



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



The fall banquet is at Northfield Evangelical Free church in Northfield, Minnesota. The church is located south of Northfield on Hwy. 3, near Target and Cub foods. The address is: 5600 E. 110th Street. From Hwy. 3, turn east or left onto C.R. 1 (110th St) and go one block.

Food will be served at 12:00 noon including,

We will be blessed by the music and singing of the Ostrom family. The annual meeting and board election will be held at 3:00 P.M.

If you plan to attend please sign up in September or call Dean Larson.

Camping Dates for 2018

May 18 th – 20 th	Waseca
June 15 th - 17 th	St. Cloud
July 20 th – 22 nd	St. Cloud
Aug 17 th – 19 th	St. Cloud
Sept 21 st – 23 rd	Waseca
Oct 6 th , Banquet	To be announced

Wagon Masters for 2018

- May** Arnie & Cindy Courneya, Tim & Ann Crist, Dick & Barbara Volkmer
- June** Ron & Judy Nelson
- July** Roy & Judy Fuller, Ervin & Jeanne Johnson, Loren & Myrna Hansen
- Aug** Don & Lorraine Erickson, Alan & Marlys Johnson, Stuart & Charlotte Swenson
- Sept** Gaylord & Pat Fries, Marv & Sandy Sias, Dick & Barbara Volkmer.



Ken Craven-cancer treatments
 Ruth Gray- cancer
 Pray for our missionaries in the field
 Renee Gotfredson recovering from a stroke

September 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 *

July 2017 Financial Report



Beginning Balance,7-1-17	\$1,000.61
Income	\$2,048.00
Expenses	\$2,046.46
Balance as of 7-31-2017	\$1,002.15
May Missionary Support	\$369.00
August Auction results	\$1,800.00

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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

New Members



Wright, Glen & Louise, Soderberg, Kevan & Kim

CAMPER OF THE MONTH

Al and Marlys Johnson joined Christian Campers in 2014 along with Marv and Sandy Sias.

They have a 2000 Winnebago Class C Motorhome, 31' long. It has one slide out with twin beds in the rear, and a V-10 motor. They purchased it used from a friend.

They actually started out many years ago in a tent. They continued to camp with a popup trailer, three travel trailers, and Two motorhomes.

Traveling has included trips to Glacier Park, Lake Louise, Jasper, Alaska, Toronto, and Bibleville a couple of times. On many of these trips they have been accompanied by Glen and Louise Wright and other couples.

On average they camp a couple of times a month with friends and Christian Campers. They often go to Shorewood Christian Retreat Center near Cushing, Wisconsin between Luck and Cushing.

They both enjoy their restored tractor collection of 16 tractors including a John Deere, four Cockshots from Canada, two Allis Chalmers, one Oliver and a Ford.

Al is a great kidder and has many interesting quotes.

“John Deere married Allis Chalmers and they had an Oliver.”

“Nothing runs like a Deere and smells like a John.”



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've been in the village from August 1 thru 30th. We have been selling smart phones and simple cell phones with both audio and video scripture. Pray that God will use his Word in this form for his glory.

Our main goal while we were there was to run a one-week SALT course review. We pray that this will be a spiritual breakthrough for many people.

The Bible committee requested that Carol Jean do a short teacher training as part of the SALT course. She will introduce teacher's guides and distribute them to the

people in the village. Pray that God will touch peoples hearts.

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.*

Back in Gembu!

We have been back in Nigeria now for three weeks. I find myself reflecting on our three months in the United States and I am amazed at how God works!

In 120 days we had 80 meetings, dentist visits, doctor visits, Dan had surgery on both legs, upper and lower veins, took care of a bunch of logistics for Dan's mom, Elsie, visited with family and friends, gathered tools to bring back to Nigeria with us from assorted donors and thrift stores. I am constantly amazed at the hospitality, food, and generosity of our church families!

I want to tell you about one of my strategies this year during our home assignment time. I decided that I was going to pray, and pray fervently for any obstructions or potential road blocks. I truly believed that God would answer my prayers, and I always pray for God's will to be done and He always shows up!

I have to share with you one of the things God did this year that proves it to me. Dan TOTALLY hates going to the airport. We always have a lot of luggage, and we pack very carefully. This year, I started praying a month before we left that God would grant us favor with the person who checks us into the airport and just a pleasant attitude, that was all I asked for. After we check in our bags we have at least 24 hours in planes and airports and then two days of driving to get to Gembu after spending a day of shopping to get all the supplies we need for at least 3-4 months. We show up back in Gembu, tired, drained, with a lot to do.

Well, God showed up big time. Each time Dan mentioned his dread of the upcoming airport visit, I would say, "I have been praying about that, so we don't need to worry". Dan looked at me skeptically each time and would shake his head.

We showed up at the airport with plenty of time to spare, as usual, and I was looking at the Clerks checking people in and wondered who we would get. Well, we got the most lovely woman. She asked what was in the bags, and we told her mostly baby items, teaching supplies, and leadership books, and a bit of medical equipment. She was cheerful, helpful, interested in what God was doing in Nigeria, Did God show up? He sure did and I still consider her our "Airport Angel" that God used to bless us mightily.

Friends, this Nigerian Journey God has us on is teaching me that I truly do not and probably cannot understand the power of communing with God, praying, and the faith that I have. During our time in the States we heard a message about prayer and we pray and then are surprised when what we prayed for happens.

My point for today is this, are you praying with faith, out of desperation, or for His Will? I challenge you to really study prayer, dig in, and really see what the Bible tells

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.



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 still live in Jinotega. It is called "the City of Fog/Haze" and for a good reason. One of Earl's pastimes is an early morning run/walk of the mountain trails and steps. A city of about 60,000 people, Jinotega is also called "the City of the Eternal Men." We carry the good news of eternal life to them.

Bev continues ministering to women and mentoring pastor's wives, missionaries, and women leaders. She loves helping them find friendship and freedom in Christ.

We traveled several times in the past twelve months, with a focus on Guatemala. Bev is teaching on forgiveness at a healing prayer training in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

We have opportunities to minister in several new cities and we would appreciate your prayers as we discern how to respond. Training in a new place is a 1-2 year commitment on our part to the people and location. Presently we have invitations to Colombia, Guatemala, Chile, and Bluefields (East coast of Nicaragua).