



# 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 the 2018 camping season. First of all, thank you all for filling Wagon Master spots for the 5 campouts this year! If you have ideas for the Annual Banquet, let us know.

I don't know where the last few months went. Time goes by so fast. Work, volunteering and several fun visits with kids and grandkids has kept us busy. We were honored to attend the celebration of Ken Craven's life on December 23. What a great example of a man using his talents to the glory of God.

It still feels like winter out there but May will be here soon and Kiesler's is ready for us. Get your reservations in soon if you haven't done that yet. Don't take a chance of being turned away because they were full.

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

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

## Camping Dates for 2018

May 18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Waseca
June 15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Cloud
July 20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Cloud
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Cloud
Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Waseca
Banquet	To be announced

## Wagon Masters for 2018

<b>May</b>	Arnie & Cindy Courneya, Tim & Ann Crist, Dick & Barbara Volkmer
<b>June</b>	Terry & Patty Larson, Doug & Linda Mosier, Ron & Judy Nelson
<b>July</b>	Roy & Judy Fuller, Ervin & Jeanne Johnson, Loren & Myrna Hansen
<b>Aug</b>	Don & Lorraine Erickson, Alan & Marlys Johnson, Stuart & Charlotte Swenson
<b>Sept</b>	Gaylord & Pat Fries, Marv & Sandy Sias, Dick & Barbara Volkmer.



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.

## 2018 Board of Directors

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Elected in 2018\*

## 2017 Year End Financial Report



<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,036.12</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$8,556.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,081.19</b>
<b>Balance as of 12-31-2017</b>	<b>\$510.93</b>
<b>2017 Missionary Support</b>	<b>\$4038.00</b>

**Income** includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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

## Pictures



**The puzzled Christian Campers**



**At the Campfire**



**40 years of Christian Campers**

## 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](http://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.*

**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

**Ron Larson** has camped

