



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



I hope you all had a good winter. It's time to make plans for our camping times.

May will soon be here and Kiesler's is ready for us. Get your reservations in early. Last year the parks filled up so some could not get in.

The campground would like reservations and deposits 30 days prior to date of arrival. The deposit is \$30 in order to hold your site.

++++Rate: \$30.00/night. Visitors \$5 per person per day for people coming into the RV Park OR \$10 per person for the weekend.

++++If we get 8 campers to stay 4 nights, they will give those campers a flat rate of \$110 which is \$27.50 per night. That rate includes 2 people.

We still need wagon masters for August we have the auctioneer and volunteers to take care of the auction.

I am looking forward to seeing you all and having a good time of fellowship. This is a highlight of each month for me..

Camping Dates for 2017

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

Wagon Masters for 2017

May	Arnie & Cindy Courneya, Tim & Ann Crist, Alan & Marlys Johnson, Glen & Louise Wright
June	Roy & Judy Fuller, Ervin & Jeanne Johnson, Loren & Myrna Hansen
July	Don & Lorraine Erickson, Alan & Marlys Johnson, Stuart & Charlotte Swenson, Gordon & Renee Gotfredson
Aug	Jim & Paula Wright, Dick & Louise Klawitter
Sept	Gaylord & Pat Fries, Jerry & Margery Ryks, Dick & Barbara Volkmer.



Ken Craven-cancer
Ruth Gray-Cancer in her leg
Pray for our missionaries in the field

May Camping Agenda

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

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Elected in 2017 *

2016 Year End Financial Report



Beginning Balance	\$1,356.91
Income	\$8,902.80
Expenses	\$9,214.14
Balance as of 12-31-2016	\$1,045.57

2016 Missionary Support **\$5,683.80**

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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

Banquet Pictures



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



Dan and Tina Gibbs. First of all, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** We met our match for hospital building and furnishings and we are so thankful for your partnership in both finances and prayers to make that happen.

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.

In 2016 GECHAAN Lifeline Centre moved from being a clinic to a full service 24/7 hospital. Space was made in the current facility for 21 beds. During the year a new pharmacy was opened with all prescriptions computerized, and the "Family Center" was completed, a building where families of patients can cook meals and bathe. Also, a new toilet building was opened for families. We added 8 staff in the hospital nursing department..

In 2017 we expect to: **Occupy the new building** by mid-year. Add a doctor, a lab scientist, and an optometrist. Move our computer training center to a new building which will vacate a building close to the hospital that can become an infectious disease ward. A team is coming from Minnesota the end of March. One of the things they will be doing is surgical and hospital hygiene and procedures. A 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 and quality medications are needed here. Our team is working on making quality health care sustainable here and God is blessing. We have a "Mercy Fund" that we use to help supplement when a patient is not able to pay all of his fees. While everyone pays something many cannot afford the cost of drugs. **Inflation is very serious in Nigeria, in the last year we have seen drugs go up substantially sometimes over double.** As that need is increasing, please pray that our staff will know best when to use the mercy fund and that we will find additional sources of funding.

In January we were notified that one of our churches was cutting support by a significant amount. Some individuals have already stepped up to help fill the gap so currently.



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 are in the US and will be attending our son Judah's graduation with his masters in mechanical engineering.

We will be in MN at the end of May. Earl will be needing to return to Nicaragua the 1st week of June, but I will be staying in MN with our 2 younger girls until the end of June. We would be delighted to attend the June

campout.

Wow, 40th anniversary of CCC; it makes me feel old. I would be glad to share my memories of the first years of campouts, and about our work in Nicaragua.

We are so thankful to CCC because their 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.

Blessings, great favor and health to you all.

CAMPER OF THE MONTH

Peggy Phillips has camped most of her life. She camped with her parents in a tent.

After they toured the Scamp factory in 1977, she and her husband purchased a 13' Scamp trailer. One time she drove to California with children ages 6, 4, and 1. She was towing the Scamp. Her husband came later. As the family grew to five children they replaced it with a 15' Scamp with bunks.

With Sunday school families of Bethesda Evangelical Free Church in Minneapolis (now in Prior Lake), they often camped at A-J Campground near Clearwater, Mn.

She and her husband began thinking of retirement. They dreamed of visiting National and State Parks in a RV. Sadly, her husband passed away of cancer in 2003. Peggy continued the dream and spent 10 years researching RV's. She was specifically looking for a motorhome that could accommodate her organ. She purchased a Winnebago Motorhome that would accept her organ and had Schmidt Music move the organ from her home to the motorhome.

In 2015, she retired as a RN from Abbot Northwestern Hospital and began living in her motorhome full time.

From October through March she is located at Bibleville in the Rio Grande Valley of Alamo, Texas. Here she participates in everything musical. During the summer from May through September she is located at Northern Grace Youth Camp in eastern Wisconsin at Shawano Lake. This camp is connected with Bethesda Church. Here she is the nurse, cook, and whatever else is needed. For now this is her life style.

