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Dear Minute-Man Friends ...

Thank you for your contributions to Call #178. Your gifts totaled \$68,669.21. We are so excited for how our Bible camps can use this in reaching and discipling First Nations youth with the Gospel. It is great to see new cabins built, and new opportunities for fun opened, but the most exciting part is seeing how this is used to reach into the hearts of those who come to camp. Thank you, again!

This Minute-Man Call (#179) will be invested in reaching souls for eternity through our Outreach & Church Ministry Fund (OCMF) and in our Staff Conference Fund.

In a recent conversation among our leadership, the question was posed: How much is one soul worth? ... one person whose life is turned around? ... who starts a relationship with God? ... who serves Him? In my role as Secretary-Treasurer, I might come up with an estimate of the "cost per conversion." We could compare our different departments, and project where we should focus our spending. But that wasn't really the question. The question was to what length would we go for one more opportunity for someone to understand and be moved by the Gospel of Jesus Christ? What is enough of my time? My money? Or was it really "my" time and money to start with?

I often speak of "investment" rather than "expense." Expense seems like money gone, without a long-term value. Investment speaks of money going into something with long-term value. What better "long-term" than eternity? And what better "gain" than that they may gain Christ? We are investing in supplies, fuel, and buildings for our missionaries to use as they spread the Gospel. We are also investing in our missionaries, as each year we invite them together for a conference. Our purposes are for keeping Mission family unity, broadening the individual's perspective in ministry, and providing encouragement.

Thank you for partnering in reaching the lost!

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Secretary - Treasurer



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Linsey and Caylea helping represent GenH and NCEM at a Mission Conference

CONNECT WITH THOSE WE KNOW

Our visits help them to feel connected with the greater body of NCEM, receive encouragement and fellowship.



Jon Siebert visiting and helping missionaries during his visits.

We are very grateful for your Minute Man gifts which enable us to **travel annually to visit field missionaries**. These funds cover gas, food, flights if needed, motels if needed, and often a gift of groceries to help with their hosting us. We stay a different amount of time at each place, depending on the situation and the desires of the missionaries.

During our visit, we write up Job Descriptions, spend time praying together, discuss ministry concerns, joys, answer questions, seek to meet the local people if possible, and try to meet felt needs such as bringing in supplies or fixing things. We desire to not just provide oversight, but also encouragement and member care.

Our missionary near the northern tip of Quebec has requested us to stay for a week, so we fly commercially to Montreal, take a motel, and then fly north with Air Inuit. We accompany Ruth to the local schools where she teaches the Bible daily in Inuktitut. Often there are little fix-it jobs needing to be done, and over the course of several days, people come and go to her home so we have opportunity to meet them as well.



AND WITH THOSE WE DON'T KNOW YET

We are so thankful for the opportunity to reach out with people, to visit with them face to face and share what God is doing through NCEM. It is always a pleasure to share not only what God has done, but how they can also be involved. Thank you for helping us spread the news of NCEM to others, and inviting others to participate in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those across the country.

Visiting Paul & Lynn Hanthorn in Fort McPherson, NWT requires 31 hours of driving each way plus a ferry. We are usually "loaded to the gills" with supplies from the south as the prices are so exorbitant above the Arctic circle. A flat tire required us to go to Inuvik. There a young pastor invited us to come to Aklavik so Paul drove us 2 3/4 hours on the frozen Peel River to teach the Bible there.

We value each of our NCEM missionaries some of whom minister alone and very far from family and friends. Our visits help them to feel connected with the greater body of NCEM, receive encouragement and fellowship, as well as allows for accountability. So thank you for making these field visits possible!!