



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



To all Christian Campers:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: SEE BELOW

There will be some significant changes in the dates and locations for 2020. XXXXXXXXXXXX

We will not be going to Waseca at all next year, but will be going to St. Cloud in May & Sept. Also the September camping weekend will be the second weekend of the month rather than the third weekend.

We need to have wagon masters Signup for next year. Only July is filled so far.

We have talked to all of the board members regarding our May camping dates and they agree that it is not worth the risk to gather in May. **The board has agreed that we will cancel the May camp out. XXXXX**

We will continue to monitor the situation in May and determine what we can safely do in the month of June.

Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-35 extending the peacetime emergency in Minnesota for 30 days. All persons currently living within the State of

Minnesota are ordered to stay at home or in their place of residence through Sunday, May 03, 2020.

By continuing the Stay at Home Order, we buy more time to save more lives. • Extending into early May pushes the projected peak into July. • Staying at Home and social distancing has worked by helping to slow the spread. Our actions and sacrifices are saving lives. •We'll get through this together.

The CDC has emphasized that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure.

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said that older adults and people with serious chronic conditions should think twice about traveling or going to crowded places. He advised that these individuals take the simple steps of "not putting yourself in a situation that might increase the risk given your situation."

The pandemic is expected to have long-term impact on Minnesotans because of how easily the virus spreads and how fatal it is.

Camping Dates & Locations for 2020

May 15 - 17	St. Cloud
June 19 -21	St. Cloud
July 17 - 19	St. Cloud
Aug 21 - 23	St. Cloud
Sept 11-13	St. Cloud
Banquet to be announced	

Wagon Masters for 2020

May	Red & Cindy Courneya, Alan & Marly Johnson, Jerry & Leanne Maart
June	Open

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

August Open

Sept Tim & Ann Crist, Red & Cindy Courneya,
Banquet



Our Missionaries in the field

May Camping Agenda

May camping has been canceled due to virus.

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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.



Adam, Lizzy, Eowyn, Erin and Mark

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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“Behold, I am doing a NEW thing.”

Isaiah 43:19a **We're** excited about all the new things God has been doing in our lives and ministry in the recent months.



Wilder John Anderson

NEW Grandson!

On January 14th our new grandson, Wilder John Anderson, was born to Erin and Mark at 9 pounds, 2 ounces. Praise God that he is in good health after recovering from mild jaundice and seems to have an even temperament. We're all delighted with him and look forward to seeing him grow and follow God.

NEW Home, New Church

We have settled in well to our new home in Florida. People in our community are very welcoming, and we're beginning to make friends. We have found a church that we're excited to be involved in. In a few months, the church will be starting a new coffee house ministry, which Carol Jean plans to join. She has been taking an online Ravi Zacharias course on apologetics to help prepare her for discussions about faith with those who attend.

NEW Assignments

We are looking forward to beginning our new assignments with Wycliffe – Steve as a translation consultant and Carol Jean as an administrative assistant for Wycliffe's recruitment team. As some of you know, before we can begin these assignments, Wycliffe requires that 100% of the

ongoing budget established for our Wycliffe ministry will be provided by our team of partners. We are currently engaged in letter writing and speaking engagements to share with people about this ministry.

Steve and Carol Jean Gallagher have a passion for God's Word to reach people in the languages that speak to their hearts. Their involvement in Bible translation for 27 years in Papua New Guinea has prepared them well for their current roles.

Praise God:

- ❖ for Wilder's safe arrival and good health.
- ❖ that we have settled in well to our new home in Florida, are making friends, and have found a good church.
- ❖ that we've seen an encouraging increase in monthly financial partnerships.
- ❖ that the prison ministry Steve was involved with in PNG is continuing, with a new member joining the team.

Please Pray:

- ❖ for God to provide there remaining \$1,577 per month in commitments so that we can begin our new assignments.
- ❖ that people would be led to Christ in our church's coffee house outreach and that God would prepare Carol Jean for her role in it.
- ❖ that the Bariai people would continue to engage with and apply the translated Scriptures to their lives.

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 TO WRITE THIS INFORMATION ON THE CHECK.

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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.

Dan had a Neurologist appointment on December 3, he is not sure why Dan's blood clotted after being on blood thinners and referred us to Hematologist. They found a number in part of Dan's blood that was off, so we're hoping to find out if something else needs to be done to prevent more clots..

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

Going Forward

We are looking for some people that are interested in helping us develop a prayer team and coordinate some other teams with us. If you are interested in being more involved with us in Nigeria please contact us and we will explore the options available right now.

We are scheduled to be in Long Beach, California for Converge Meetings at the end of January and in out Connecticut Churches in March so it looks like we will not have time to make it back to Nigeria before these trips. We are praying that we will have a health care plan in place before we need to make these trips.

Please pray for our staff as they continue a while longer in our absence. As you end your year please consider an extra gift for GECHAAN. Just a few ideas:

1. Sponsorships for a TTP student's education is about \$150, a full scholarship including equipment is \$600.
2. We are planning on shipping a sea container of equipment to Nigeria in 2020 that will cost about \$10,000.
3. A Days for Girls kit is about \$10 each
4. Could use support for the Mercy fund at the Hospital for Patients that can not afford health care costs.
5. 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.
6. 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 in Nicaragua Bringing Healing, Reconciliation & Unity to the Church

At the last Board meeting Earl Rutledge, missionary to Nicaragua who is on the International Board gave a very complete report on Nicaragua.. It was obvious his heart is still in Nicaragua.

Earl reported to the board the gravity of the situation in Nicaragua. He described the loss of life, the oppression, and the loss of economic gains and freedom made over the last two-and-a-half decades.



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

Earl has worked to equip Young Life and church leaders and to create the Spanish Mobile Dunamis. This work has suffered major disruption due to the violent oppression.

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. Their youngest daughter, age twelve, wonders if she will ever see her own room again.

Over the last few months the political situation in Nicaragua has deteriorated. Gains made over the last decade are threatened. Both the economy and political freedom have suffered reverses. Governmental backlash to popular protest demonstrations have caused some Nicaraguans to seek asylum in Costa Rica,



.Basically, Nicaragua's President and member of the Sandinista Party, Daniel Ortega, has consolidated dictatorial powers. Reacting to calls for him to step down with violent suppression of his political opponents, which included loss of life.

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

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.