

# MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC.

## CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

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DECEMBER 2015



### LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

This time of year we look back and reflect on what the Lord has done in our lives. He brought us through many deaths in the community. There were people waiting in line for an hour just to get into the church. Those times were opportunities to minister to hurting families. And then, there were those who committed their lives to one another in marriage, joyful times. Vacation Bible School brought many children together to listen to the teachers and play games. They were a time for others to come and help out ministering to the children in the community. We had Sunday worship times, special services, guest speakers, an Easter Breakfast, a church picnic and baptism, a Thanksgiving meal shared with whomever came. There were lots of Bible studies in which a meal was offered alongside the times of sharing and learning. So many opportunities to meet with others and share a bit of the Gospel.

As you look back at your year, notice those times and opportunities to share the Love of Jesus. We are grateful to you who continue to remember this community in your prayers. Thanks so much. Migwetch. May the new year bring more opportunities to SERVE, LOVE and SHARE.

### WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Back in September we began our study in the book of Daniel and we are now in chapter nine. God has taught us many lessons and shown us the needs of the people in the community in a fresh way. One of the greatest needs is for the restoration of lives that have been broken by sin. We see so many in the community who seek to escape their pain by engaging in sin that will only cause more pain in the long run, for themselves and those around them. We pray continually for the light of the gospel to reach them as we seek to minister to them. On Sunday mornings we have finished with the part of Daniel that emphasizes Gentile history. We are now studying the prophetic visions given to Daniel. The stunning detail with which these prophecies depict the kingdoms that follow has reinforced the congregation's faith in God's Holy Word. In Junior church, Cheryl was teaching the new children coming about Jesus and His life. Since these children had not been to church before, she wanted to emphasize Jesus and the gospel. In October she moved back into teaching them the parables of Jesus. In October we also lost a dear member of God's family. A lady who had been part of the Mole Lake community a few years back and had attended our church, passed away. We enjoyed her fellowship and ministry until she moved away. Since most of her relatives were in Mole Lake the funeral was held here. We miss her and her testimony among the native peoples. In the Bible study that Cheryl teaches, they finished the section on renewing the mind. In November they were studying James 4:7-10. These verses warn us about our adversary Satan, and give instruction on how to defeat him.

The church pantry continues to be a means of bringing community members in contact with the church. In September, the church pantry served eleven families. In October, Cheryl and I were out of town visiting our new grandson, so two church members ran pantry that month, and five families were helped. The church pantry was on the eleventh in November and three families came. This contact between the church members and the tribe is being used of God, to present opportunities for witness and ministry. The Mission pantry has been busy each week, with fifteen to twenty families coming each week during the time I'm there.



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**Don and Teleka Dewing**

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*“For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11*

What a privilege it is to be working for the Lord here in Northern Wisconsin. Our family including our 14 grandchildren, send Christmas Blessings to you. We so appreciate your countless prayers on our behalf. We know that there is no other way for us to be here but by God’s design and support. Thanks so much for the gifts that you have sent our way this year. The Lord has blessed us with a roof over our heads, heat in the winter and cool in the summer, food in our kitchen, family close by and His prayer warriors standing alongside. We are thankful to have Samuel with us still. Thank you Jesus! We are blessed to have our three sons, wives and families working alongside us. **May the Lord Bless you in this coming year with His will and His plan.** May we all share Jesus with those around us. May we show God’s love to those we meet.

Let us be Jesus in shoes. Migwetch!!



