

MINUTE-MAN NEWS



Missionary Tom Clossen (front right) and teen winter campers ... very thankful for sleeping bags and shelters.



MINUTE-MAN GIFTS: ENABLING WINTER WILDERNESS CAMPING

The word “camping” most likely brings thoughts of summer. It’s true that is when most of NCEM’s Bible camps are held, but we’ve also begun holding wilderness camps during winter’s sub-zero temperatures!

Of course, to do that we need the right kind of equipment. Your gifts to Minute-Man Call #157 last year helped

God’s beautiful creation no matter what season!”

Tom reports that, in addition to teens, as they expand ministry at Maskwacis, Alberta, they are reaching adult men this way. These fellows enjoy camping, as well, especially if it includes ice fishing. “Of course, anytime we are with men or teens, we have opportunity to tell them more about the story of Jesus and the abundant life He promises those who put their trust in Him.”

Besides outdoor equipment, Minute-Man funds have also helped provide for Camp vehicles, says Tom. Higher Challenge vans have to travel on some pretty rough roads, and lately there have been necessary repairs. Tom can’t help but also thank the Lord that, along with funds, He has provided a new missionary partner (member of a sister mission) who is a mechanic!

“Sean & Becky have also been helping us in camp leadership and youth and men’s leadership in Higher Challenge and in the work at Maskwacis.”●

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us purchase some heavy sleeping bags and an additional 16x20-foot “prospector” tent (which includes a wood-burning stove).

“We have been able to expand our camping program with this equipment, using it for men’s and teen camps in Saskatchewan and Alberta,” reports missionary Tom Clossen, who leads NCEM’s Higher Challenge Wilderness Adventures.

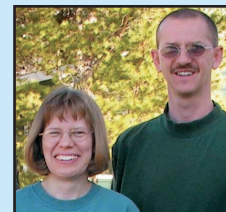
“Almost every Sunday I have teens coming up to me in church asking about camp,” he says. “Now we can tell them that they don’t have to wait till summer, but they can join our camps in December and March. I’ve noticed that they love getting out in

STILL OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

In NCEM we use technology and tools to reach people for Christ ... but, as we’ve said before, our greatest resource is *our people!* That’s why we have something called “member care.” In 2017 Tony & Janet Ens were appointed to coordinate member care, and they say Minute-Man donations have had an important part in this ongoing ministry.

Especially for our missionaries in more isolated locations, getting together with member care givers is necessary, they say. There are regular phone calls and emails, but meeting face-to-face is so much appreciated. “MM” gifts have helped cover some of the transportation costs.

Tony & Janet mention two seasoned missionary couples driving last summer to a Biblical counseling conference. They needed to be refreshed and encouraged, and they later reported: “We had a great time there, but were also so blessed to spend time with [our member care givers] after a busy summer. The conference ... reminded us that the Bible is the greatest source of counsel we can ever have.”



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Sometimes missionaries just need a break, say the Ensens. Sometimes they may benefit greatly from the care of a professional counsellor. One couple, going through stress and family grief, benefited from this and emailed to say, “Thank you very much. It was a very profitable time.”

All of us in NCEM want to say thank you for contributing to member care!●

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Dear Minute-Man Friends ...

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your Minute-Man gifts to Call #160, sent out in October. In total \$66,716.78 was received.

Construction of a new multi-purpose dining hall building at Pine Ridge Bible Camp (northwestern Saskatchewan) and new chapel building at Arrowhead Native Bible Center (New Brunswick) is still in the planning stages but, with your gifts, is now closer to a start.



This new Minute-Man Call (#161) is for the following:

- **Outreach & Church Ministries Fund** – Outreach is the very heart of why we exist as a mission. With Canada being one of the largest countries in the world, travelling to do outreach in remote locations costs a lot of money. I once was asked if it was worth it. I answered that I didn't look at it whether or not it is "worth it," but rather that my God is "worthy," and anything we can do to share that is always "worth it"!
- **Staff Conference** – A portion of this appeal will go towards helping our missionaries get together for our annual staff conferences. We live and serve spread out across Canada, and we need to get together for fellowship, encouragement and times of refreshing. This adds a challenge to our missionaries' limited funds, so we desire to make it as easy as possible for them to come.

Thank you for faithfully standing behind the ministry of NCEM.

God bless,

Walter Selke
NCEM General Director

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