

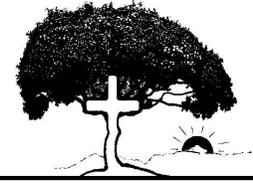


MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC. CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

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NEW HOPE



SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

It seems that the fall season came very quickly. We had a great summer with a well attended VBS and many children and youth came to the ministry events taking place at the Mission Gym building. Thanks so much to the groups who came this summer to minister alongside us. This is truly a blessing to us and to the communities we serve.

Our church picnic went well with one person baptized. It rained off and on during the picnic but most stayed and enjoyed the day.

Thanks to sons Micah and Benjamin for taking over on Sunday morning while we traveled to Pennsylvania for a family wedding.

Bible study has started again on Wednesday at 6pm. We are studying the life of Joseph. You are all welcome to join us. The worship service on Sunday is going well with several new families coming. Don continues to teach from the book of Exodus. The men's group meet every Friday morning in Crandon. Ladies meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Mission cafeteria. WholyFit meets on Monday evenings at the church.

Pray for the community, many struggle with drugs and alcohol. We know that God is able to deliver!



WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

This summer has had many ups and downs. Through June, July, August and now September we have finished our studies in the epistles of John on Sunday mornings. Having explored truth, love and obedience to the Lord, John then gave more specific teaching on the virtue of hospitality. In August we began our study in Exodus to learn the many important lessons about walking by faith and not by sight. July was an especially busy month. We had VBS at Mole Lake from July 3-8. From 14 to 18 children attended each night. The Mission summer camp was from July 11-15 for the younger children. We along with others had the opportunity to teach them during evening chapel. The counselors loved the children and shared the truth of a personal relationship with Christ. In Cheryl's Bible study she is finishing her study from Erwin Lutzer's book on Scripture memory and beginning a study in Psalm 119. We have had some children return to Junior Church. Three children who had left the community because their family split are now back. One in particular has returned to church because Cheryl and I formed a bond with him when he was here before. We pray he trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord. The church pantry reached two families in June and four in July, and ten in August. The church pantry was on the 14th of this month. Four families came for help with food. One young man came, but did not need food. He only wanted to talk and pray. This month we also went to our sending church to report on the ministry. They had a conference from September 9-11 that focused on ministry to Native Americans. We were encouraged as we shared our ministry and learned valuable lessons by networking with other missionaries to First Nations people.



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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Greetings to all in the name
of Christ!

Autumn is just beginning to be upon us here in the north woods yet again. The leaves, with their heavy hues of orange, red, yellow, and brown, with a smattering of dark purple, are such a beauty to withhold. The artistic ability of our Lord is truly amazing! We are told, and believe, that all creation speaks of His Name and this fact is no more apparent then when the change of seasons come!

The summer came, with all its activities, in quite the whirlwind and left just the same! I (Jennifer) was the cook for MIM's Summer youth camp. Even though it is a tiring week, I always enjoy seeing the children from our communities. September 23 marked the year anniversary of our son Samuel's accident. He has made amazing strides towards recovery! He is walking and he has regained some movement in his left foot. In the coming months, we will be getting a modified shoe for his left foot, since his pelvis healed 21° higher up on the spine than his right side (which is a little over a 1" difference). This is causing his spine to have an "S" curve at the base, and he walks as if one leg is shorter than the other. The intent of the modified shoe, is to "fill in" that 1" difference to straighten out his spine and even out his gate. Thank you to all of you who have prayed for him! They are working!!

Though the count is small on Sunday's, were are forming friendships with one another. We know the number of seats occupied is not the point of us here. It is the heart occupied by the Spirit that is our goal and intent. Even through the struggles, we have been very blessed to be a part of this little church and to work where the Lord wants us.

Seasons come and seasons go, but the Lord's faithfulness never does! This is a promise that we stand on; for without it, we have nothing. It is very difficult to preach, and live the gospel to a people who don't want to hear or see it. To watch the lives being ruined and ravaged by sin, knowing the cure but feeling helpless when the cure is rejected. For the grip of alcohol and drugs is so tight here! Without the power of the blood of Christ, there is no hope. Please continue to pray for the many hurting people and families in our community who have been damaged by the use and abuse of these addictions.

Thank you to all who beseech the Father on our account! It is through your prayers that we are sustained. It is comforting to know we do not stand alone.

