



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



To all Christian Campers:

I hope you all survived the snowiest February on record. But now it's time to make your plans for the 2019 camping season. I'm looking forward to our weekends.

We did get to spend a couple weeks over Thanksgiving in South Carolina and Georgia with the kids and grandkids. It was very fun for us. It is hard to have them so far away but we're happy that the 2 families are only about 1 ½ hours apart so the cousins get to see each other a little more often.

May will soon be here and Kiesler's is ready for us. The campground would like reservations and deposits 30 days prior to date of arrival. 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.

Kiesler's CC Discounted Rate: \$32.00/night. Visitors \$5 per person per day for people coming into the RV Park (\$10 per person for the weekend.) Rate for 4-night stays is \$118 which is \$29.50 per night. That rate includes 2 people.

We're still looking for wagon masters for August and September. Signup sheet will be available at Waseca. Also, share any ideas you might have for the October banquet.

I encourage each of you to share information about Christian Campers with your families and friends. We would love to grow our group.

Looking forward to seeing you all in May at Waseca.

2019 Christian Camper directories are available for free. Take one at the table in the rally center.

Terry Larson, President

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 5	to be announced

Wagon Masters for 2019

May	Red & Cindy Courneya, Jerry & Leanne Maart, Dick & Barb Volkmer
June	Roy & Judy Fuller, Ervin & Jeanne Johnson, Loren & Myrna Hansen
July	Don & Lorraine Erickson, Alan & Marlys Johnson
Aug	Volunteers Needed
Sept	Volunteers Needed



Rutledges for safety, witness and peace as they return to Nicaragua

Gordy & Renee as she continues therapy after her stroke

Ron Nelson as he recovers from foot surgery

Marge Ryks as doctors review a biopsy

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 for 2019*

2018 Year End Financial Report



Bank Balance, 1-1	
2018	\$510.93
Income	\$8,335.50
Expenses	\$8,191.41
Balance on hand 12-31-2018	\$655.02
Missionary Support/Auction	\$5,055.00

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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

Pictures



Saturday's Potluck Dinner



Friday Campfire



Sunday worship and praise

Missionary Reports



Steve and Carol Jean Gallagher their activities can be found on line at:

www.facebook.com/PNGgallaghers.

As a translation consultant for the past 21 years, Steve has checked Scripture for 41 languages, amounting to 917 Bible chapters. Those languages represent a total population of over half a million people! Now that we have concluded our involvement with the Bariai translation, Steve is working full-time as a translation consultant.

Change of location After 27 years in PNG and much thought and prayer, we have decided to relocate our base of ministry from Papua New Guinea to Florida. Steve will continue to work as a translation consultant, serving translation teams in PNG and other Pacific countries. He will work remotely on consultant preparation and travel to the Pacific for face-to-face consultations a couple of times a year for about a month at a time. Carol Jean is in the process of deciding between two areas of service within Wycliffe USA. We plan to return to the USA at the end of September for our long-overdue furlough. We look forward to reconnecting with many of you and sharing in person about this ongoing ministry of Bible translation.

Do we still need financial partners? Definitely YES! Just as we have been trusting the Lord to provide for our ministry and living expenses through our faithful partners throughout our time in PNG, we will continue to rely on his provision through people like you. We expect there will be an increase in the budget established by Wycliffe for our ministry.

Teaching grade 2 Carol Jean continues to teach grade 2 at the Ukarumpa International School. It has been rewarding to be a part of the children's lives and to see them progress academically. By teaching these children, their parents are able to perform their roles to support the ministry of Bible translation. The school continues to need teachers, and it's a great place to teach!

Praise God...

1. that the Bariai churches are regularly using the translated Scriptures in church services.
2. for the many translation projects that Steve has been able to help as a translation consultant.
3. that we are in God's hands as we relocate.

Please pray...

