



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



To all Christian Campers:

The annual banquet is on October 6th. It will be held at Wilderness Retreat Center near Grantsburg, Wisconsin. Several members have come forward to help host the banquet. Thank you for your help.

You need to sign up to attend by September 23rd. Please call Terry Larson (612) 201-2058 or Loren Hansen (612) 720-0570 or add your names to the signup sheet at the September campout.

It is always beautiful at Wilderness during October as the leaves begin to change. Hope to see all of you there.

2018 Christian Camper directories are available for one dollar from the person who collects dues each month.

Terry Larson, President

Camping Dates for 2018

Sept 21st – 23rd Waseca
 Oct 6th, Saturday banquet Wilderness

Camping Dates for 2019

May 17 - 19 Waseca
 June 21 - 23 St. Cloud
 July 19 - 21 St. Cloud
 Aug 16 - 18 St. Cloud
 Sept 20 - 22 Waseca
 Oct 6 to be announced

Wagon Masters for 2018

Sept Gaylord & Pat Fries, Dick & Barbara Volkmer. Al & Marlys Johnson, Jerald and Margery Ryks



Don Davidson as he recovers from hip surgery
 Louise Klawitter recovering from thyroid surgery
 Dan & Tina Gibbs as they return to Nigeria
 Ruth Gray for strength and stamina as she recovers
 Rutledges for safety, witness and peace as they return to Nicaragua
 Dean Larson that Doctors can stabilize his blood pressure
 Gordy & Renee as she continues therapy after her stroke

September Camping Agenda

September 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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| Terry Larson – Pres | (612) 201-2058 |
| Don Davidson* - VP | (507) 433-2400 |
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| Roy Fuller | (651) 707-3219 |
| Aubrey Gray | (612) 581-8925 |

Elected in 2018*

September 2018 Financial Report



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| Bank Balance, 8-1-2018 | \$693.63 |
| Income | \$3,977.00 |
| Expenses | \$3,824.56 |
| Balance on hand 8-31-2018 | \$846.07 |

Missionary Support/Auction **\$3,336.00**

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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

Pictures



The Benson Family



Sandy Sias beautiful solo Sunday Morning



Sunday morning choir

Missionary Reports



Steve and Carol Jean Gallagher their activities can be found on line at:
www.facebook.com/PNGgallaghers.

Teaching second grade has been going well for Carol Jean. She is enjoying her class of 17 students. Please pray for wisdom for her as she teaches and tries to meet the varying needs of her students. Pray for those who are struggling with some subjects. Pray, too, that she can balance the time she puts in teaching with the time she needs to put into other tasks, as there is always more that a teacher could do.

Praise the Lord that Steve has recently completed consultation with the Gizrra team on the books of Romans, 1 Corinthians, Philippians, and James. They all worked together efficiently and found many good improvements to their communication of God's word in these books. When the Gizrra language checker read Romans 5:8, he was overwhelmed by the greatness of God's love,

"Christ died for us while we were still *sinners!*? This God is truly an amazing God!"



Steve is currently working on a team to develop electronic resources that are helpful to translation teams. Please pray for good progress and clear thinking for all involved.

Next month he will begin preparing for his next consultation with another translation team on their books of 1-2 Corinthians.

Thank you for being part of the team that is bringing God's Word to the people of Papua New Guinea, through both your prayers and your offerings.



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.*

We have made it back to Gembu and we are so thankful for the time we got to have with you at the last Christian Campers!

We left on August 7 from Minneapolis, and did not arrive in Gembu until August 15! it was a very long trip, with lots of luggage taking more days than it should and plane delays all over. But we made it back to Gembu safely and for that we are so thankful!

We are amazed at how much the staff has done while we were gone, we can truly say that more has happened this year while we were at home in the U.S. than any other year. It is amazing!

The clinic remains packed with people, teaching is going on, and things are moving forward. We arrived to see our 4 new puppies which are 3 months old now. They are huge and oh so adorable! They are going to dwarf their parents I am thinking, we are training them to be guard dogs for other areas of the compound.

Please pray that we will hear clearly God's direction on how to move forward with the hospital, community outreach, and the technical training program. Sept. 2 our next group of students will start their business classes and another group will start their preparatory classes. It is rainy season, so a little cooler, and things are growing and blooming, but the Son is shining brightly!

Thank you for your partnership and friendship. We miss you all and hope to see you next year at one of the Camp-Outs. We appreciate your prayers and well as finances and are so thankful for our Christian Camper Family!



Earl and Bev Rutledge family

We had a wonderful month of sabbatical and feel refreshed, renewed and ready for the challenging events ahead. Earl is heading back to Nicaragua on Saturday. The situation there is still very tense and dangerous, so he is going alone at this time. He has been told to be very careful because the government police have "ears" everywhere to arrest anyone who makes any negative comment against it.

Bev is getting Kelsy settled into the dorm for her first year at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR. It's hard to believe that we only have one left at home now.

Next week Bev and Esperanza will travel to MN and help her parents downsize and move to Elk River to be close to her younger brother, as they can no longer manage on their own. They signed the papers to sell their house in Hibbing. Their Florida house is also on the market.

Earl will travel for 2 weeks in September to minister in Spain and Germany. At the end of September all of our family will gather in Austin, TX to celebrate the wedding of our son Judah and his lovely bride-to-be Leila. We are so excited to have Leila join our family.

Please pray with us that the political situation will be resolved so that we will be able to return to Nicaragua after the wedding. There are tremendously multiplied needs there now with the trauma of so much violence, the grief of so many who lost loved ones, the severe economic lack, and the ever-present fear of death, torture, or imprisonment by the present government that has become a dictatorship like Venezuela.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. You are a blessing to us

CAMPER OF THE MONTH

Tim and Ann Crist have been camping since 1973. Camped in the Sierra Nevada area with three children.

In 1978, purchased a 23' Ideal Trailer which they liked very much. It had wrap around windows and a full kitchen.

In 2007 they bought the fifth wheel they have now. It is a Holiday Rambler Alumascape, 35' with four slides. A very nice trailer.

It is an interesting story, how they were able to purchase their present trailer and truck. Prior to 2007, they had an aunt who lived with Crist's for three years until her death at 94 years in 2006. After the aunt's death they received a gift from her estate which was used to purchase the fifth wheel and a Dodge pickup truck.

They have done a lot of traveling with their rig over the past few years. In 2015 they visited Glacier National Park and parts of Canada. They have been on the east coast visiting the New England area. They have also been in Texas, staying in Army Corp of Engineers campgrounds.

In 2018, they took an extended trip to the western states including: Colorado, Arizona and California visiting relatives and friends.

Their rig is a beautiful home away from home and will continue to allow them to travel.