## **Dewing Family**

Bottom row: Damaris, Malachi, Mason, JessiLee, Nathaniel, Caleb

Middle Row: Micah, Teleka, Don, Adam holding Samuel, Benjamin

Back Row: Chase, Michelle, Jonah, Maacah holding Elisha, Isaac, Grace, Jennifer, Ashley, Hope



## SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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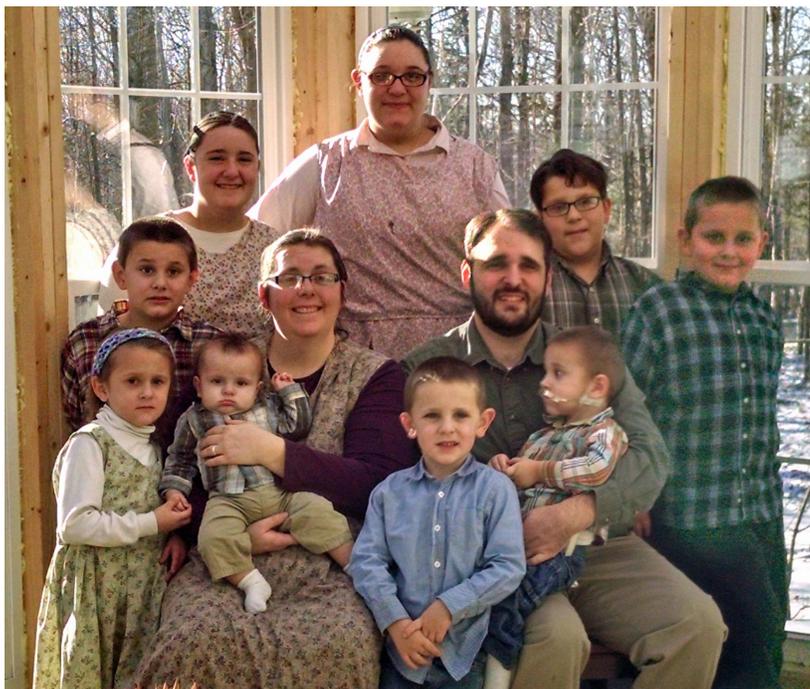
Greetings, in Jesus name!

The temps have lowered and the sun is setting earlier, marking the changing of time. A year ago at this time, we had many inches of snow on the ground, not this year! It's been quite warm for winter, with the highs being in the 40's most days. I don't think anyone is complaining, though. It's quite nice to not need our winter jackets!

Three days after I wrote our last news letter, on September 23, our 2 year old son, Samuel, was backed over by a delivering FedEx truck. He sustained many serious injuries, keeping him in the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee for 4 weeks. Elisha and I stayed there with him being housed in the Ronald McDonald House. His urethra was severed from his bladder, there were cuts made in his bowel, and his pelvis was broken in 3 places. He was in the ICU for 9 days, 7 of those days being intubated and sedated. We came home on October 23 with two catheters, one drainage tube to drain the abscess in his abdomen, a colostomy bag, a feeding tube, and a broken pelvis, but it was still quite the joyful reunion! It was very good to be at home again. Adam and the children visited us on the weekends during that month stay, as Milwaukee is 4 hours away from Crandon. We've had many more visits to the hospital, with doctor appointments and the like. His urethra has healed well enough to remove the catheter that was in place there. He has overcome several infections, including a blood infection and pneumonia, and the right side of his pelvis has started to heal. The left side, however, has not and so on December 18 we have a surgery scheduled to manually bring the bones together to help them heal. There are, of course, so many other things that have needed to be dealt with and faced on his day to day care, but suffice to say that the Lord is faithful and has led us through this very difficult time. We are able to look and see the good that He has brought out of such a terrible and stressful situation.

As we loom closer and closer to the celebration of our Lord's birth, we are all left with such a sense of thankfulness. And truly, we ALL have so much to be thankful for! The breath that we are given each day, the bright glorious morning we were privileged to wake up to, the family that we have been blessed with, the warmth of a house that we can enjoy during these colder days and the freedom we have to worship our Lord and Savior. Take the time today, everyday, to count your many blessings, for they are all gifts from God. This is the season where we remember the beginning of Christ the man, the Son of God who came to Earth as one of His own creations. He was limited in a human body and suffered in that human body, so that all who believe on Him can be washed in His blood and can be reconciled to God the Father. And THAT my friends, is what we truly have to be thankful for!

