



# MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC.

## CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

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### LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor



Thanks everyone for your prayers for this community. Sunday School is going great thanks to teachers Ashley Dewing, Kerry Fox and Don Dewing. Don concluded teaching through the book of Philippians and is now teaching in I & II Kings. Our Wednesday Bible study group studied many parables in the Old and New Testaments and we are now studying through the book of Job. We did take a one week break and enjoyed the film "Fireproof." What a joy to have

believers come and watch this powerful movie.

We are grateful to those who are helping fill the pulpit when Don is traveling. The church continues to reach out to the community talking to others about Jesus. Plans for the summer include having a Vacation Bible School. We are excited to see this event happen again this year.

Benjamin took the youth bowling one evening and has had other outings with them. Ashley continues to meet with teen girls each Monday after school. Pray for the youth in the community. Drugs and alcohol are a strong pull but we know that Jesus is more powerful. Pray for Benjamin and Ashley as they work with the youth.

Continue to pray for this Potawatomi Community. Migwetch!

### WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

"Blessed *be* the Lord, *Who* daily loads us *with benefits*, The God of our salvation!" (Ps 68:19) God has greatly blessed us and the ministry here. At the end of February I started a series on the passion of Christ, culminating in the resurrection on Resurrection Sunday. We are studying the account from the Gospel of John. Many of our church members have been down with illness and health problems this past winter. We ask your prayers on their behalf. Two members have major surgery coming within the next couple of months. Cheryl's Bible study with the ladies is moving steadily through Colossians. They are studying it verse by verse using John McArthur's study guide. God has added one new lady to the Bible study and she is slowly becoming comfortable and sharing more with the others. The pantry has been busy because many people are still struggling to find work. For our Family Film Night in February we showed the movie "Fireproof." Two people came to see the film and shared a meal at the church with us. The discussion and fellowship afterwards was fruitful. This month, since the weather is somewhat warmer we are hoping more people will come to the church pantry and then stay afterwards for a snack and to talk as that is when our greatest opportunities come to share the Word. On film night in March we will be showing the film "Courageous." We greatly appreciate your faithfulness.



In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen

Psalm 32:8

# SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello to all in our Saviors' name!

The snow is still deep in places and the temperatures still dip into the single digits. It has been a long and difficult winter for most people, with sickness and the almost constant snowing. We are all hoping for signs of spring soon!

Ours lives can be like the seasons, can't they? We all go through times of drought, sickness of the soul, never feeling the Son shine in our life. We wonder when life will return and how long must this season last! But, then the warm breath of God blows across our hearts, awakening the life that we have yearned for. I suppose that if the paths of life didn't pass through the rough seasons, the times where the potential of the most growth is, we wouldn't look for and appreciate the calm seasons.

We are going through one of those rough seasons in our church. Attendance is small and the people around us don't appear to care. The Word of God is preached, is taught, is searched for, yet the lack of involvement from the people in our community is discouraging.

Yet we know, just as the seasons change on the Earth, the time is coming for the seasons to change in people's hearts. We have faith that the Lord is at work here, even though that work is unseen at the present. Those of us who are on this battle field are here for a purpose. We are planting the seeds and we may not have the pleasure of seeing the growth or the reaping of that harvest. But we will do, now, what the Lord has called us to do. And we look forward to the greatest change of

season.

Please keep us and those in our community in prayer. The powers of darkness have a strong hold around us but we serve One who is stronger! His Word will prevail and our labors will not be in vain.

In Christ name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing

## DON DEWING NEWS

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We tapped trees last week. Hopefully this year's yield will be better than last year's.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> marks the completion of 38 years here in ministry. It is sure hard to believe it has been that long. We are so grateful to the Lord for answering our prayers of needed help in this ministry, now all three of our sons are ministering alongside. Micah and Benjamin are on staff full time and Adam is filling the pulpit at Sunnyside Community Church while also working his job here in Crandon. We are blessed. Praise the Lord.

We traveled to Michigan to share at a missions conference and will be traveling in April and May sharing with churches in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Wisconsin. We will also visit some of Don's family along the way. Be in prayer with us as we travel.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the Reuben Hendrickson family as he passed on to glory Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Don and I enjoyed spending time with Reuben over the years and also visited him after he went to live with his daughter in Yuma, Arizona.

We are thankful that we have a work group who will be coming to help with our home and garage roof replacement. Thanks to the Lord also for the funds that have come in thus far to pay for those repairs. We have over half of what we need! God continues to amaze with His provisions for our family.

We ask for prayer for our family as we continue to minister here. We ask for prayer as we start our 39<sup>th</sup> year with the Mission. We trust the Lord for His provisions and His faithfulness. We ask for prayer for both of us for health, strength, rest and rejuvenation.

Thanks so much for all that you give to us.



