



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



To all Christian Campers:

Greetings one and all. It is getting close to camping time and the lure of the out-doors and Christian fellowship is most certainly calling to our hearts. Last year was not only a trying and stressful time but also a time to draw closer to the grace and mercy of the Lord Christ Jesus, our blessed eternal hope.

This newsletter contains many items concerning Christian campers for this year and in the future. We encourage everyone to read it carefully.

The board met in St. Cloud in July of 2020 and decided that August and September camping would be informal as it was in July. There would be no auction. We had limited access to the Rally center. Food & potlucks and Saturday music in the center was canceled, as well as the August Auction. We gathered together by the Rally Center where there were picnic tables and around a campfire in the evening, practicing social distancing to provide a safe environment for everyone.

The Board has been considering options to reduce the workload on Wagon Masters and instill flexibility into the programming so that their service will not lose its joy.

To this end, the Board has appointed Cindy Courneya to head up a contact committee that could provide

assistance to Wagon Masters in securing outside talent for Saturday evenings if desired.

The May agenda is enclosed with this newsletter as a guide for planning gatherings in the coming months.

We look forward to seeing everyone as we serve the Lord, support our missionaries and experience sweet fellowship in May, Lord willing.

Tim Crist

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

September camping will always be in St. Cloud in the future on the second weekend of the month rather than the third weekend. Another group has had the third weekend for several years.

BANQUET AND ANNUAL MEETING

We want to make it a special time for all of us to gather. We will let you know exactly when and where the banquet will be and what has been planned.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

As you know, one of our goals as Christian Camper club is to provide support for three missionary families. Due to covid restrictions we were not able to raise money for our missionaries during the summer. Some sent money to our treasurer, as we suggested. We collected donations in August & September and even without the auction you can see below, that we were able to send support to the missionaries toward the end of 2020.

2020 Financial Report

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| Bank Balance 5/1-2021 | \$ |
| Missionary Support for 2020 | \$4,131 |
| Each of the families was sent \$1,377 | |
| Missionary Support for 2019 | \$4,290 |

Please feel free to send a check to our Treasurer, Terry Larson at any time.

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. Terry's address is: Terry Larson 7517 Bryant Ave., Richfield, MN 55423

Bylaw Changes

The board recommended changing two of our bylaws. The proposed changes in the bylaws were voted on by the membership at the annual meeting and approved.

Article III, Section 1. The number of Directors shall be nine. Change to seven.

Article V, Section 1, Directors shall serve a 3-year term.

Article V was clarified regarding how many consecutive terms may be served.

The treasurer has been an exception as changing banks and check signers is somewhat of a problem and not everyone is qualified to be treasurer.

Added language: Directors shall serve a maximum of two consecutive three year terms. They may serve again after one year off. With the exception of the Treasurer, who will hold the position for a time period to be determined and at the discretion of the board.

Camping Dates & Locations 2021

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| May 21 - 23 | St. Cloud |
| June 18 - 20 | St. Cloud |
| July 16 -18 | St. Cloud |
| Aug 20 - 22 | St. Cloud |
| Sept 10-12 | St. Cloud |
| October Banquet to be announced | |

Wagon Masters for 2021

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| May | Red & Cindy Courneya, Gaylord & Pat Fries |
| June | Earl & Judy Fuller, Loren & Myrna Hansen, Al & Marlys Johnson |
| July | Open |
| August | Douglas & Linda Mosier |
| Sept | |



Our Missionaries in the field
Relief from the Covid 19 pandemic

Board of Directors

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Tim Crist – Pres. | (952) 895-3638 |
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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 for Gallaghers

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.

We are thankful to be part of this ministry, along with you who stand with us through your prayers and giving.

Dearly Missing Steve's Mom Along with the hard things we've all experienced this year, we are especially missing Steve's mom, Elsa, who passed away from cancer on August 2nd. We rejoice in her life well lived and in her faith in Christ that assures us that she is with the Lord now and free from all pain and difficulty.

Four Translation Consultations This Year. We're thankful that Steve has been able to provide remote consultation

to four language groups this year, covering 11 translated books of the Bible. Mobilization Through Wycliffe's m

It's been a joy to live closer to **ERIN and MARK'S** family.



A special treat was seeing WILDER take his first steps at EOWYN'S fourth birthday party. (She wasn't jealous of her little brother stealing the show for a few moments.) They recently moved to a new house about 15 minutes away from ours.

It's also been great to see **ADAM and LIZZY** several times this year. They continue to live and work in Arlington, Virginia. This year they took up camping and hiking, which provided Adam with lots of opportunities for landscape photography.



