



Christian Campers of Minnesota Newsletter

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Presidents Letter



To all Christian Campers:

Greetings one and all. It is getting close to the end of the camping season. Gathering together has been an enjoyable time for one and all who have had the good fortune to attend one or more of our campouts this year. The gatherings have not been large (15-18 persons) but were refreshing times of fellowship.

Be sure to check out details for the OCTOBER BANQUET in this Newsletter.

Be sure to make your September Reservations at the St. Cloud Campground as soon as possible. Camping is Friday through Sunday and many come on Thursday and some stay an extra night and leave on Monday.

Camping Dates & Locations 2023

Sept 15 - 17	St. Cloud
October 7 Banquet	Eden Prairie

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**

Wagon Masters for 2023

May	Red & Cindy Courneya, Gaylord & Pat Fries
June	Doug & Linda Mosier, Terry & Patty Larson
July	Tim & Ann Crist
August	Red & Cindy Courney
September	Don & Marj Davidson, Tim & Ann Crist
Banquet	The Board

OCTOBER BANQUET

- **DATE:** Saturday October 7, 2023
- **TIME :** 12:00 NOON
- **COST :** \$20.00 (covers food & entrainment)
- **PLACE :** "The Valley View Cooperative"

10785 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, MN
*Your GPS should get you there safely!

- **SPECIAL FEATURE:**

"The Bluegrass Blades"

- **DIRECTIONS:**

Our room: "The Valley View Room" is on the 1st floor.
From the parking lot, enter about 15 ft left of the front door.

NOTE: Since we no longer have an auction to raise support for our **missionaries**, you may wish to bring extra money for a "free will offering" for them.

Terry Larson will be happy to collect that at the banquet.

- A short annual meeting will follow.

Y'all come now!!

**CALL OR TEXT TERRY LARSON TO
REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET BY
SEPTEMBER 28!! [\(612\) 201-2058](tel:6122012058)**

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Our Missionaries in the field

Missionary Reports



Happy 2023
Friends!

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

Hello from Minnesota! It has been a busy, weird, and interesting season since our last newsletter. But we want to update you all so you know what is going on and how you can pray for us.

In June and July, we visited the churches and supporters we had commitments to visit within Minnesota. God has blessed us so much with people that care for us so well, pray, and partner with us. We are so thankful for the ministry partners that share of their time, resources, and prayers with us!

We also moved Dan's mom from her two-bedroom apartment to assisted living. We got her set up in a wonderful place where she has long-time friends already residing, this made the transition a little easier for her. We cleared out her apartment and are just finishing up on paperwork and things so we can continue caring for her well from Nigeria.

Three weeks ago, Dan had another stroke. This time it was a small vessel stroke that he had at home and we went to the Emergency Room to see what should be done. We have had the blessing of meeting with a wonderful hematologist who ordered many tests to be done on Dan's blood. At this time, we believe Dan has a blood clotting disorder (Antiphospholipid Syndrome) that there is treatment for. This week we will find out more about the treatment and finish up on the paperwork for taking care of Dan's mom. After treatment is decided and things are figured out, we will head back to Nigeria. We are excited to get back to the plans that are in the works and get to be there while a few more things move forward.

We really have no new news on the Duty Waiver, about 2 months ago we hit more roadblocks, and a couple of weeks ago we decided to take a new approach. We really have no new news at this time just keep praying.

We are sad to say that our prayer coordinator, Sandi Putnam has had to step down from her role due to medical issues. This leaves an opportunity for someone that may be interested in partnering with us in doing our Zoom prayer meetings weekly or monthly. If you are interested, please just hit reply to this newsletter and let me know. I will get you connected with Converge's prayer coordinator, Jan. She is a wonderful gal to help get you started and give you all the information you need to lift up the work in Nigeria in prayer. We know that our biggest adversary is Satan, and though we struggle with Earthly powers in Nigeria, THAT is not the true struggle. We feel we really need this prayer support as we are working on the Disciple Making Movement and bringing light into the deep darkness in our area of the world.

Our support is now at about 96% committed. We are so thankful for the churches and individuals stepping up to fill the gap. Thank you! We could not do the things that God allows us to without you! We appreciate the immediate response and financial support so much. We only have about \$350.00 per month left to raise and are so thankful to be getting so close to being fully funded again.

Exodus, with volunteers from the GECHAAN Staff, will be holding an AWANA Olympics on August 26! We were really looking forward to being back for it, but that is not going to happen! Please pray for our AWANA program! We have 15 churches involved and over 1,000 children each week! Please pray over this event, that things will go smoothly, that communication will go well, and that God is glorified in everything that happens on that day and through the AWANA program in Gembu!

We also had the blessing last month to visit our friends at a church in Minnesota that donated 100 Days for Girls full kits for us to take back to Nigeria! These women's feminine kits have opened so many doors to speaking to women and showing Jesus to them in Nigeria. We so appreciated the funds, hard work, and love put into this very generous gift!

In His Service,
Dan & Tina Gibbs
Visit our website at www.dtgibbs.com