Photo: Adam, Jennifer holding Caleb, Maacah, Grace, Isaac, Malachi, Nathaniel and Damaris Dewing

## JENSEN NEWS

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Happy New Year!  
So much happened in 2012 that I get dizzy just thinking about it all. I am amazed at God's grace to get us through each blessing and trial. God has opened doors for us to reach out to our Mole Lake Community two nights a month. Our mobile pantry is bringing people. I like to bring a light snack and hot drink and this encourages people to stop for a while and talk with us which sometimes leads to prayer. Movie night is also bringing the gospel message and food to those who want to see what is going on at the church. One man came who was on a walk because he couldn't find peace. Rick talked to him and we pray he will come again and through these events he will find the Prince of Peace. We don't have children for church each Sunday, but I am always ready with a lesson. Ladies' Bible Study will find us in a noisy room at a corner table with our lesson in Colossians. We read aloud and pray out loud. I love to hear the Christian Native Americans pray. They are often made fun of and belittled for their faith. I admire their courage to remain faithful.

Rick had his one year checkup of his right hip and was told he is in fine shape. The doctor also told us Rick's left hip looks fine and doesn't need to be replaced. Moral of the story? Always get a second opinion, trust God and don't give in to fear. I have a saying I wrote on the mirror, "Faith over fear."

### Family News

Josiah and Krystle are still looking for God's open door for ministry. Addisyn is now two and enjoys playing with her kitchen at our house. Caleb is one and just loves to have Grammie hug and kiss him. Stephen and Jenna are working and enjoying being newlyweds. Hannah is busy with school. She is seeking God's leading for the summer. Daniel is almost done with his junior year. A little boy came into the store where Daniel works and wanted to buy a board game. He didn't have enough money so Daniel said he would just buy it for him. The mother was shocked and everyone went away happy. Daniel knows that wherever he works, that is his mission field.

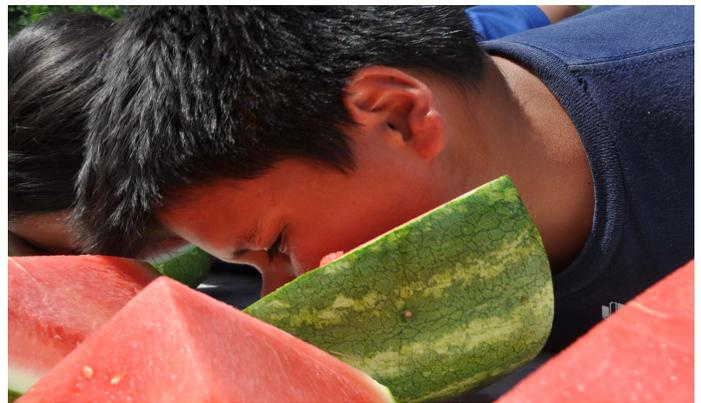
Let me also wish all of you a happy Valentine's Day and encourage each of you in your walk with God. Thank you for the cards you've sent. They are little gifts that mean so much.

Love in Christ, Cheryl



## WASMOGI SHEK CAMP

Junior Camp will be held July 15-20, 2013 for children 8-12. This year's camp cost is \$45 per camper. We are excited to have our counselors from First Congregational Church in Parkersburg, Iowa. If you would like to sponsor a child for camp, please designate so. THANKS!



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### Please Note

As you designate and mail your MIM gifts, have them automatically withdrawn from your bank account, or give through Pay Pal, please indicate which Dewing family you are supporting: Don Dewing, Micah Dewing, Benjamin Dewing, Adam Dewing.

Ashley Dewing has been assisting me with the receipting of gifts so please make sure you use your designation slip as she does not know all of you yet and doesn't know to whom you gave to in the last months without checking your giving history.

Thanks, Teleka Dewing, Treas.



## NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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I'm beginning to wonder if spring is ever going to arrive! It would seem that Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of an early spring was inaccurate, at least for here in northern Wisconsin. I suppose it does give me time to finish up on my winter reading list, and for that I am thankful.

This winter has been very busy here at the shelter. We have provided more nights of shelter this year so far (1,507 Aug. 2012-Feb. 2013) than all of last year (1,490 Aug. 2011-July 2012). We have been full and adding clients to a waiting list during several of the last few

months. Things have slowed a bit as winter is coming to a close, just in time for a hectic spring schedule of grant writing, meetings, trainings, and projects here in the facility.

While we received an above average amount of calls in January we were back down to our average of about 8-10 calls in February. We are currently down to one single male resident in our Emergency Shelter program and a single male and a family of three in our Transitional Housing program. We just had a family of 4 check-out after 90 days with us. Many of our recent residents have been blessed to be able to find both employment and housing here in the community.

Our office staff ladies have been busy accepting and sorting donations, answering the phones, transporting residents to appointments, and volunteering their time in the food pantry. Kathy is our primary secretary/receptionist handling most of the daily shelter needs, maintaining the food pantry database, handling donations, and phone calls. Valerie helps Kathy manage the office operations as well as helping balance the books, and process grant applications among her other AmeriCorps duties. Margaret takes over for Kathy three days a week in the afternoons and shares in Friday's food pantry volunteer rotation. Angela contracts with both Social Services and us doing most of our in-depth case management with the residents, which has been a welcome and much needed addition. She also shares the Friday pantry rotation with Margaret. All of these ladies do a wonderful job keeping the shelter running smoothly, I absolutely could not do it without them.

