



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



In June we celebrated the 40th year of Christian Campers. Unfortunately, founding members Earl and Shirley Sunnarborg could not be with us. However, their daughter Beverly and two of her children were with us for the weekend and shared many memories of the first year of Christian Campers Club.

Next month there will be another small Good Sam Camper club at the campground. Some of our members know some of their members. They would like to participate in our Friday and Saturday night programs. It appears that it would be a good time for outreach. Let's give them a warm welcome.

We still need help for the wagon masters in August. The auctioneer and volunteers will take care of the auction.

I am looking forward to seeing you all and having a good time of fellowship. Thank you, Earl and Shirley for your many years of involvement in CCC.

Camping Dates for 2017

July 21 st – 23rd	St. Cloud
Aug 18 th – 20th	St. Cloud
Sept 15 th - 17 th	Waseca
Oct 7 th , Banquet	Northfield, MN

Wagon Masters for 2017

- July** Don & Lorraine Erickson, Alan & Marlys Johnson, Stuart & Charlotte Swenson
- Aug** Marv & Sandy Sias, Dick & Louise Klawitter, Red & Cindy Courneya
- Sept** Gaylord & Pat Fries, Jerry & Margery Ryks, Dick & Barbara Volkmer.



Ken Craven-cancer treatments
Ruth Gray-Cancer in her leg
Pray for our missionaries in the field
Marge Ryks recovering from hip replacement
Renee Gotfredson recovering from a stroke
Earl Sunnarborg infection in his knee
Dean Larson's upcoming heart valve surgery
David Michealson unbearable back pain

July Camping Agenda

The agenda for July has been e-mailed or mailed to you along with this newsletter for information on the events that are scheduled.

2017 Board of Directors

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Elected in 2017 *

June 2017 Financial Report



Beginning Balance,6-1-17	\$1,127.55
Income	\$878.00
Expenses	\$988.94
Balance as of 6-30-2017	\$1,016.61

May Missionary Support **\$303.00**

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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

Camping Pictures



Lenning's new members



Bev Rutledge and girls



Earl & Shirley Sunnarborg

CAMPER OF THE MONTH

Ken and Clarice joined Christian Campers in 1992. They had been invited to sing at a campout at Timberline campground near Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota. During that weekend they met a lot of nice people and decided to join the club along with Ray Lundberg and his wife.

They had never camped before and did not own a camper. The first five years in the club they stayed in a motel. In 1997, they bought a 26' Carrie towable trailer with one slide. They used the trailer for several years, traveling south to Florida and Arizona.

In 2005, they replaced the trailer with a new Winnebago Adventurer 35' motorhome. The motorhome was a Ford with a V-10 motor, a bedroom slide and a living room slide. They tow a Chevrolet Malibu behind the motorhome.

At this time they are anticipating selling the motorhome. They will end up back where they started, staying in a motel.



Missionary Reports



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

Genesis, Exodus, and all of the New Testament into the Bariai language.

We are currently spending a few weeks in the USA for our son Adam's wedding. What a wonderful time it was.

We also enjoyed several days with Erin, Mark, and our granddaughter Eowyn. It was hard to say goodbye to them.

We would appreciate your prayers as we return to PNG on June 30th. We will be going to our Bariai village August 1st – 30th, and there's a lot that needs to be completed in the month of July before we go: preparing to lead a one-week course of key biblical teaching, printing the remaining materials needed by the Bariai elementary schools, and printing copies of part of the Bariai Sunday School curriculum.

Lastly, an update on Carol Jean's broken toe. At her appointment in May, the bone had not healed enough to remove the pin. There is a possibility that it won't heal. She sees the doctor again on June 22nd. Please pray for healing or for no complications if it doesn't heal.

Thank you for your offering that we received last month. Thank you for being part of this work through your finances and your prayers.

Additional information relating to their activities in can be found online at www.facebook.com/PNGgallaghers.



Dan and Tina Gibbs, *Our mission statement is to Glorify God, providing sustainable community services to Nigeria, specifically the Mambila Plateau with the intent and purpose of advancing the kingdom of God through the demonstration of compassion and the love of God in the lives of its staff.*

Well, it is that time of year again when we will be headed back to the States.

We will be leaving this weekend to head to the airport. We have a ten hour lay-over in Istanbul, Turkey. We are hoping everything works out so that we can take a tour that picks you up and delivers you back to the airport after showing you some of Istanbul. After spending time in Frankfurt and Paris (airports, that is) and being afraid to venture out of the airport for fear of missing our flight we are excited to see some new sights. We arrive at JFK in New York on April 25th.

We will be going to Orlando, FL for some meetings at Converge Headquarters. and to North Carolina to visit our son and daughter-in-law in North Carolina.

June 4 finds us at Berean Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio and on the 11th Bethel Baptist in Galesburg, Illinois. Have I said how blessed we are to have awesome partners in ministry? We love sharing with our partners what God is doing and how their partnership is changing lives in Gembu!

June 15th, we have Doctor appointments, and will visit our Christian Campers Family on June 17.

August 1st, we leave to head back to Gembu.

Friends, pray for us as we travel and speak to people about God's work in Gembu. Please also pray for our staff here carrying on the work in our absence.

We expect to occupy a new building by mid-year. Add a doctor, a lab scientist, and an optometrist. A computer server and computers will be installed that the team has been working on to computerize each area in the hospital and clinic records, as well as eye checks and glasses.

God continues to make it clear that good health care is needed. Our team is working on making quality health care sustainable here and God is blessing.



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 will be in Minnesota at the end of May. Earl returned to Nicaragua the 1st week of June. Bev stayed in Minnesota with their two younger girls until the end of June. They attended the June Christian Campers weekend. Bev shared what they are doing in Nicaragua and Guatemala on Friday night.

On Saturday Bev shared memories of the first years of campouts with the Christian Camper club. Her parents Earl and Shirley Sunnarborg were founding members of the club.

We are thankful to CCC because our offerings have been a huge help to our ministry, especially as they have come during the summer months when our other donations have been low.