

MINUTE MAN NEWS



Left: Gilbert (centre) and Jon (right) with northern Denesuline friend. Below: Gilbert and Changsub (centre) enjoy caribou meat.



OPPORTUNITIES BUILD on PERSISTENT WITNESS

While many Canadians were longing for milder temperatures earlier this spring, one of our missionary teams was hoping for the opposite! It was because the ice roads on which they travelled were on the verge of melting and becoming impassible.

Either by air or winter road, NCEMer Gilbert Bekkatla regularly visits northern Denesuline communities. In many of these places there has not been a wide open door to share the Gospel but, with a burden for his own people, Gilbert has persisted. Even being Denesuline himself hasn't given him an automatic "in."

Things are changing, though. In March Gilbert visited several northern

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Saskatchewan communities accompanied by NCEM Central-Field Director, Jon Siebert, and Changsub Kim, an SIM missionary recently sent to Canada from South Korea.

"This time we were able to have Bible studies in home after home, something less likely in the past," reports Jon, who has accompanied Gilbert before. Jon believes that Gilbert's

faithful witness over 20 years has helped prepare hearts. He notes that a number of elders who rigidly opposed evangelicals are now gone, and the younger generations are more open.

Changsub's testimony was listened to closely as he shared how for thousands of years his people in Korea prayed much, but had no relationship with God. Then missionaries came with the Word of God and his grandfather got saved, breaking a cycle of alcoholism and domestic violence.

Besides local homes, Gilbert often finds opportunities to meet residents in Band offices. In one place a Band Councillor requested additional Christian literature. In many homes, as well, Christian magazines and Tribal Trails DVDs were gladly received.

"For me a highlight was being able to open God's Word and teach for an extended time in several homes," adds Jon. "Also, we brought our guitars and used music a lot."

Your Minute-Man gifts to NCEM's Outreach & Ministry Fund (Calls #143, #146) help make trips such as this possible, and we thank you! ●

CARING for MINISTRY on the FIELDS

Personal visits are important for missionary member care, ministry evaluation and strategizing. Your gifts to "Field Ministries" (Call #144, and present Call #147) help make it possible!

Northeastern-Field directors, Mark & Ruth Anna Dana, took an extended trip this past winter with pilot Allan Giesbrecht, visiting our missionaries in northern Quebec.

Their first time there in their new role as field directors, they were amazed by the vast distances. More significantly they were impressed seeing firsthand our Arctic missionaries in ministry and in meaningful relationships with local people.

"The greatest encouragement we can give is to pray faithfully for the workers, and to seek God for more teams of labourers to go to the North," say the Danas.

Besides these visits, Mark & Ruth Anna and Allan also spent time in communities where NCEM has ministered in the past, including Waskaganish (QC), Moosonee and Moose Factory (ON).



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Additionally, Mark, who has served in corrections outreach, was able to visit men released from penitentiaries in the south, and meet with families of men now incarcerated. ●

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Dear Friends:

Minute-Man #146 was designated to four Funds that are very important to NCEM’s ministry: Outreach & Church Ministry Fund (OCMF), Pastoral Ministries Fund, Church Multiplication Action Plan, and our General Conference 2014 Fund.

Each of the above focuses on a vital part of NCEM’s church planting strategy. *Outreach* is an early step in the start of a local church. First Nation *pastors* are vital for the established local church to continue, and these leaders need encouragement and resources. We need to continue communicating our *action plan* outside and inside the Mission – if not, the vision will not continue. Finally, each of our staff have a key role in completing NCEM’s Mandate and Vision – our *conferences*, among other things, bind us together and renew our vision.

Thank you for your part in helping to keep the above ministries of NCEM functioning! \$53,549.18 has come in for this Minute-Man.



Our new Minute-Man Call (#147) is designated for **Field Ministries** and **Personnel Recruiting**.

- The Apostle Paul included “personal” notes at the end of most of his letters to local churches. He also wrote letters to individuals: Timothy, Titus and Philemon. These personal contacts were opportunities for correction, instruction and encouragement. Apart from God, “people” are our greatest resource! ... and NCEM greatly values our relationship with our workers. Our **Field Ministry Fund** is used throughout the year by our Field leaders to provide leadership to our staff, as Paul did for his coworkers.

- **Personnel Recruitment** must remain a priority for us in NCEM. We send Mission representatives to MissionFests, Bible colleges and local churches. We are adding a full-time couple to this type of ministry in the fall. Travel is the biggest expense in recruiting, and most of our “PR” designated funds go to making our people available to attend the above mentioned functions.

Our desire is to keep faithfully serving our Lord and Savior and the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. Thank you for serving with us by doing your part in this work.

Serving because He lives,

Albert B. Heal
General Director NCEM

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