Praise God:

- For health and the ability to serve Bible translation despite the pandemic.
- For providing our needs, enabling us to continue in this ministry.
- That God's Word is "taking on flesh" in more languages through this ministry.
- That online efforts are inviting more people to join the Bible translation movement.

Please Pray:

- That God's Word would touch the hearts of people in the language groups that Steve has had consultations with.
- That more people would join the Bible translation movement.
- That translation consultations and recruitment events would soon be able to happen in person.
 - That we would be effective in our Wycliffe roles.

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.

Dear Friends at Christians Campers Club Minnesota,

Hello friends. We are writing to you from Gembu!! It has been an 18 month absence that was supposed to be 3 months. Thank you so much faithful prayer warriors! We honestly believe that is what has gotten us through and safely back to Gembu. We also know God's timing is perfect and that is what we have prayed for!

We left our house in Pine River, MN on January 15. Our COVID-19 tests that we took on January 13 were negative so we were cautiously optimistic that THIS would be it. We had our Visa stamps and plane tickets. What could go wrong? As the past 15 months have shown us, more than we ever thought.

We said goodbye to family and friends and our friends Mark and Jane dropped us (as well as our luggage) off at the airport on January 16. We got to the first line and a gentleman looked at our COVID-19 test and told us that we can't travel. Dan and I looked at each other and Dan asked the man why. He proceeded to tell us that the regulation changed, the hour requirement was 96 hours before the flight now it was 72 hours. Dan called Mark & Jane and asked them to turn around and pick us up again. You have never seen two more disappointed people than on the ride back to the Erickson's house. Again, everything was up in the air. When could we get another ticket and of course, another COVID-19 test? Sunday, we visited Edinbrook Church (our sending church) and asked people to continue praying. Monday our travel agent, Craig, found tickets for the following Saturday.

We got another COVID-19 test on January 21. January 23 the Erickson's dropped us off at the airport with our luggage again and we were cleared to travel!!!! We have scheduled tickets 5 times, had 2 strokes, an ablation, a saddle pulmonary embolism, blood clot from foot to groin, COVID-19 pandemic, expired Visa, and changed regulations.

We left with no issues! Praise the Lord! When we got to Abuja, Peter, our former Head Driver, now an Uber driver in Abuja, picked us up at the airport and took us to a hotel. We had to stay at the hotel for 9 days as we had to have ANOTHER COVID-19 test. We had that test on

Day 7 of our hotel stay, then after we got the results could schedule tickets to Jalingo (the capital of our State). We had to stay the night in Jalingo. The next day we drove the 6 ½ hours to Gembu.

It was so wonderful to hug and see some of the staff that were still there at the time we arrived. We were home on February 4 at about 3:00 pm!

Since we have arrived, we have been unpacking, cleaning, and trying to remember where we put stuff 18 months ago, we found the compound and everything so wonderful. Our staff has done a remarkable job of not only maintaining ministry but also moving forward during this global pandemic!

We see that we need to position to move forward again and have a lot of work to do during the next months. Please pray that God makes it very clear which directions to move and focus on and what the priorities are.

Things are also moving forward with the Gotel Initiative! We have had the opportunity to talk with some churches over Zoom and are thankful we can do that most days from Nigeria! We are still looking for a Director and Prayer Coordinator for the Initiative. Please pray with us that we find the people God has already prepared for these positions. We are also praying for Global Workers to come and join us here on the Mambila Plateau.

Visit our website at www.dtqibbs.com

Our staff member to pray for this month is Doctor Peter. Doctor Peter came to GECHAAN in January 2021. He is a young man with about 3 years of experience before joining our team. He already has a great rapport with the patients that have been coming to the Hospital. We are excited about his passion for bringing quality healthcare to the organization. Pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.



Our Personal Support is currently 99% however with Converge's next fiscal year starting May 1st it will drop to 97%.

PRAYER POINTS

- * For wisdom, discernment, and cultural awareness
- * The staff, as we explore how God wants us to move
- * An Initiative Dir. & Prayer Coord. for the Gotel Initiative.
- * Global Workers to join us. Process takes 2 years to get them here.
- * That Satan is bound from any interference on our compound, with our staff, and in any of the ministries.

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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.

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. 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 to cover Earl during his return to Nicaragua as an “ambassador of reconciliation”. Please step into the gap as led by the Holy Spirit!

PRAYER POINTS

- Wisdom, discernment and safety for Earl as he is in Nicaragua
- Unity in the church of Jesus Christ in Nicaragua
- Thank you for your financial gifts and support that enables us to bring light, salvation, and to the nations.

Map of Nicaragua