In Christ's name,
Adam and Jennifer Dewing



DON DEWING NEWS

Don and Teleka Dewing
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The Pantry Garden has yielded quite an abundance of vegetables. I, Teleka, enjoyed spending time in the garden weeding and having lots of quiet time with the Lord. I am gathering the last of the produce before we prepare the ground for next year's garden. Pantry visits for the fiscal year totaled 2,022 families representing 4,822 people! The Lord is providing for the need to keep the shelves stocked with food. Thank you to all who give each month to help us meet this need. Praise The Lord.

The summer seemed to fly by and was busier than I remember in past years. We enjoyed seeing friends at the Clinton, WI-Harvest Hills Church, Mission's Conference in July. We enjoyed our trip to Pennsylvania in July for a family wedding. Don also updated the work of the Mission at Independent Bible Church in PA. We also had visits from several friends and supporters. It is always good when someone comes to visit.

On Sept 23, one year ago, grandson Samuel had a horrific accident. We Praise The Lord for healing his little body. He is now walking, eating food as opposed to a feeding tube and playing like any other 3 year old. So many of you have prayed for him daily this past year. What a blessing.

We are grateful to the Lord for keeping us in His watch care. Thanks so much for all of your prayers on behalf of our family and ministry. We are always glad to hear from you and know that you are praying for us.



Pray for several health concerns.
Migwetch!!

August 13, 2016
Samuel's 3rd Birthday

JENSEN NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Fast away the summer passes! June, July and August have been busy, and hot for us.

We taught a lesson at camp using object lessons and prizes for the kids. Camp is an experience that many of the adults we have met still talk about when they came as kids. VBS is also a wonderful week for our community kids. We have it at night. Our family that moved away returned so I now have a steady group to teach on Sunday. In our ladies Bible study, we finished our Verses You Should Know, and will use Bible adult coloring books with our new study on Psalms. Christian Book Distributors have many to choose from. Easier to talk, listen and learn when your hands are busy, no matter the age. I enjoy pantry night at our church. Food is put out and given out. Sometimes people just stop in to talk and we are able to give out the Bread of Life...Jesus.

We have now been in Mole Lake 13 years. Our kids still talk about the trip coming here, one I would not care to relive. During these years all of our kids have attended the mission school, as well as being home schooled, attended college, some married and became parents. I look forward to the next years serving the Lord in Mole Lake.

Family News:

Josiah, Krystle, Addisyn, Caleb and Wyatt-Josiah is still deployed, please wear red in honor of him on Fridays. RED= remember everyone deployed. His family is back in MN, Addisyn-kindergarten and Caleb in ½ kindergarten, Wyatt learning to walk.

Stephen and Jenna-working and going to school in WI.

Hannah-working and living in WI.

Daniel-working and living in WI.

We are busy reaching the First Nations because of coffee.....COFFEE=Christ offers forgiveness for everyone everywhere.

We thank you for your care for us. When you shop, if you wonder what we could use on our give away table at church, we could use things for men, and ladies; socks, gloves, sweaters -large sizes, please no scarves or hats as we have plenty. Miigwech.

In Christ, Cheryl Jensen



Mole Lake News-Continued from page one

We are grateful to the people of Faith Community Church in Gambrills, MD for putting so much time and energy into bringing this conference together. Our prayer request is that the Lord would use events such as this to call out more missionaries to reach Native Americans and that God would raise up mature Indigenous Native leaders to lead the churches that have been planted. Those were the ups. Now the downs, my brother Ed passed away in a traffic accident in July. We ask your prayers as Bruce and I grieve and adjust to life without our brother. The husband of one of the ladies in our church also had a stroke in July. He is recovering slowly in the hospital, but he has a long road ahead. We are grateful for your prayer for us and the people in the Native community.





YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Family News

Fall is officially here and the leaves are starting to change colors. Reflecting on the summer, our family stayed pretty busy and things don't seem to be slowing down anytime soon.

Hope (16, Junior) traveled to Europe with Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music for a little over 2 weeks. It was great to have her home after what seemed like forever. Hearing her stories, experiences and adventures after she returned home was great. She really enjoyed herself and is very grateful for the experience. Thank you to all who helped with her fund-raising efforts. After she came home, she jumped right back into her busy schedule with two jobs, one at a local grocery store and another at an ice cream shop not too far from town. She is currently staying busy with drama, band and volleyball as well as keeping her eye out for the right college.