1. for the Bariai Sunday Schools to resume in the villages where the program has slacked off.
2. for God to continue to guide Steve in his consulting work with translation teams.
3. that God would enable Carol Jean to be a blessing to her students.
4. for peace and direction as we transition to Florida.
5. for a place to live in Florida that will meet our needs.

Adam and Lizzy are living and working in Arlington, Virginia. Recently they began leading a small-group Bible study at their apartment.

Erin, Mark, and Eowyn continue to live in Seffner, Florida. Eowyn turned 2 in November. She loves books!

We are continually grateful for each of you who partners with us, encourages us, and has shown interest in this ministry.



Steve checking with the Migabac team



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.*

The services that are offered at the Hospital continue to increase. A new doctor arrived in 2018 who has great surgical skills. A third doctor came in January of 2019.

We are in the process of increasing the lab size by 60%.

This will accommodate the blood bank and additional patients.

A full time Chaplain was added in 2018. He is a wonderful addition to our staff and through him and other staff we have seen several decisions to follow Christ.

In 2018, we began offering a Mobile Clinic. Several towns have provided building space for us to offer services. Our plan is to develop these clinics into permanent sites staffed on a regular basis.

The Technical Training Program had a very good year with graduates in the areas of tailoring, furniture, building, auto body repair, computer business center, hairdressing and barbering to name a few. This program is having a big impact on the community.

Each of our programs give us opportunity to share the Gospel message with a voice that would not be possible without them.

Going Forward

Our staff continues to grow as we provide more and higher quality services. Currently the staff numbers 80. We expect this to grow to 120 by 2020. This addition will come in all areas with the Hospital and Technical Training program having the greatest growth. The new staff housing was completed in February which includes ten new apartments.

For 2019, we will finish the remodel of the infectious disease building, the building is funded but we need funds to furnish the building. We are looking for used furniture as purchasing all new would cost around \$6000.

We need to do some building remodeling to accommodate our laundry. Currently laundry is washed by hand and dried on a clothesline.

By 2020 or early 2021, we will need to begin construction of another building for the hospital and for additional administrative office space. Along with that we will need to expand the amount of land needed. There is land behind us which is undeveloped and available.

Please pray for all the staff in the Hospital as they share the good news of Jesus with those that come.



Earl and Bev Rutledge family

We have been going at full speed for several months teaching various seminars in different cities in Nicaragua. Sometimes it's just a 1 day teaching, but others have been for up to a week.

This week I took 12 pastors' wives to a retreat with 150 other pastors' wives from all over the country. It was a wonderful time of refreshing for all of us, after all the trauma and difficulties experienced last year. Although it appears to be more stable, things are still tense, the economy is hurting, people are still afraid, and the country still needs lots of prayer.

We just finished an 8 hour trip to the city of Bluefields on Atlantic Coast. Tomorrow Earl will preach at Verbo church and then we will teach Monday through Friday at the YWAM base on the topic of "Relationships." Friday evening we will share with married couples at the church. We will travel all day Saturday to Managua to pick up Kelsy, who is finishing her first year at the university, and then head home to Matagalpa.

We appreciate so much your prayers and financial support! Thank you for co-laboring with us to bring the good news of peace with God through His Son Jesus Christ.

Beverly Sunnarburg Rutledge October 15, 2018

I said goodbye to the house my dad started building when I was 8. It was a daunting and difficult task to clean out 48 years of accumulation. Time was too short to adequately cherish the numerous special mementos, ponder the beautiful memories and treasure the life lessons learned and godly heritage received in my childhood home. It embodied the character, values and personalities of my parents and especially my dad. He spent many joyful hours in the shop creating a comfortable and peaceful refuge in the woods located 5 minutes out of town. My dad's workmanship portrays the loving care, abundant provision, and thoughtful protection of our Father God. It made it easy for me to trust in the Heavenly Father's care for me.

I'm thankful that I can carry all the memories in my heart and mind.

My parents are in the winter years of their lives in a new place where they can be taken care of well. Treasure every moment and be thankful.