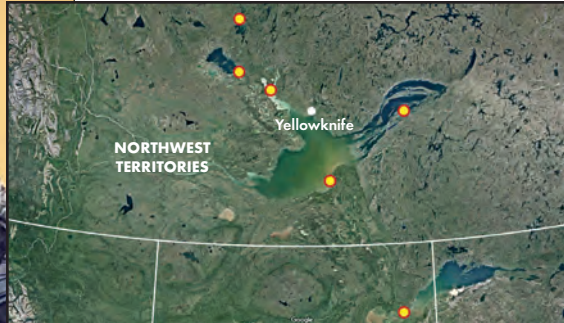


# MINUTE-MAN NEWS



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Navajo Christian leader, Melvin Nez from Arizona (left), is part of this spring's NWT outreach team.

## MINUTE-MAN FUNDS NWT OUTREACH

Thanks to your gifts to Call #161, our Outreach & Church Ministry Fund (OCMF) has enabled more outreach trips to northern First Nations communities.

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In fact, one is taking place from May 24 till June 6 – which means that this two-week ministry may still be in progress as you read this letter, and you can be praying for those involved.

You’ve read Gilbert Bekkatla’s name in connection with a number of NCEM’s northern outreaches. This time Gilbert is leading a team that includes our pilot, Albert Heal, plus two men for whom the trip begins much further south in the USA. Warren Cheek serves with our sister mission, UIM, and Melvin Nez is a Navajo Christian leader and Director of Flagstaff (Arizona) Mission to the Navajos.

Having Melvin involved is notable, say Gilbert, because the Navajo are related to the Denesuline & Tlicho people the team will minister among.

Navajo missionaries have ministered in some of these communities previously, and we hope that it can continue. The Navajo church in the southwestern States has a missionary vision to reach beyond their own territory. Outreach trips provide short-term opportunity, and Gilbert says he would love to see Navajo people serving full-time among his own Denesuline people, to see churches established.

The team will travel to communities in the Yellowknife area, including Gameti, Whati, Fort Rae, Lutselk’e, Fort Resolution, and Fort Chipewyan – some of these places which are without a resident pastor or missionary.

The team will visit homes to encourage lonely believers with Bible studies, prayer and fellowship. In some communities special outreach meetings are planned.

Thanks again for giving to Minute-Man. It’s your gifts that are making outreaches like this and many of NCEM’s other ministries possible. ●

## PRAY for ATHAPASKAN NATIONS

It’s hard not to be curious about how the Navajo nation – 4,000 kms south in a characteristically hot and dry region – can be closely related to the Dene people of Canada’s Subarctic.

Navajo was the name given to them by outsiders. They call themselves “Dine” ... which means, “the people.” Along with English and Denesuline languages, our team will minister with Gilbert translating for Melvin. But the two Indigenous languages are closely related. Gilbert tells of attending a conference in the States where he could listen (through headphones) and understand the Navajo translation.

It’s generally thought that ancestors of the Apache and Navajo migrated south. They are part of the Athapaskan language group. In Canada NCEM has worked among several of these Dene nations including Tlicho, Dene Tha (Slavey), Lhtako Dene (Chilcotin), Gwich’in (Kutchin), Tahltan, Tutchone, and Gilbert’s people, the Denesuline.

Compared to Canada’s Cree-related nations, there are less Christ followers and established fellowships among Dene-related groups.

**“From one man He made all the people of the world. Now they live all over the earth. He decided exactly when they should live. And He decided exactly where they should live.”**

*Acts 17:26 NIRV*

Please pray with us for God’s Word to take root among Canada’s Dene-related nations and that, Lord willing, He will use full-time Navajo missionaries. ●

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Dear Minute-Man Friends ...

Thank you so much for your response to Minute-Man Call #161. The total received was \$54,971.81. Along with other current NCEM projects, your gifts are funding a Northwest Territories outreach trip in progress as this Call letter goes to press (read more about it on the other side).



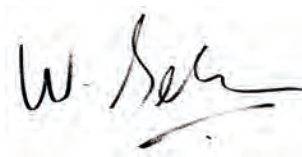
Recently our Field Ministry Coordinators, Jon & Evelyn Siebert, returned from a visit to Puvirnituk, in Arctic Quebec. For many years our missionary, Ruth Armstrong, has been stationed there, faithfully sharing God's love among this Inuit community's families, and teaching the Bible to their young people in the public school. Especially in remote locations, our missionaries need regular visits from our Mission leaders. The reality is that travel to these places is costly.

Part of this Minute-Man Call (#162) will go to our **Field Ministry Fund** to help make these much appreciated visits possible. Closely related to this, Call #162 will also help our **Member Care** initiative to see that all of our missionary staff across Canada are encouraged in their work.

NCEM has received a number of new applicants in the last few months, for which we praise God. However, much more recruitment needs to take place – especially travel and media efforts – to connect with potential new missionaries. Thirdly, part of this Call will help with our **Recruitment** costs.

Thank you for giving so that we can reach out to Canada's First Peoples. Thank you! God has used your partnership as a wonderful way to bless the many ministries of NCEM.

God Bless,



Walter Selke  
NCEM General Director

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