In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing





# YOUTH MINISTRIES

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# Youth News

Hello again!! Dec 2015 The holiday season is upon us and winter is almost in the air! We don't have any real amounts of snow on the ground yet. And the temps are staying mild. So it looks as though our youth group won't be going sledding anytime soon, but there is a lot in the works for the summer ministries. We have been booking weeks regularly this past month. There is many good things on the horizon for the summer of 2016! There is only a week or two left open for summer activity. So if you're wanting to come team up with us this summer and haven't contacted us to do so.....Hurry Up! We'd still love to make something happen!

## Family News

December has come and Christmas is right around the corner. Last year at this time we had already been out ice fishing, shoveling, and sledding. However, this year we are still seeing green grass and there is still no snow on the ground. Believe it or not, but this week we will be in the low 40's, which is very high for December.

Our family has had an eventful few months with school and work. Benjamin is always busy at the Mission working with the youth, helping with the Shelter where needed, as well as staying busy on the maintenance of the Mission facilities and property, preparing for winter. I have been busy assisting Benjamin with youth group, teaching Sunday School at the Stone Lake Church and driving school bus. Hope was able to get her temps this past week and is officially a driver! We couldn't be more excited for her. She has also been busy with school, youth group, helping manage the High School wrestling program and fund-raising for her trip to Europe in June. Mason just had his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday over Thanksgiving vacation. He is always eager to help in my Sunday school class and he is excited for youth wrestling to start. JessiLee also had a birthday over vacation, she is now 7 years old. Wow, time sure flies! She is working very hard at memorizing the books of the Bible (which we are learning in Sunday School) and helping me whenever she can.

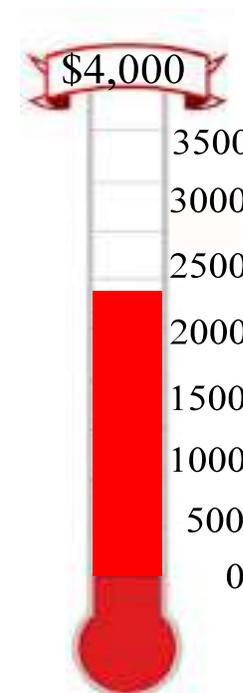
There are so many things that have happened over this past year that we are thankful for. God is always providing for us and we are grateful! We look forward to the things God has planned for not only for our family but the Mission in the year to come.

The last couple of months have been fairly slow with youth group, but things are starting to pick up a little. We have a youth Christmas party planned for younger and older kids soon. And our yearly bon fire/sledding party planned (awaiting snow) soon also. Ashley has also been teaching Sunday School at church and they have been learning all the books of the Bible along with details about each book. In our last update we kicked off a fundraiser for our summer camp, and received a great response to it! We have already achieved our goal of \$2000! Praise God!! These efforts will greatly benefit the overall camp costs! Seeing as we reached our first goal in less than three months, I would like to set a second goal! Lets see if we can raise another \$2000 in an effort to make the cost per child even lower! Special **thanks** to all the people and churches that have sent in donations already!! It is much appreciated and goes a very long way to helping fund our summer camp. All of our staff for summer camp are volunteers. And all the monies raised go toward food,

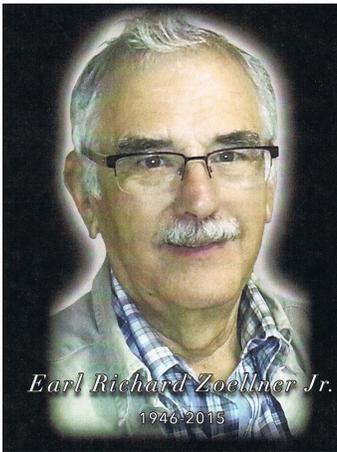
electricity, gas and supplies for summer camp. We appreciate all the prayers and support we receive from individuals and churches. Please keep in prayer the planning of the summer schedule and all the kids we work with.

God Bless and have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the New Year!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing  
Youth Ministry



Thank you for all the prayers and support over this past year. And even though the snow has fallen and not stayed, we are still hoping for a white Christmas, but then again, if the snow does not come, the true meaning of Christmas will never change. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and may the Lord bless you this upcoming year.



