



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



To all Christian Campers:

We want to encourage everyone to come camping in July. More than a dozen club members came and camped in June and enjoyed the fellowship and sharing around the campfire.

The board met in St. Cloud in June and decided that in July camping will be informal as it was in June. We have limited access to the Rally center. There will be no food/potluck dinner or Saturday music in the center. We will fellowship together in the covered pavilion near the Rally Center where there are picnic tables and around a campfire in the evening.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: SEE BELOW

We will not be going to Waseca in the future, but will be going to St. Cloud throughout the summer.

Also, the September camping weekend will be the second weekend of the month rather than

the third weekend in the future. Another group has had the third weekend for several years.

Social distancing and avoiding crowded places is helping to slow the spread of the virus. Older adults and people with serious chronic conditions are the most vulnerable. The board and St. Cloud campground wants to provide a safe environment for everyone.

We will keep you informed regarding plans for August and September.

Annual Banquet

The annual banquet will be held on Saturday afternoon at the September campout. You are welcome to come for the day if you do not come to camp. However, we would like you to let us know if you are coming to the banquet.

Missionary Support

Since one of the primary goals of Christian campers is to support our missionaries we would like to encourage everyone to make a donation. We send each missionary family \$1200 - \$1400 each year.

Please feel free to send a check to our Treasurer, Terry Larson. Write your checks to Christian Campers with missions in the memo. He will place them in our account and send checks to Gallaghars, Gibbs and Rutledges. His address is: Terry Larson 7517 Bryant Ave., Richfield, MN 55423

Camping Dates & Locations for 2020

July 17 - 19 St. Cloud
Aug 21 - 23 St. Cloud
Sept 11-13 St. Cloud

Wagon Masters for 2020

July Earl & Judy Fuller, Alan & Marlys Johnson
Loren & Myrna Hansen

August Don & Lorraine Erickson, Tim & Ann Crist,
Terry & Patty Larson

Sept Tim & Ann Crist, Red & Cindy Courneya,



Our Missionaries in the field
Gallaghars, Rutledges, & Gibbs
Relief from the Covid 19 pandemic

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Elected for 2020*

2019 Financial Report



Bank Balance, 1-1-2018	\$655.02
Income	\$7,073.26
Expenses	\$7,033.18
Balance on 12-31-2019	\$695.10

Missions Offering(Auction \$2,394.50) \$4290.00

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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

Missionary Reports

Steve and Carol Jean Gallagher they 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!



Steve and Carol Jean

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NEW Assignments

Our Ministry budget is back to 100%

God has done the "Impossible," and we no longer have a shortfall. We're grateful to God and to each of you who have had a part in this through your prayers and donations. We are now approved to begin our assignments with Wycliffe. Steve as a translation consultant and Carol Jean as an administrative assistant for Wycliffe's recruitment team.



Update on Steve's mom, Elsa

She is being treated for tumors on her brain and has been hospitalized. She is now home with Steve and Carol Jean on hospice. Please pray for physical comfort for her and strength and peace for all of them.

Praise God:

For our financial and prayer partners who have made it possible to continue our work with Wycliffe.

For the prayers and encouragement of family and friends.

Please Pray:

For comfort & God's peace for Steve's mom
For God' peace and strength for us and the rest of her family

For us as we begin our new roles
balancing ministry & family needs

How to contribute: Use [Wycliffe's address below](#) or [give online](#) at <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/gallaghers>. Include a **separate note** with the following information: **Steve & Carol Jean Gallagher**
– **Account number 231400**

DO NOT WRITE THIS INFORMATION ON THE CHECK.
Wycliffe Bible Translators
PO Box 628200
Orlando, FL 32862-8200



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.

Greetings from Pine River Minnesota! We are healthy and safely quarantined. We pray this finds you the same.

Dan continues to work with our leaders in Nigeria who are keeping things moving forward there. We have also been working on how we are going to expand ministry in Nigeria and searching out ways that we can move forward.

