



# 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. We are planning on returning to MN from Tx in time for the May campout.

**This newsletter contains items concerning Christian campers for this year. Everyone is encouraged to read it carefully.**

The Date Time and Place for the Oct banquet has not been determined yet. Anyone with suggestions may contact a Board member prior to our May Campout.

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

Be sure to make your May Reservations at the St. Cloud Campground as soon as possible. Minnesota Christian Campers Campouts will be the third full weekend of every month May through September 2022. Camping is Friday through Sunday and many come on Thursday and some stay an extra night and leave on Monday. We need to get our reservations in at least a month in advance.

## Camping Dates & Locations 2023

May 19 - 21	St. Cloud
June 16 - 18	St. Cloud
July 21 -23	St. Cloud
Aug 18 - 20	St. Cloud
Sept 15 - 17	St. Cloud
October Banquet	?

## 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**

## 2021 Financial Report

<b>Bank Balance, 12-31-2021</b>	<b>\$1,359.94</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses 2022</b>	<b>\$6,723.00</b>
<b>Missionary Support</b>	<b>\$5,463.00</b>
<b>Bank Balance, 12-31-2022</b>	<b>\$1,260.54</b>

## Wagon Masters for 2023

<b>May</b>	Red & Cindy Courneya, Gaylord & Pat Fries
<b>June</b>	Doug & Linda Mosier and Terry & Patty Larson
<b>July</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Banquet</b>	Ron & Judy Nelson

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Our Missionaries in the field

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## Board of Directors

Tim Crist – Pres.	(952) 895-3638
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Cindy Courneya	(612) 269-0646

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## Missionary Reports



Happy 2023  
Friends!

Once again time has flown by here in Gembu! I am amazed at how each

week zooms by!

First, we want to thank each of you who gave during our special “Giving Tuesday” Opportunity! We were amazed and so blessed that we were able to give 40 families over 2 weeks of food. We surprised each of them by just showing up at their houses, visiting with them, explaining we wanted to share Jesus’ love with them during this hard time, sharing the gospel with them, praying, and sharing the food items. There was laughter, tears, hugs, and much appreciation! I so wish each of you could have gone with us and heard the stories and experience these families for yourselves. It was a blessing to get to be a part of this!

The response was much more than we anticipated! We are going to be able to bless many more families over the next months! We will take about 10 families monthly until our funds are depleted. We think we may be able to do 6 more months! Thank you again for helping us care for the hurting and hungry in Gembu!

Our Thursday Bible Study group has finished the Zume training, and we have been doing a study called, “Christian”. It is very powerful and we are having wonderful conversations about what that looks like currently in our area of the world and what God thinks it should look like! We are so blessed by thoughtful, Godly staff on our Leadership Team and Bible Study Group!

During the entire month of December, Tina did our Staff Devotions using the John Piper Good News of Great Joy! Advent Devotional book gifted to us before we left to return to Gembu. In studying and preparing Tina really gained a much richer, deeper understanding and both of us did the same devotional together after breakfast. Many of the staff commented that they have never prepared their hearts before, only their houses and food. I believe Advent Devotions are going to be a meaningful tradition for our staff from now on. It was a wonderful experience for our staff to do this together. Dan put the PDF Version (which is free from the Desiring God website) on our WhatsApp Staff Group. This was an unexpected blessing during this Christmas and New Year season!

We have finally finished our process to start a new Board of Trustees. We had our second meeting in December and are so excited to have 5 Nigerians, and the two of us on the Board to help guide the organization forward! This process has taken about 6 years to accomplish! I am not sure if we have ever shared this before, but **NOTHING** moves quickly here in Nigeria!

Speaking of that, we are still working on the duty waiver.....

Things are moving forward here in Gembu, our staff is doing a wonderful job of moving the organization forward and we are thankful! This

week we are interviewing for some new staff members to help with some of the new grants we have received. Our leadership team at GECHAAN has been able to secure 4 grants, one of them lasting 4 years, to help us work with the influx of refugees we have been having. This will allow us to have a greater impact in our county. Giving us a greater voice to share the gospel message!

Exodus is moving things forward in the AWANA program. We are having a three-day training for new clubs at the end of January and are planning on an AWANA Olympics, Bible Story, and Verse competition early in March. He is busy going and meeting with Pastors during the days and attending Clubs, mentoring and training new workers at the various churches during the late afternoons and evenings. We are so thankful for this work. He dreams of starting AWANA clubs in churches all over the Plateau!

In His Service,  
Dan & Tina Gibbs  
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