Earl Richard Zoellner, Jr.  
January 7, 1946 - November 27, 2015

Earl (Dick) Zoellner, 69, of Merrill went to be with his Jesus on November 27, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Jean (Campbell) Zoellner of Merrill and their six children, Craig (Heather) Zoellner, Van Buren, IN, Kimberely (Clarence) Wagner, Arcola, Saskatchewan, Jennifer (Jerry) Williams, Adamsville, TN, Christopher (Christina) Zoellner, Rochester, MN, Beth (Karl) Bristol, Montgomery, IL, Anthony (Kathie) Zoellner, Byron, MN, 21 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild. Dick is also survived by his 5 siblings Sandy (Roger) Monti, Greg (Carol) Zoellner, Carol (Bruce) Severt, Debbie (Ron) Langer, Rick (Patti) Zoellner and many nieces and nephews whom he loved.

“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send and who will go for us?’ then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’” Isaiah 6:8 He began his work at Holy Cross Campus Service. He then answered the call serving passionately in Christian School Education 25 years of which were served at Midwest Indian Mission as school principal/administrator and pastor before spending his final years of ministry as Manager and board president of Dell’s Christian Campground. Adventurous, visionary, people-loving, Bible believing, faithful servant. Memorial donations are preferred to:

Midwest Indian Mission, P.O. Box 187, Crandon ,WI 54520.  
Dells Christian Campground, 3463 State Hwy 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965



Thanksgiving Stonelake Church

Aunt Michelle  
and Samuel



**Mole Lake Church continued from page 1**

Now that December has arrived it is a joyous time as we remember the Advent of our Lord. The first Sunday this month we shared a meal together and decorated the church for Christmas. In church we are giving out different scripture readings each week that will help members keep their thoughts on the first Advent of Christ. Our study in Daniel will be suspended during the last part of the month as we focus on the incarnation. We are currently in Daniel 9-10. The Mission pantry is busier than usual as unseasonably warm weather is bringing more people out. Our church pantry will be on Wednesday the ninth. Along with the pantry Cheryl will be serving Christmas deserts and egg nog. In Junior church, when we have children, Cheryl has been teaching lessons on holiness. Of course for December Cheryl has Christmas lessons planned. In the women’s Bible study Cheryl is leading a study I Peter 5:8-9. We are grateful to you for being partners in ministry and we wish a blessed Christmas and New Year.

In His Service,  
Pastor Richard Jensen - Isaiah 9:6



## NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director  
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*1 John 1:14 The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (HCSB)*

Winter here is coming in like a lamb with mild temperatures and very little snow. While this is good for those of us who haven't put up our Christmas lights yet, it will be nice to wake up to a clean blanket of snow covering everything one of these mornings. I think we are buttoned up and ready for cold and snow here at the shelter. My honeybees were nice enough to share about 90 lbs. of honey with me before their season was over. I am thankful to have honey to share with friends and family!

Michelle is staying busy taking some college courses and facilitating a women's Bible study group. I am thankful for our men's group every Friday morning. Chase (12<sup>th</sup> grade) and Jonah (8<sup>th</sup> grade) are busy with school, wrestling, hunting, and other fall/winter activities. Michelle and I stay busy chasing them around. We are hoping to do a little ice fishing this winter and maybe a little skiing if I can find the ambition to dig my old skis out of the garage (I think that's where I left them) (it's been a couple of years). Michelle is getting excited to do some more snowshoeing this winter while I am excited at the idea of a warm quiet house and a good book. We never take for granted the blessing to live in a place where we can enjoy the change of seasons, the water, and the woods.

