



Gary & Ardys Winger (above) with Inuit friends in Puvirnituk. Pilot/field-director Allan Giesbrecht (right, on right), and David Bouck (left) on June trip. (Top right): New GPS units will provide improved digital mapping for aircraft navigation.

MINUTE-MAN GIFTS ENABLE AIRCRAFT MINISTRY

Your gifts to Call #133 (aircraft equipment) and Call #135 (field ministry) combined to make possible, among other things, a ministry trip to Arctic Quebec the end of June.

For our Assistant General Director, Gary Winger, and his wife, Ardys, it was a visit to Puvirnituk, their former station. Along with pilot/field director Allan Giesbrecht, they enjoyed quality time with missionary Ruth Armstrong, who is stationed there. With the assistance of missionary David Bouck (Kuujjuarapik, QC), the team completed repairs to the Mission house, installing a new water tank, new fuel tank, roof repairs, and more.

The delivery of groceries was welcomed by Ruth, too, as food products are very expensive to purchase locally.

Besides fuel costs, ministry trips like these are possible only as our aircraft are maintained. Allan, who also serves as our Aviation Department Administrator, is thankful for recent cabin interior repairs and a new windshield

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on one of our five Cessna planes.

He is looking forward to new GPS navigational equipment, also made possible by Minute-Man donations. Delivery has been delayed but Allan believes it will be worth the wait.

These GPS units will provide much more information, he reports, and feature a “moving map.” Our pilots have been using GPS technology for several years, but were in need of additional units. Also, the older GPS units needed a costly upgrading.

Of course, our aircraft are only a *means* towards our mandate of reaching First Nations for Christ.

For Gary & Ardys, this was a significant trip to “POV,” as they hadn’t visited there for several years. They enjoyed meeting with friends, a number with whom they’ve stayed in touch over the years by phone and letter. Their hearts were burdened, too, as they saw those still needing to respond

to the Gospel. They saw firsthand Ruth Armstrong’s need for prayer as she facilitates Inuktitut-language Bible curriculum in the local school, and encourages families in the faith.

On this same trip Allan, Gary & Ardys made a stop in Waskaganish, Quebec, enjoying fellowship with Pastor Paul Moses and the Cree believers there. ●

Family Conference Flights

Our Mission’s aircraft were an essential part of a recent Native Family Bible Conference held at Ponask Lake, northwestern Ontario.

It’s an annual summer weekend event organized by Native believers, begun about five years ago. The isolated location requires transporting people in and out by air.

Two of our planes were utilized, with Allan Giesbrecht flying a Cessna 206 to bring families from various locations to Sachigo Lake (ON). Associate missionary pilot, Gary Brown, used our Cessna 185 on floats for the 12-mile flights from Sachigo Lake to Ponask Lake.

Ponask was a year-round community until the 1970s, so there still are some buildings. At the Conference, though, most families stay in tents, cooking outdoors. There’s always fresh fish and sometimes fresh wild meat.

Bible teaching meetings for adults are held in a large tent. This year one of our MKs, Tanaya Iron (daughter of Bobby & Sherry), ministered to the children.

Your Minute-Man gifts directed to NCEM Aviation have made the Ponask Lake ministry and others possible. Thank you! ●

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Dear Minute-Man Friends,

Our last Minute-Man Call (#135) went to “Field Ministry” which, among other things, enables our four field directors to carry out member care through personal visits. Thank you very much for your part in the \$64,334.96 that has come in so far for this important ministry fund!

Another benefit from this fund, as mentioned in the last Call, was our “field conferences.” Our missionaries are responsible for paying their own conference fees, but your Minute-Man gifts have helped reduce their cost. NCEM held three field conferences this past year, and our Executive Committee members were able to attend all of them. It was very valuable meeting face to face with our missionary staff who are spread right across Canada. At each conference we were able to dialogue with them about our Mission’s church planting action plan and its implications.



This new Minute-Man Call (#136) is for *missionary training* and *equipment needs*.

February 28-March 4, 2011 we will be providing another training session for our staff. The five-day session on “Introduction to a Five-Stage Church Planting Strategy” with Dr. Tom Steffen and Mike Matthews will be held on our Key-Way-Tin Bible Institute campus. One quarter of this Minute-Man will go towards the cost of this training session. Another part of this Call will go towards other staff training – assisting our missionaries in attending various conferences throughout the year related to evangelism, Bible teaching, church leadership, marriage and family.

The remainder of this Minute-Man Call will cover our various equipment projects. The lodge and office buildings at Arrowhead Native Bible Center need completing. Pine Ridge Bible Camp needs major repairs to an older staff house. Big River Bible Camp needs a 15-passenger van to transport staff and campers. And our Higher Challenge Wilderness Camp needs to replace old and worn equipment.

Solid *training* and good *equipment* help us to be effective in the ministry God has called us to. Thank you for partnering with us!

Working together for His Glory,

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