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Dear Minute-Man Friends ...

Thank you so much for your donations to *Minute-Man Call #171*, where we asked for help to raise funds for the Field Ministry Fund, NCEM member care initiatives, and recruitment, while also upgrading some of the computers in the NCEM office. We are so happy to report that \$73,563.18 has been raised to help with these projects.

We have also just returned from our "family time" at regional conferences. Thank you so much to those who have donated to Minute-Man to make this time of equipping and encouragement possible.

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This summer allowed us to see just how great some of the needs are in some critical areas of our Camps and Ministry Centres. ***This Minute-Man Call (#172) will primarily meet ongoing needs at our Camps and Ministry Centres, upgrading buildings and facilities and providing the opportunity for infrastructure development to enhance year-round ministry effectiveness; the remainder will help offset administrative costs.***

What an amazing summer we had! Hundreds of children were able to attend our NCEM Bible camps. It was great to hear the voices of the children and young people as they bantered outdoors. It was great to hear them enjoy each other's company as they enjoyed fantastic food prepared for them in our camp kitchens. It was great to see them hearing the Gospel message communicated in a way that brings glory to the Lord. We praise the Lord that the ministries of our Bible camps and centres were able to go forward and that the Gospel was presented.

Our Bible Camps and Centres have ongoing needs. We are continually seeking the Lord as to how we can develop these ministry centres to enhance their effectiveness in reaching out to the lost. This year we would like to continue upgrading our facilities. We have new trails and pathways being developed to provide hiking locations, as well as areas to use mountain bikes, etc. We have buildings that are getting old and need a little "TLC." We have infrastructure needs that arise when we least expect them or want them. Would you be willing to partner with us in these effective outreaches?

We praise the Lord that our Bible Camps are no longer just camps operating in the summer months, but have grown into Ministry Centres that operate year-round, sharing the wonderful Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Fellow missionaries gather around the Selke and Boucher couples for their leadership in NCEM.*

## THE JOY OF MEETING AS FAMILY

by JON & EVELYN SIEBERT

As NCEM missionaries working with a common vision, we are all "one big family." However, with Canada being the second largest country in the world, we are very spread out and the cost for all of us to get together is high. We have attempted to gather as a whole Mission about every three years. Between these years, we have regional gatherings -- Eastern Region (eastern Ontario, Quebec, Maritimes, and Labrador), Central Region (Saskatchewan, Manitoba, western Ontario), and Western Region (British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories).

Canada's large size also means there is much diversity in the people and cultures being ministered to. And being a mission of over 100 (full-time) missionaries, we also have much variety in the gifts and abilities of the missionaries, and therefore

the wide range of ministries the missionaries are carrying out.

Gathering as smaller groups allows for strategizing and networking on a more local level, as well as praying together for the needs in the areas where the missionaries are working. After working alone in their communities, it is so encouraging for the field missionaries to get together for fellowship, prayer, spiritual encouragement and teaching, and to hear what God



*Above: Some missionaries taking time to relax and enjoy disc golf. Below: Those attending Western Conference.*



is doing in the other places where their fellow missionaries are working. Our conferences are a huge help in assisting missionaries in feeling connected. Thank you so much for giving towards this vital aspect of NCEM missionary life! •

### TIME FOR AN UPGRADE

by JIM DAVIS

Here at NCEM Headquarters, we are in the process of replacing eight computers that are 8-10 years old. While they do still run, they are very slow and sometimes crash. Few things are more frustrating than being partway through a project only to have the computer crash, and all that progress lost! (One missionary/user has resorted to bringing in her laptop from home because the computer on her desk is so slow.)

Justine, who manages our bookstore, just asked me when the new computers are coming in. I think she is anticipating a huge improvement! These new computers should start in seconds instead of minutes, printing reports should go smoothly, and hopefully significantly less time will be spent waiting for the computer. They will be on the desks of people doing financial work, personnel, and the bookstore. We've also had a few old computer monitors die recently, so we will be replacing them as well. •