This winter may be starting with fewer residents, 3 in emergency shelter, 2 in transitional housing, but we aren't any less busy for some reason. It seems like we are always running to one place or another, if it's not the grocery store it's the doctor, or a job interview, or to pick up a donation of food or clothing. This year we are on pace to put on over 20,000 miles of transportation. Thankfully we have dependable vehicles and reliable staff who work together to meet the needs of our residents. We have 2 single male residents and 1 single female staying with us right now. We have had several single men with us this summer, but for the last couple months most of the calls we have received have been from single ladies and a few families. We just had a family of 5 check out last month. We have two single male participants in our Transitional Housing Program and they are doing well. We are serving a total of 5 households, occupying all 4 of our apartments. We do have a couple of empty beds so we don't have to turn people away, but we get calls almost every day. Overall things are going smoothly here at the shelter; our program participation numbers are consistent year-over-year. I continue to lead the singing portion of Church services on Sunday and we are enjoying our Wednesday night Bible study. Some of our residents are interested in the discussions and message while too many are not. All we can do is provide the opportunity.

We just finished the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of our 6<sup>th</sup> year of emergency shelter operations. For the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter we provided 573 nights of shelter with 12 residents. LAST YEAR TOTAL we provided 1,791 nights of shelter, just under FY 12/13, 1,848 nights of shelter. ALL TIME YTD: 9,191 nights of shelter. LAST YEAR TOTAL we served 36 total residents including 20 single men, 4 single women and 3 families comprising 12 people. ALL TIME we have served 184 total residents. Annually we typically receive approximately 120 calls from people looking for shelter. We continue to average about 5 residents per night. We have had up to 12 people here at a time. We continue to help people transitioning from jail, rehab, and probation/parole providing a stable supervised place from which they can find employment and seek housing. We have expanded and maintained a great working relationship with the other service providers in our community to help families find the assistance and resources they need to move forward with stabilizing their lives. We average about 15,000 miles every year helping transport residents to doctor appointments, court dates, or even just to the grocery store.

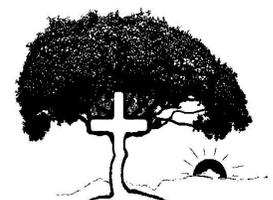
Please keep in prayer our staff; our case manager Gene, who continues to struggle with ongoing health issues after his heart attack, and our intern, Russ, who is adapting well to life after his abdominal abscess surgery. Both Gene and Russ are doing well, but neither are pain or symptom free. Please continue to keep them both in your prayers. Kathy and I are staying busy. I am blessed to work with people doggedly determined to follow God's plan for their lives while they live out their faith. Please continue to pray for our residents as they struggle to grasp hold of stability and sobriety. My prayer is that they come to realize the true peace that comes not from an absence of conflict or struggle, but from the knowing faith of salvation and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your continued prayers. It is through your persevering faith in God's ministry here that we are able to keep doing His work in our community. We are so thankful for your donations of time spent in prayer on our behalf, the gifts of day-to-day supplies, and your generosity of financial support that keeps us moving forward in HIS perfect plan.

In His Service,  
Micah Dewing, Shelter Director

*Psalms 63:3-4 My lips will glorify You because Your faithful love is better than life. So I will praise You as long as I live; at Your name, I will lift up my hands. (HCSB)*

**NEW HOPE**



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

*And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19*

## PRAISES

Bible Studies - Ladies Meetings  
Samuel Dewing  
Shelter Totals this years  
Summer Groups  
Funding for the Shelter



## SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

### Top Needs

Batteries- 9 volt, AA, AAA  
Spray Cleaner with Bleach  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Paper towels  
\*\*Liquid Laundry Detergent\*\*  
Dish Soap  
Mouthwash, razors, shaving cream  
men's deodorant  
garbage bags: 55 gallon size  
dryer sheets, Downy  
new socks for adult men and women  
Men's work Gloves: L & XL  
Diapers any size, Ibuprofen  
8 ½ x11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes  
Gas Cards: Mobil-Citgo-Shell-Marathon  
Financial Support

## MISSION NEEDS

2016 Funding for Homeless Shelter  
2015-2016 Heating fuel for Mission

## PRAYER

Shelter staff-volunteers -residents  
Dick Zoellner Family  
Benjamin Dewing family 2015-2016 support  
Don Dewing- health concerns  
Russ & Gene surgery recovery  
Samuel Dewing- Surgery Healing

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