Mason (9, 4th grade) and JessiLee (7, 2nd grade) stayed busy helping and participating in all of our summer youth events. They really enjoy being able to meet new teams, groups and churches. It is always exciting for them to get all the information on the area that groups are coming from each week and of course, seeing familiar faces. Mason didn't have too much of a break from Little League before he was on a different field practicing and playing (tackle) football. He really enjoys any and all sports! JessiLee enjoyed playing with her friends while her brother was out playing the game. I'm sure at some point she will be interested in watching, but not yet. Now that school has started, Mason is currently playing flag football and waiting for wrestling to start. JessiLee had an art project chosen to be displayed at the County Fair and is excited to be making new friends in her class.

Benjamin and I were busy with several weeks of youth events and camps through the summer. Between times, our family was able to get a little camping, annual strawberry picking, and quality time at the lake. Benjamin and I celebrated our 9 years clean and sober (whoop, whoop!) as well as our 11th wedding anniversary. Praise the Lord! Benjamin has been busy helping out where he can on the mission grounds putting things away, getting everything cleaned up for winter and doing general maintenance as needed. He has also filled pulpit a few times and was able to perform a wedding in August. I was able to get a second certification with WholyFit and I'm currently teaching devotional WholyFit classes on Monday evenings. Its been a blessing to be able to share scripture, prayer and fitness with the ladies in my class. I'm praying that God continues to open the door to the Native community through this. I'm also back to driving bus again. I asked to switch routes so I

would be able to drive for the youth on the Chippewa reservation, last week I had 67 kids!! I'm thrilled to be able to see the kids and keep the connection with them on a daily basis. Our family has been recently cutting, splitting and stacking wood to keep us warm during the cold winters. We also will be starting some much needed repairs to our home. Our basement has continued to flood leaving standing water for the majority of the summer. Mold has started to grow and the repair is crucial to keep us all healthy. We are also hoping to be able to repair the floor in the main bathroom. The floor has rotted so much it is soft on just about half of the floor area. We are unsure what exactly the problem is and won't know until we are able to rip it all up.

We would like to thank you for your continued prayers for our youth, these communities, summer groups traveling to and from in addition to our family. We also would like to thank you for your financial support for our youth events and camps along with our personal support. Without prayer and financial help we would not be able to do what we do.

We ask that you keep these things in prayer for the upcoming months: The youth for softened and hungry hearts that are longing for hope, Home repairs (basement and bathroom), our family as we continue to serve, and our financial support for the year.

Migwech,

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing

Youth News

We hope this letter finds all of you well!

Our summer ministry has come to a close and the school year is now underway. We had a great summer program this year and were able to be involved in many kids lives.

We started out our summer with a return visit from the Village Church of Bartlett, Ill. They came to run a Vacation Bible School at Mole Lake Church and do a few work projects during the week. We had a few less kids than normal but overall a great week and even some new faces that we were able get to know and invite to more events during the summer. After that we held our annual overnight summer camp. We had a return group from Crosspoint Church in Evansville IN. We also had a group of teens from Honey Rock Camp, about 50 minutes from us, come help out during the week. The week went great. We had around 60 kids! About 50 of those were overnight campers and the others just came during the day. We took the kids tubing down the river and rented knocker balls also! Summer camp is always one of my favorite weeks....spending the week with kids and getting to know them more and building some great relationships with them and above all sharing God's love through many different ways during the week.

Following camp we had another group from Honey Rock come and run a Day Camp for some kids. The kids enjoyed three days of fun, crafts and learning more about our Creator.

Our next event was another Vacation Bible School at the church in Stone Lake. We had great group from Lancaster,

PA come and put that on for us and also helped with some work around the mission. We had an awesome turn out of kids during the week and had a great time serving with this church for the first time. The kids learned that God is with us wherever we go!

Next we had a group from Cornerstone Church in Brighton, MI. They have been working with us for quite a while and this year they helped us put new roofs on our bunk house buildings as well as running an evening rally event at our main facility where we were able to gather nearly 90 kids during the week!! Our vans were bursting at the seams picking kids up and dropping them off! It was a great way to end our summer ministry events. It was more kids in one place than we had ever had in recent years. It's amazing to see God at work through all of those young kids, sharing their lives and the talents God has given them.

Our last group of the summer came from Community Independent Bible Church in Little Meadows, PA. They have been coming almost every year for a while now, helping with the summer clean up and any project that we need help with. The summer was busy but fun. We had the opportunity to share God's Word with tons of kids in many different ways. We were able to partner up with several different churches. It's always a blessing to me and our organization when churches dedicate long term relationships with us, coming back year after year and helping us build those relationships in these communities, and just as exciting, building new relationships that can be beneficial for years to come.

