



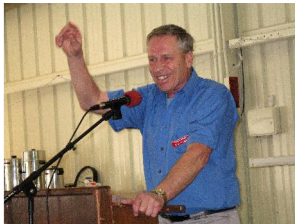
Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



I am hoping this brief note finds everyone looking forward to the 2016 camping season.

It was nice to visit with a few of you in Bibleville in March when we attended the Sunday evening service.

Judy and I had a great bus trip, 3600 miles. We toured San Antonio for five days – then on down to McAllen for three nights, then back through Waco, Texas, Oklahoma City (The memorial museum was very interesting). My brother and sister in law also went along.

We have kept very busy this winter, involved with the church, Gideons International, visiting nursing homes, going to basketball games, hockey games, dentists, doctor's appointments, and helping out the grandkids. **Isn't retirement fun!!!**

We also attended the celebration of life services for John Sirjord (Jan 23rd) and Vernon Christensen (Mar 19th).

I encourage each of you to share information about Christian Campers with your families and friends.

Lord willing we will all enjoy a fun summer of camping and fellowship. see you at Waseca in May.

With God's Love, Ron Nelson, President

Camping Dates for 2016

May 20 th - 22 nd	Waseca
June 17 th - 19 th	St. Cloud
July 15 th - 17 th	St. Cloud
Aug 19 th - 21 st	St. Cloud
Sept 16 th - 18 th	Waseca
Oct Banquet	To be announced

Wagon Masters for 2016

- May** Arnie & Cindy Courneya, Tim & Ann Crist, Dean Larson, Dick & Barb Volkmer
- June** Roy & Judy Fuller, Ervin & Jeanne Johnson, Loren & Myrna Hansen
- July** Alan & Marlys Johnson, Stuart & Charlotte Swenson, Gordon & Renee Goffredson
- Aug** Ron & Judy Nelson, Dave & Delphine Wagner, Rollie & Eloise Whittaker, Jim & Paula Wright
- Sept** Doug & Linda Mosier, Ron & Esther Heath, Terry & Patty Larson



- Linda Mosier-cancer treatment, radiation
- Bev Stangeland-Cancer treatments
- Don Erickson-continued healing
- Orville Gibbs-rehabilitation
- David Michaelson-herniated disc, pain

David Michaelson is in quite a bit of pain at night; during the day he is okay. He not only has a herniated disc but also Polymyalgia Rheumatica. He had lost his appetite and was so tired and weak. However, he has improved.

Dale Hedstrand is doing well. His leg wound is completely healed, for which we are so thankful. The legs require a watchful eye and care. The Parkinsons continues on its path.

Vernon Christensen past away on March 11th at 95 years of age. The funeral was on March 19th.

May Camping Agenda

Next months handout has been e-mailed or mailed to you for detailed information on the events that are scheduled.

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Elected for 2016 *

2015 Year End Financial Report



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Beginning Balance	\$1,049.40
Income	\$8,352.11
Expenses	\$8,156.04
Balance as of 12-31-2015	\$1,245.47

In 2015 Missionaries received **\$5,945.36**

Income includes dues, offerings, auction and clothing sales

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



Camper of the Month

Terry and Patty Larson have been involved in Christian Campers for the last six years since 2010 and have done a lot of camping with family over the years.

While the kids were growing they had a Starcraft 21' tent trailer from 1984 to 2011. During this time they traveled with the family to Colorado, Virginia and the Headwaters of the Mississippi in northern Minnesota.

In 2010, they purchased an almost new Coachmen Frelander with 3500 miles. It is built on a Mercedes Sprint chassis with a turbo diesel and gets about 14-15 miles per gallon.

The Frelander is 25 feet long and has one slide with the dinette located in it. It sleeps up to six people. The interior is very attractive. If you get a chance ask for a tour.

They have children in Greenville, South Carolina and California. They traveled in their RV to Greenville in January 2015 for five weeks and again in 2016 for three weeks. In 2014 they traveled to see their son who lives in California.