During our time at home, we have been working on updating and changing our website and social media. We still believe the principle of Standing Beside is an important one but to make things clearer, we are leaving the Standing Beside branding behind. Tina has worked on changing it on Facebook and you can see our new Facebook page here. (<https://dtgibbs.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=926c02406b10652d2a77d75fa&id=eb5878b14c&e=51c1ff7bd3>) .

Covid 19 updates from our area of Nigeria.

Our state has had less than 10 confirmed cases. Most importantly these cases are from people that were traveling into the state and were tested and quarantined before entering. So effectively Taraba state is Covid 19 free. Please pray for our staff on the ground there in Nigeria. There is a lot of fear and misinformation and they have locked down any nonessential travel between States. Please pray that our staff keeps clear minds, stays healthy, and continues the hard work it is moving forward during this time. They are working hard to finish the remodel of the building that we can do isolation in. Thank you for all your donations toward this project. We have all the funds promised to finish it.

During this time we have purchased a Zoom subscription as it has been a wonderful way to stay connected with our partners in ministry as well as church and bible study. If you have a small group, missions committee, or pastor that is interested in learning more about the Gotel Initiative or possibly partnering with us in ministry, please contact us and we will do the rest.

This is a difficult time for all of us and while we wished we could return to Nigeria now we know that God will use this time for His good.

We have had some people who are in a good financial position and will be sending their stimulus check funds to support the work in Nigeria when it comes. If you are in the position to do that, it would be greatly appreciated!

Visit our website at www.dtgibbs.com

Oladele Taiwo is our COO. Pray for him as he continues leading the Staff in Nigeria and developing strategies for dealing with the pandemic in a developing country. Also, his wife Funmi, and 3 children are currently in Lagos where there are more cases of the virus. Please pray for them as well.

Prayer Points

TTP (Technical Training Program: development, students and teachers.

Hospital Staffing

Hospital staff sharing the Gospel

Wisdom in all that we do

Funding, (Personal support is currently 95%)

Please let us know how we can pray for you!



Map of Nicaragua.



Earl said there have been prophetic words that God is getting ready to manifest His glory through the church in Nicaragua. Earl spoke about his role in God's emerging work in Nicaragua.

The church – the family of God, the body of Christ in Nicaragua – is in ruins, divided and wounded. We are the temple of God, but if there is no temple, God has no dwelling place. How can the glory of God come if there is no place for him to dwell?

As representatives of God on high, can we bring peace and reconciliation to the broken, divided and wounded church in Nicaragua? Unity and peace continue to be my cry!"

Earl sees his mission as breaking down barriers, removing hostilities, and reconciling Nicaraguans to the Father and to each other.

It is clear that God is sending Earl back as a part of what he is doing in Nicaragua. Earls mission is to embody Jesus Christ in this troubled nation. Earl will return as a representative of the one who makes us one through the blood offered on the cross.

The Holy Spirit is calling intercessors into the gap to cover Earl during his return to Nicaragua as an "ambassador of reconciliation". Please step into the gap as led by the Holy Spirit!

SOME PRAYER POINTS

- Wisdom, discernment and safety for Earl as he is in Nicaragua
- Unity in the church of Jesus Christ in Nicaragua
- A peaceful resolution for the political situation in Nicaragua
- A solution that reflects God's justice and mercy, not a human justice of vindication and revenge
- Please be led by the Holy Spirit as to how to pray for President Daniel Ortega.
- Thank you for your financial gifts and support that enables us to bring light, salvation, and hope to the nations.



Earl and Bev Rutledge family in Nicaragua Bringing Healing, Reconciliation & Unity to the Church



He and his family have served in Nicaragua for 25 years.

Earl and his family left Nicaragua in April, 2019 before the current political crisis erupted. Continuing violence and chaos have made them feel it is not safe to return to Nicaragua.

As a result, they have been staying in various locations in the US.

He feels called by the Lord to face the dangers by returning to Nicaragua.