

# **Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter**

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#### **Presidents Letter**



This years banquet is being held at Wilderness Fellowship Center in Frederic, Wisconsin on Saturday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM.

Lee Elmer will be there to entertain us with music and singing. He plays the banjo and guitar and sings gospel songs.

The menu will be chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coffee and lemonade.

Following a short business meeting to elect new board members and vote on minor changes in the Clubs By Laws, we will be serving Ice Cream sundaes with a variety of toppings.

This year the cost will be \$12.50 per person or \$25.00 for couples. Please plan on attending. If you have not signed up as yet it is not to late. Just call Ron Nelson (612) 751-0543 or Dick Klawitter (715) 689-2506. See you Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

With Gods Love Ron Nelson, President

#### **Camping Dates for 2017**

May 19 <sup>th</sup> - 21st	Waseca
June 16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Cloud
July 21 <sup>st</sup> - 23rd	St. Cloud
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20th	St. Cloud
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Waseca
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> , Banquet	To be announced

## Wagon Masters for 2017

**Sept 2016** Doug & Linda Mosier, Ron & Esther Heath, Terry & Patty Larson

May Arnie & Cindy Courneya, Tim & Ann Crist, Ron & Judy Nelson

June Roy & Judy Fuller, Ervin & Jeanne Johnson, Loren & Myrna Hansen

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

Aug Open, need volunteers.

Sept Gaylord & Pat Fries, Jerry & Margery Ryks, Dick & Barbara Volkmer.



Louise Klawitter-Thyroid condition Ruth Gray-Cancer in her leg Pray for our missionaries in the field

#### September Camping Agenda

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

#### **2016 Board of Directors**

Ron Nelson – President (612) 751-0543 Dean Larson - Vice Pres (612) 816-2130 Renee Gotfredson - Sec (320) 679-1188 Dick Volkmer – Treas (507) 403-9325 Loren Hansen \* (612) 720-0570 Jeanne Johnson (612) 991-1562 Pat Fries (952)836-6674 Rov Fuller \* (651) 707-3219 Paula Wright \* (651) 307-2466

Elected in 2016 \*

### **2016 July Financial Report**



Beginning Balance \$1,501.87 Income \$1,033.00 **Expenses** \$1,118.48 Balance as of 7-31-2016 \$1,416.39

2016 August Missionaries received \$3,445.00

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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

#### **Camper of the Month**

Mosiers have been involved in Christian Campers since May of 2009 and have done a lot of camping over the years. They were invited to Christian campers in 2009 to provide special music for the club. They joined the club that same weekend because they had enjoyed the fun and fellowship so much.

Doug says, he began camping before he was born because his parents first home was a small travel trailer. Both he and Linda camped with their parents in tents as they grew up.

He and Linda bought a popup camper a month before they were married in 2000 and planned to start camping the next season. For the next several years they camped in the popup camper.

They traded the popup for a 1989 Beaver Marguis Class A motorhome in 2007. This was a high end diesel rig with many nice features.

In the spring of 2016 they sold the motorhome and purchased a new smaller camper trailer. They now have a new Lance 16' Micro Lite trailer, model 1575 which has a very interesting layout with many unique features. It has an instant hot water heater.

They were encouraged to go to Bibleville in Texas by members of Christian Campers and began going in 2010. They spent the winters in Texas living in the motorhome for four years. They purchased a Double wide modular home in Bibleville in 2013 and plan to spend many enjoyable years there ministering in music which is a great gift to all of us.

There new trailer is very nice. If you get a chance to take

a tour, please do.



#### **Missionary Reports**



Amy Hedstrand was a teacher in Bogota, Columbia. She taught English, Christian Education and was homeroom teacher for the 9th grade. She adopted a Colombian girl named Tayly. Amy and Jensy Tayly have returned to the United States as of February 2016.

(Tayly is using her first name, Jensy, with her new U.S. friends, as Jensy is easier to say and spell.) Pray for Jensy in her new school, and finding positive friends.

Both Amy and Jensy have had to make many adjustments: finding their way in a different culture, language acquisition for Jensy, making new friends.

Amy needs renewal and rest and is getting help with that. Pray for her as she considers job possibilities. Although they are staying at Hedstrands old house for now, they will need to find different housing by the end of summer.

Thank you so much for your prayers and for support over these many years!

#### Missionary Reports



<u>Steve and Carol Jean Gallagher</u> are Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua, New Guinea. They have translated Genesis, Exodus, and all of the New Testament into the Bariai language.

They returned to PNG in June. 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.

They went to the village August 9th. The house was OK but very dirty from standing empty. They are excited to now be able to provide the scripture to the Bariai people by means of various media such as, audio scripture, scripture videos, and a special read along phone app.

They also have some literacy training courses prepared, and many new literacy books. They would appreciate continued prayer that the lives of the Bariai people would be impacted by the presentation of the truth in these various forms. Also pray that Satan will be bound so that the people will be able to grow in the Lord.

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. Additional information relating to their activities in PNG can be found online at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PNGgallaghers">www.facebook.com/PNGgallaghers</a>.



<u>Dan and Tina Gibbs</u>, When Dan and Tina were with us at Christian Campers earlier this summer they talked about their concern regarding a container which had been lost in transit. It contained many vital supplies which were desperately needed.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Special News Bulletin\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Friends, we have been praying for our container for the last 17 months and on Friday afternoon it arrived here in Gembu!

Thank you all for praying, this has been an interesting experience and we are excited to have it unloaded and working on inventorying all items and using them soon at our facility.

All of our staff are as excited as we are to finally have our items here safely and the truck driver made it up the hill and back down safely as well.

A big thank you to God, all of our donors, the many that helped get and the many people that made this possible and allow GECHAAN to move forward. Here are a couple of pictures to show you how things went.







**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.

Thank you so much for your offerings this summer.

We had a very successful training in Guatamala, August 3-11 with 110 people receiving all 16 hours of the seminar and more than 50 of them received additional personal prayer and extensive mentoring during the week. We were pleased to have three from Minnesota ministering with us on our team this time.

We will be leaving Guatamala next week to teach another conference in a church 90 minutes away from Guatamala City. We are encouraged by the open doors as we have followed the prompting this year of "enlarge your borders".

Thank you for your prayers and support as we seek to obey all that God has called us to do in bringing redemption and salvation to Central America.

Our prayers extend to the United States also, that God would shine His grace on her and she would return to the values that made her great.

Blessings, great favor and health to you all.