Our school year programs are just about to start. Weekly youth groups and Sunday School. Please keep our ministry in your prayers this fall as we start these things back up and look for more ways to keep reaching the youth in our communities.

We appreciate everything God has done for us through individuals and churches alike. We are very blessed in our ministry and can't wait to see what this next school year has to hold!

To God Be The Glory...Great Things He Has Done!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing
Youth Ministry





NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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1st Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (HCSB)

Summer has wound down and fall is upon us at last. As the summer activities have diminished, our resident caseload has increased. We generally start to see an increase of residents in the fall as people consider the changing weather. We are tying up the last few loose ends of summer and preparing for fall and winter activities. The leaves are just starting to change colors and the weather is starting to get consistently cooler. We have yet to have a hard frost but it is not far away.

Jonah is in the middle of his freshman year of football, starting on the JV team and filling in on special teams for varsity. He is enjoying the first few weeks of high school. He is already coming home to tell us what he learned in Spanish class or how easy Math is going to be this year (I'll believe it when I see the grades at the end of the quarter). He went duck/goose hunting for the first time this year, brought home several ducks and two geese. He is currently in camouflage from head to toe, face all painted up, bow hunting for whitetail deer as I write this. He loves spending time outside and hanging out with his brother.

Chase is loving college! He enjoys working with metal and is totally in his element learning what it takes to be a machinist. He continues to work about 20 hours a week while going to school full time. Michelle and I don't usually see him until he comes home from class in the evenings. He spends his weekends fishing or hunting with his friends or spending time with his girlfriend Brooke. He had been saving his money to buy a woods truck (his car gets great gas mileage but isn't suited for mud), and a few weeks ago he found one with enough miles on it to fit into his very limited budget. I'm not sure what color it is underneath the rust and mud but the exhaust is just loud enough to hear him pull in the driveway without waking the neighbors. Oh, to be eighteen again.

Michelle and I built a chicken coop this summer and she is absolutely spoiling seven rather ornery hens. We get eggs out of the deal so I'm excited. I am hoping to harvest a little honey this fall. One of my hives did well while the other hive took the summer off, I think. Michelle's women's Bible study group has started again this fall and she is excited and encouraged to get together with ladies from the community for fellowship and spiritual food. I continue to lead the singing/worship portion of Church services on Sunday. Benjamin and I fill in for dad when he is required elsewhere. Our regular Wednesday night Bible study started back up a few weeks ago and we continue our men's group every Friday morning.

Things here at the shelter are busy. We have one single man and three single women in emergency shelter, and 2 single men in transitional housing. In August we hired a part-time case manager to help out with our caseload. Her name is Ilirijana and she is doing a great job. Kathy and Russ continue to do an incredible job handling most of the everyday needs of the residents. It is such a blessing to have brothers and sisters in Christ that work very well together to split the workload so no one of us is overwhelmed. We continue to do a lot of transportation for our residents. Thankfully this year fuel prices are still lower than they have been in a few years. We are serving a total of six households, occupying all of our four 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 through these last six years. We encourage our residents to join us in church, Bible studies, and fellowship groups but they are not required to attend. Some of our residents are interested in the discussions and message while too many are not. All we can do is provide the opportunity.

In the last six years we have served more than 200 residents providing over 10,000 shelter nights. Annually we typically receive approximately 120 calls from people looking for shelter. We continue to average about five residents per night. We continue to help people transitioning from jail, rehab, and probation/parole providing a stable supervised place from which they could find employment and seek housing. Please keep in prayer our staff as we struggle to reach out to our residents. We are praying for opportunities to minister to not only their physical needs but also their spiritual needs. Please continue to pray for our residents as they struggle to grasp hold of stability and sobriety. Please keep in prayer our staff/volunteers and their families.

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

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

PRAISES

Summer Camp-Vacation Bible Schools
Samuel Dewing Progress
Camp Expenses Totally Covered
½ Gym Roof Finished-Bunk Roofs replaced
Supplies donated to Churches and Shelter
Those who accepted the Lord This summer
Summer Visitors



SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

Top Needs

Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap
Mouthwash, shaving cream
garbage bags: 55 gallon size
Diapers any size, Ibuprofen
8 ½ x11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes
Gas Cards: Mobil-Krist-Shell-Marathon
Financial Support

MISSION NEEDS

2016-2017 Funding for Homeless Shelter

PRAYER

Shelter staff-volunteers -residents
Local Bible Studies
Josiah Jensen-Deployed
Benjamin Dewing family 2016-2017 support
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