessing to receive! "Your generosity and faithful support never cease to amaze me. Thank you for your willingness to help during this time of transition.

We made it! Tayly and I entered the United States February 23rd and she became an American citizen. Thank you for all of your prayers and love through this long process! Some seasons of life bring with it challenges and unavoidable rockiness, and this is one of those times, as we adjust and adapt to our new life here in Minnesota. I am so grateful that God has given us the opportunity to live here and grateful for His daily provision.

Nevertheless, we are grieving the loss of our life and loved ones back in Colombia and beginning to form new lives and identities here. Please pray for us as we navigate the often turbulent waters. I have been able to maintain contact with several of my students in Colombia. They have been blessing me with words, not just saying how much they love and miss me, but also spontaneously expressing pieces of my ministry that they carry with them. I want to share some of their words with you, so that you can also celebrate how God has been using your prayers and support. A nineteen year old graduate wrote, "It was a joy having you by my side teaching me many things for my life like a devotion where you shared that in spite of our pain we should continue on and leaving our problems to God and He will carry them." An eighteen year old graduate wrote, "Miss Amy, thank you for everything that you taught me. Truly it has all been helpful for my life and has made me grow and when I listen to some messages in church talking about the same things that you always shared with us I always remember you."

So, while my time of living in Colombia has drawn to an end, I am so grateful that my contact and ministry in some of the lives and hearts is in fact not over.

I have been able to get counseling and take time for respite, rejuvenation, and reorganization. This is also an important time to walk with Tayly through her first quarter of school and first summer break. By the end of summer or early fall, my prayer is that I will be able to find a job and officially draw to a close this season of life as a missionary. Thank you so much for praying for us and supporting us.



Steve and Carol Jean Gallagher are Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua, New Guinea.

Thank you for the donation you sent to Wycliffe on behalf of our ministry in Papua New Guinea last month. Thank you, too, for your prayers. As you read this, we are back in Papua New Guinea. We thank God for safe travel the entire way.

At the end of May our son, Adam, graduated from Princeton University with highest honors (*summa cum laude*). We are thankful that God provided him with the opportunity for such a good education—and with no college debt to pay. In August he will begin a job in Arlington, Virginia, at Applied Predictive Technology, where he will be a software engineer.

Erin & Mark are settling into their new life in Clearwater, Florida. Erin is feeling well during her pregnancy and is due on October 29th. We will have a granddaughter!

We are now settling into our house in our main translation support center. Next week we will resume our work. Carol Jean will work on Sunday School materials, and Steve will be preparing to do consultant checking for another language. We hope to make a trip out to the Bariai village, perhaps in August, to distribute the audio Scripture and other materials and for Carol Jean to conduct a teacher training course.

Praise God:

1. for the great education Adam received and that he has a good job lined up.
2. for safe travel to Papua New Guinea.
3. that Erin/Mark are settling well in their new life in Florida.

Please pray:

1. for us as we resume our work and life in PNG.
2. for good transition for Adam as he moves and begins his new job.
3. for a healthy pregnancy for Erin.
4. that the Culture Meets Scripture teaching, which has people compare their cultural practices with the Word of God, would soon be shared with power.
5. that audio Scripture and other materials being produced for the Bariai people would impact them and bear fruit.

They are hoping to complete their direct involvement with the Bariai people by the end of 2016. After that they expect to continue working in Papua New Guinea to support other translation projects.

Steve & Carol Jean wish to express their gratefulness to the Christian Campers group for partnering with them in the work of Bible translation through the years. They appreciate the prayers and financial support that come from the group.



Dan and Tina Gibbs, Proverbs 16:9 tells us, “In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.”

Last weekend Dan and I took a road trip to Oswego, Illinois to visit with Art and Dorothy and discuss GECHAAN and make plans for our futures. We had a wonderful time talking about the future and the possibilities of many positive new things that are going on there. While we were there, Dorothy called Vincent, the person in charge while they are in the States. He told them that they boarded up the house and didn't work for a couple of days because of the safety level right now. That is a reality in Nigeria right now. The unrest that a lot of the world is experiencing is affecting GECHAAN and Gembu as well.

I thought of this verse in Proverbs 16:9, God knows what His plans are for GECHAAN, He is the one who has worked

mightily there and done amazing things there. We need to make sure that we are truly hearing His voice and listening to the wisdom that only He can give.

Today I ask that you pray for safety for Art and Dorothy as they go back to Nigeria, safety on the compound (they have started building our security wall). We continue to raise funds to complete the security wall, this is a must-do. Both Art and Dorothy and Dan and I have been working on raising funds for this along with some wonderful helpers here in the States.

Please also pray that Dan and I make the right connections with individuals and churches to share GECHAAN's story with them and ask them to stand beside us.

My point for today is this: We have many plans, we need to work toward where we think God is leading, but we also need to listen so that we can hear his leading. We need to hold our plans loosely in our hands so that we can truly do His work where He has planted us! Follow our story at www.StandingBeside.com



Earl and Bev Rutledge family are continuing to teach and translate in seminars for pastors and their wives and other church leaders from various denominations in different cities in Nicaragua.

We have had a blessed month. We thoroughly enjoyed having all of our 7 children home for a visit at the same time. Our last family photo was taken in 2011, and we have had a daughter-in-law and a granddaughter added to the family since then. The mixed blessing of a large family as the kids grow and leave home is the difficulty in scheduling times to get together. We are thankful for the special days we spent together and for new memories to add to our storehouse of treasures.



Last week Bev ministered at a three day retreat for 170 pastor's wives in the southern part of Nicaragua. She took 12 ladies from different denominations from 3 towns in the north to attend. They all returned home renewed, refreshed and encouraged, with new ideas of how to help their husbands in the ministry. It was the first time for many of the ladies to attend something like this, and they all enjoyed it immensely.

Our biggest prayer request this month is for health and protection from the many viruses that are rampant right now, especially the mosquito-borne ones of dengue, chikungunya, and zika. Earl has been down all week. Thank you for your prayers and support. We appreciate you all!