



# 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.

## **FALL BANQUET**

The banquet will be held this year on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The hosts will be Ron and Judy Nelson at their church in Amery, Wisconsin. The church is the Apple River Community Church, 942 U.S. Highway 8, Amery, Wisconsin 54001.

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. The board appointed Cindy Courneya to provide assistance to Wagon Masters in securing outside talent for Saturday evenings.

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

**Ann Crist has been faithfully maintaining the Historical Records for the club.** She enjoys doing it but wants direction in how much should be kept. It was decided by the board that she should continue at her discretion as far as entries into the historical book.

## **RESERVATIONS FOR CAMPING**

Reservations at the St. Cloud Campground will be taken after the first of the year 2022. Minnesota Christian Campers Campouts will be the third weekend of every month May through September 2022. Camping is Friday through Sunday and many come on Thursday. We need to get our reservations in at least a month in advance.

## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**Early announcement: We will be celebrating Christmas at our July campout. Be thinking about a white Elephant gift that you can bring and a couple of ornaments for the Christmas tree. Lots of fun is planned.**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**June camping will be on the fourth week in June.**

## **Camping Dates & Locations 2022**

May 20 - 22	St. Cloud
June 24 - 26 <b>CHANGE</b>	St. Cloud
July 15 -17	St. Cloud
Aug 19 - 21	St. Cloud
Sept 16 - 18	St. Cloud
October 1 Banquet	Amery, Wisc.

## MISSIONARY SUPPORT

As you know, one of our goals as Christian Camper club is to provide support for three missionary families. If you are unable to attend a camping weekend feel free to send a check to Terry Larson, the Treasurer of our club at any time.

Send checks to: Christian Camper Club with missions in the memo. Terry will place checks in the Christian Campers account and send checks to the missionaries.

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

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## 2021 Financial Report

<b>Bank Balance, 1-1-2021</b>	<b>\$ 801.92</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$6,945.13</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,387.11</b>
<b>Bank Balance, 12-31-2021</b>	<b>\$1,359.94</b>
<b>Missionary offering (Auction) 2021</b>	<b>\$1,788.00</b>
<b>Missionary offering (Auction) 2020</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Missionary offering (Auction) 2019</b>	<b>\$2394.50</b>
<b>Missionary support (total for) 2021</b>	<b>\$4,227.00</b>
<b>Missionary support (total for) 2020</b>	<b>\$4,131.00</b>

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## Wagon Masters for 2022

<b>May</b>	Red & Cindy Courneya, Gaylord & Pat Fries
<b>June</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>July</b>	Earl & Judy Fuller, Loren & Myrna Hansen, Jeanne Johnson
<b>August</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Banquet</b>	Ron & Judy Nelson, need help?



**Pray for safety for those returning from south**  
**Our Missionaries in the field**

## Board of Directors

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## Missionary Reports

### Steve and Carol Jean



*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!*

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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line at: [www.facebook.com/PNGgallaghers](http://www.facebook.com/PNGgallaghers)

**Together with you, we are continuing to  
work toward eradicating Bible poverty.**

In February Steve finished consultation with the Etulo team in Nigeria on their book of Hebrews. During the consultation, he also mentored three consultant trainees, two of whom are Nigerian pastors. He is also working remotely with the Saliba team in Papua New Guinea, checking their translation of Luke and Romans.

Steve is planning a month-long trip to Papua New Guinea in September to check Scripture for two more languages - the Malei book of Psalms and the Yamap gospel of Luke. Ensuring the quality of the translation of these books will take months of preparation. Working with the Yamap will be a milestone in Steve's career as a consultant. Yamap will be the 50th translation team that he has worked with to ensure the quality of their Scripture!

Steve has also been working on a project called Translator's Notes, which are translation guidebooks in easy English for teams working throughout the world. He is assigned to the book of Exodus. This work involves digging deeply into multiple commentaries, explaining the meaning of the text in simple English, and providing examples of valid ways to express the meaning.

Carol Jean continues to serve Wycliffe's mobilization team as an administrative assistant. The mobilization team works to Inspire, Inform, Educate, and Invite people to join the ministry of Bible translation. They reach out through online and in-person events to help people see how God might use them to reach Bibleless people with His Word. Her role includes coordinating communication with students and alumni at hundreds of colleges, helping mobilizers promote jobs and events.

**Praise God for:**

- the newly checked Scripture in the Etulo language.
- contacts that Wycliffe is making with potential new workers for Bible translation.

**Please pray for:**

- the Etulo team and community as they print, record, distribute, and use their newly checked Scripture portions.
- good progress on Translator's Notes for Exodus.
- preparations for Steve's upcoming trip to PNG.
- Wycliffe's mobilization team as they plan and conduct various events and that more people will join the Bible translation movement.
- more people to join our under-staffed mobilization team, as well as the work of Bible translation in general.

**We deeply appreciate the faithful ministry partnership of Christian Campers through your prayers and offerings to reach people with God's Word.**

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 Gembu! Not having the Duty Waiver, we left our home in Pine River on January 11 and got our Covid test. January 12<sup>th</sup>, we headed to the Minneapolis airport for a flight to Chicago. At the airport we found that Dan's Covid test from the day before was dated for January 7. Fortunately, we arrived at the airport with plenty of time to correct the error.