Our Transitional Housing Program (THP) has been a great success! We have two, efficiency style, one-bedroom apartments. We have had three single residents and one family throughout the year transitioning from our emergency shelter program into our THP apartments. It has been a great compliment to our emergency shelter program as well as an overflow resource when the shelter is full.

Starting over with little more than the clothes on your back can seem intimidating, overwhelming, impossible even. Tending to basic needs, understanding the right questions to ask, and setting realistic achievable goals is where we step in and help, for those that are willing to listen. Helping our residents understand that they have the ability to meet their own basic needs is sometimes difficult. Some take right off and do extremely well, while others are busy making excuses for why they can't succeed. Many of our residents are on the phone, in the paper, looking online, and beating the streets daily to make things happen. Some have not quite yet come to the realization that their life is their own responsibility and THEY have the power to either make or break it, no one else is going to do it for them. It's difficult sometimes seeing people check-in and check-out knowing that they are not at that point in their lives where growth is possible. What's important to remember is that no matter the attitude of the person in need, we are here to help show the way, HIS way.

**Colossians 3: 12-17 HCSB; Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all, put on love—the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful. Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

Please join with us in praise and prayer about this winter's FCP Foundation grant application and this spring's Emergency Shelter Grant application. We received a State Shelter Subsidy Grant award of \$2,813 for 2013. Please keep in prayer our staff, community service volunteers, and our residents as we are presented with the opportunity to help share the Gospel and meet the needs of the families in our area. We received a wonderful response from our letters to area businesses again this year raising over \$2,800! It's overwhelming sometimes to see how the Lord works in His people.

THANK YOU to all who have donated or volunteered this past year, no donation is too large or too small. Many of our supporters are helping us do His work five and ten dollars, one to two hours at a time. If there is a specific area that you feel led to make a donation towards, whether that's cleaning supplies, transportation costs, or food, let me know and we'll make sure it gets used for that purpose. Please join us in prayer and praise about the work He is doing here!

I'm terrible at keeping our website "[www.newhopeshelter.net](http://www.newhopeshelter.net)" up to date but feel free to come check us out anyway. You can also find us on Facebook. Please feel free to contact me anytime: via email at [director@newhopeshelter.net](mailto:director@newhopeshelter.net), via phone (715) 478-3669.

Thanks again for your support and prayers. In His service, Micah Dewing, Shelter Director

NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING





## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### Family News

Hello again! It's that time of year now. The days are getting longer, the temperature is slowly warming up, the sap is running from the Maple trees. It must be approaching spring. We all like winter, but it's just time for warmer weather.

The family is all doing well these days. My wife and I have been busy this winter. Ashley is still driving school bus in town and I am usually busy helping out with all the different aspects of the Mission. We have also been running a lot trying to train for a half marathon supporting the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

My wife was diagnosed with Crohn's disease three years ago and she loves to get involved in raising awareness. Other than that we have been busy going to a lot of wrestling tournaments with our son, Mason. He is six. He has had a lot of fun wrestling this year. JessiLee, who is four, has also been a part of gymnastics this winter, she has really been enjoying herself with that. And Hope, who will be 13 in May, has been pretty busy also. She is in band, basketball and forensics and has been doing well in all of them. Even though our ministry slows down a little during the winter months, we keep very busy doing things as a family. We thank you for your continuing support and prayers.

### Youth News

Hello all!

Well, things are surely gearing up fast for another busy summer!! God is good! We again have a great variety of people to team up with this summer for a lot of ministry events. We will be again working with Adventures in Missions doing some camping events in June. We will try to make it down to Missouri for the youth gathering in Roach. We are also having a few Vacation Bible School programs this summer as well and of course our Summer Camp is in the first part of July also. God has been great with the supply of different churches and groups that are willing to help out with our various ministry events. He is ever faithful with giving us the means to bring the gospel to everyone. Psalm 89:1 - "I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all

generations." God is ever faithful and we must be ever faithful in bringing His word to all who will hear.

Aside from all of the summer planning, our weekly youth groups are going well. We have a Sunday night youth group that has been doing well. We took the kids bowling a couple of weeks ago and are planning another event in a couple of weeks. Ashley and her Monday Girl's Group is going well also. They are raising money for the Girl's of Grace event they go to every fall.

Over the next few months I will also be filling in a little for dad at church on Sunday mornings. He will be out at speaking engagements for six or seven Sundays. We will also be speaking ourselves at a church in Michigan this spring, so please be in prayer for the traveling and changing schedules.

As you know we are always raising money to help with the cost of our summer ministry programs. If you would like to help out also, it will be appreciated. You can help send a child to Camp or to Missouri. You can help send a girl to the girls' event, or you can just help support the youth fund which in turn helps all of our events a little. We try to reach all the kids we can and sometimes money is an issue. We try and not make it an issue by offsetting the cost whenever we can so that we can still reach as many as possible.

We thank you for your monetary support of our ministry. Without it we could not do what we do. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers, and we also ask that you keep in prayer the salvation of our youth, our summer ministry, and the Mission as a whole. Thank you and God Bless!

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People in line for food at the Mobile Pantry

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