

MINUTE MAN NEWS

Central-Field Directors Jon & Evelyn Siebert (right) spending time with Peter & Charlene Constant, Bible college interns under missionaries Dennis & Amanda Anderson at The Pas, MB. (inset) The Sieberts rejoiced with Grant & Nettie Pattimore for answered prayer.



REFRESHING VISITS on our FIELDS

Picture yourself living on a semi-isolated mission station. There may be believers with whom you enjoy fellowship, but they can't quite relate to the ministry responsibilities you feel, and your adjustments as an outsider trying to fit in.

You could phone long distance to a friend, or perhaps to a pastor back home ... but what you really need is a personal visit from someone who has walked in your shoes.

– We try to encourage missionaries going through hard times. Perhaps there has been a family loss, or other losses have got them feeling down.

– Sometimes there are difficult relationships ... in their community, fellowship group, ministry team ... these are much more effectively worked through in person than over the phone.

– Sometimes we need to challenge our missionaries to reach out beyond their comfort zone to further opportunities ... or extra encouragement is needed to keep learning about local mindsets – to help with effective communication of the Gospel.

– And, refreshingly, our visits are also times to rejoice with the missionaries for answered prayer!

That's what the Sieberts recalled about their visit with missionaries Grant & Nettie Pattimore. The Pattimores had been praying for someone younger to assist with their youth ministry at Carry the Kettle Reserve.

"A younger couple had just volunteered for that," the Sieberts learned, "and we were able to encourage this couple as they began a Bible study with youth on the Reserve." ●

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Thanks to your response to Minute-Man Calls #147 & #150, funds are available to make travel and visits just like this possible! We hear it from our missionaries all the time – they value visits from their field directors.

Last fall Central-Field Directors, Jon & Evelyn Siebert, completed an extended mission station tour and jotted down the highlights of these visits. Here are a few of them:

– Our visits help keep the missionaries connected with what is happening across the Mission. Leadership decisions can be clarified and questions answered. Hearing what God is doing elsewhere is a great encouragement.

MOBILIZING the CHURCH to REACH FIRST PEOPLES

Last fall we told you about David & Joanna Bouck, our new full-time representatives based in southern Ontario, along with Brian & Rosalie Kent.

These couples make it a priority to travel around visiting schools, churches and other groups interested in knowing more about NCEM's ministry among First Peoples.

These efforts are important because Christians need to hear about the many opportunities to reach First Peoples for Christ – and prayer for new missionary recruits to serve on church planting teams is crucial.

However, much of our "PR" is also done in a part-time way by our missionaries. For example, this winter, Jan Sassmannshausen, who serves in our Tribal Trails TV ministry, traveled to Manitoba where he visited two colleges and represented NCEM at Missionfest Manitoba.



(above) Jan representing NCEM; (r.) speaking in a workshop.



There are registration and travel costs associated with these kinds of opportunities. Most recently your gifts to Call #150 are making opportunities like this possible – thank you! Your prayers for new missionary recruits are also appreciated. ●

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Dear Minute-Man Friends ...

Our last Minute-Man Call (#152) helped to replenish three key “funds” – plus provide assistance for our missionaries to attend our annual staff conferences.

Our Central-Field missionaries and some of our Office staff have just returned from our first “field” conference of the year. We had a wonderful time listening to challenging Bible messages, participating in workshops, praying together, and enjoying fellowship with one another. Two more field conferences are coming up – one in May and one in June.

Thank you for contributing to Minute-Man to make all this possible! The total amount that came in for Call #152 was \$52,753.41.



This new Minute-Man Call (#153) is designated for ● **Field Ministries** and ● **Personnel Recruiting**.

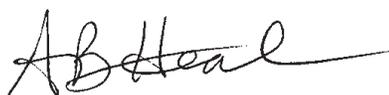
● Our Field Directors serve and lead their missionaries in widespread locations. You will appreciate the importance of their ongoing ministry as you read “*Refreshing Visits...*” on the other side.

● For several years NCEM has been in communication with New Tribes Mission of Canada (NTMC) about working together in church planting in Canada (we already partner with NTMC using their training for our new missionary candidates). Recently the Boards of both missions approved a partnership specifically for the ministry of church planting teams.

We are very excited about this joint venture! ... and our Personnel Recruiters will soon be promoting this new partnership, seeking new workers called by God. We have added missionaries, Jason & Anita Boucher, to the recruiting team (in the off-season from their camp work) and we are expanding the areas where we will travel. Funds for “Personnel Recruiting” from this Minute-Man Call will enable our recruiters to tell of great opportunities among First Peoples. Our desire is for many more church planting teams to live and minister in First Nations/Inuit communities in Canada. Please pray with us.

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:38).

Partnering together,



Albert B. Heal
General Director NCEM

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