We next headed to Frankfurt, Germany. After a two-hour layover, we headed to Abuja. Over Africa, the pilot came on the loudspeaker and said that the navigation system on the plane had gone down. In Europe, he was able to navigate from ground towers, but in Africa was flying blind. We were going back to Italy, wait for a plane then go back to Frankfurt. After 11 hours on the plane, we were back to where we started. At, 7:00 am next day we boarded the plane to Abuja. We arrived at Abuja around 6 p.m. on January 15, were picked up at the airport and taken to a new missionary's home. We stayed with the Patrick's a young couple serving in Abuja.

On January 19 we took the flight from Abuja to Jalingo. It was too late when we arrived in Jalingo to safely drive to Gembu so we spent the night at a hotel. The next morning, we left and made it to our home on January 20 about 1:30 pm.

We found things moving forward and our staff has done an amazing job! Our new partnership with Christian Blind Mission is already working on training and empowering Cameroonian refugees, vulnerable, and disabled members of our community. Each of the different areas here on the compound and ministry has had challenges and has handled them with grace and good decisions. We are very proud of how our leadership team has progressed and the growth in so many areas!

We still do not have the duty waiver, please continue to pray that it comes in the timing that God wants. We have decided that we will plan to pack the container after that is received. On our first full day in Gembu, our vet came to check on Lady and I talked to him about getting a new Russian Shepherd puppy to replace Tramp who was poisoned. Much to my surprise, a few days later Lionel joined our family. He is a clumsy, cute, large-footed puppy that will grow into a wonderful guard dog! We are thankful for him!

It is Harmattan season here so the weather is cooler in the morning and evening, around 50 degrees and the wind and dust are blowing everywhere. There won't be any rain likely again until March. We are enjoying the change from the snowy, 30 degrees below zero weather when we left Minnesota.

Thank you for your year-end donations and partnering with us! We appreciate each prayer and dollar that furthers God's work here in our remote area of Nigeria. We are so humbled and grateful, thank you. Much love and thanks from Dan & Tina. Visit our website at [www.dtgibbs.com](http://www.dtgibbs.com)

### Prayer Points:

- For wisdom, discernment, and cultural awareness for Dan and Tina
- The staff, as we are exploring how God wants us to move forward.
- An Initiative Director for the Gotel Initiative.
- Global Workers to join us. The process takes about 2 years to get them in the field.
- Please pray for the duty waiver and container, that all will go well and in God's timing.
- Please let us know how we can pray for you!

**Converge has changed their mailing address for donations to:** Converge, P.O. Box 772802, Detroit MI 48277-2802. If giving to our personal support, continue to use account number 151776. Our Personal Support is currently 98%.

**Gibbs mailing address is:** Dan & Tina Gibbs  
P O Box 282, Pine River, MN 56474



### Earl and Bev Rutledge Family

*They have been Bringing healing, reconciliation & unity to the church for the past 25 years.*

We continue in the role of mentoring the pastors, and it is a joy and blessing to see

how well the church is doing. The new Nicaraguan assistant pastors are finding their rhythm and niche in meeting the growing needs of the church. A young man we invested much prayer and time into while we lived in Jinotega is now overseeing the children's feeding program. We are so grateful to see fruit of our labors, lives changed through God's love and the power of His Word. We thank you, Christian Campers, for your financial support and prayers that helped raise up this church!

We also started landscaping our backyard. Our home is a gathering place, where we pray for

people, teach seminars and host conferences. We have desired for some time to have something besides boulders and dirt in the back yard. We have made good progress on developing 2 green sitting areas with plants and flowers, so groups can enjoy beauty when they split into threes and fours for prayer during break-out sessions. We have some type of gathering at least once a week, and since we have summer all year long, we are really happy to finally get a start on this project.

Our yard project, out of necessity, ended up being greatly expanded. The weak 50 year old brick wall between our property and the business next door needed to be torn down and rebuilt. It is no longer in danger of falling and causing damage. We're thankful to have it done.

Earl is part of a prayer mobilization project that extends around the globe; the world desperately needs to know the Saviour.

Bev has continued teaching seminars on inner healing to women. She's now finished the series with several groups of women. In addition to the teaching, she often spends considerable time praying with each individual.

Beverly is preparing an update on their activities that we can share at the May camping weekend. Here is an email from her on April 28<sup>th</sup>:

Good evening Loren,

I'm sorry I keep getting interrupted when working on our newsletter. Things in addition to our normal ministry schedule happen— like unexpected visitors, emergency counseling sessions with suicidal people, visiting desperate families who live out in the country.

Earl has been traveling to several cities around Nicaragua the past few weeks. I will be hopefully finally finish our newsletter this week, but I'm not sure if that will be soon enough to make it into your May newsletter. I will get it to you as soon as possible.

We greatly appreciate your prayers and the support of the Campers has been a tremendous help to our ministry.

Thank you!

Beverly and Earl