Missionary Reports



Amy Hedstrand was a teacher in Bogota, Columbia. She taught English, Christian Education and is homeroom teacher for the 9th grade. She adopted a Colombian girl named Tayly.

Amy and Jency Tayly came to the United States to live on February 3, 2016.

(Tayly is using her first name, Jency, with her new U.S. friends.)

Jency is attending a St. Paul special high school called LEAP, which is for immigrant children who need considerable help with English. Jency and Amy are attending Amy's sending church, Calvary Church of Roseville and getting acquainted with some of the activities and small groups.

For both Amy and Jency, there are many adjustments to face...finding their way in a different culture, language acquisition for Jency, making new friends. Amidst that, there is the grieving of what they miss in Colombia.

Amy needs renewal and rest and is getting help with that. Pray for her as she considers job possibilities. Although they are staying at our old house for now, they will need to find different housing by the end of summer.

Prayer requests:

1. Refreshment and rest in body, soul and spirit.
2. Jency in her new school, and finding positive friends.
3. Church involvement and developing good and long lasting friendships.
4. Job placement for Amy.
5. A place to live.
6. Amy is concerned about the finances continuing to come in until she secures work.
7. For the continued work at Children's Vision in Colombia. For the young man that is temporarily teaching in the classes that Amy was responsible for. For the many needs of the children that are still near and dear to Amy's heart.

Thank you so much for your interest and prayers and for your support over these many years!



Steve and Carol Jean Gallagher are Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua, New Guinea. They have translated Genesis, Exodus, and all of the New Testament into the Bariai language.

Steve and Carol Jean Gallagher came back to Wisconsin in October due to her father, David Michaelson's, health problems. They are staying in the USA until their son, Adam, graduates from Princeton University in May. Meanwhile they continue to do their Papua New Guinea missionary work from a distance.

Steve is doing translation consultant checking by correspondence for two PNG languages and continues to dub Bariai audio onto Bible videos. Carol Jean has almost

completed the Bariai audio Scripture editing, after which she will work on developing Sunday School and literacy materials.

They are scheduled to return to PNG on June 10th. Wycliffe requires that 100 percent of their ministry budget be pledged before they are allowed to return to PNG. They are trusting in God's provision. If anyone wants to contribute to this need, more information can be found online at www.facebook.com/PNGgallaghers or email them directly at cj_gallagher@sil.org.

They are hoping to complete their direct involvement with the Bariai people by the end of 2016. After that they expect to continue working in Papua New Guinea to support other translation projects.

Steve & Carol Jean wish to express their gratefulness to the Christian Campers group for partnering with them in the work of Bible translation through the years. They appreciate the prayers and financial support that come from the group.



Dan and Tina Gibbs, Update on the happenings here in Gembu! On February 7 we started 24/7 care with our 16 beds. Since February we have enrolled over 200 NEW patients! God is surely confirming that competent, quality health care in all aspects including HIV/AIDS is what this area really is in need of.

February 13 we took a trip to Abuja to purchase hospital equipment and get supplies, including: 12 hospital beds and mattresses, an operating table, solar batteries, our repaired inverter, many items for AWANA, Days for Girls, and food that we are not able to get in Gembu.

Tina has been going to schools and meeting with women's groups talking about reproductive health and how, Days for Girls kits can help the women and girls in our area.

The AWANA program is continuing to go well. We are preparing for another 5 day intensive training in April and excited about the prospects of the boys and girls in Gembu coming to know God, Love Him, and serve Him.

On the Standing Beside facebook page you can read our newsletter. We really love and miss our Christian camper friends this summer. We are so thankful for your prayers.



Earl and Bev Rutledge family are continuing to teach and translate in seminars for pastors and their wives and other church leaders from various denominations in different cities in Nicaragua.

They continue to ask for prayer for wisdom in choosing commitments, for travel safety, for Bev's parent's health, and for Travel expenses.

Together they are making a difference through your prayers and offerings and are very thankful for our support.