



# MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC.

## CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

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### LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Our church's Thanksgiving meal was held the Sunday before Thanksgiving with about 50 in attendance. How nice it was to share together in the giving of thanks and the great food. Our church will hold its annual Christmas program on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm. We look forward to the retelling of Jesus' birth, of angels, shepherds and wise men. We never tire of the miracle of Jesus' coming as a baby. Thanks to those who have sent gifts to be given out to the children and adults. We appreciate those who work getting candy bags ready, cleaning and decorating the church. Pray for those who will join us on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to all who have prayed for us here in the Potawatomi Community. Pray for those who have lost loved ones, those who are incarcerated and those who are battling with alcohol and drugs. Don has been giving quite a few Bibles away this last month. Be in prayer for those who are seeking the truth.

**The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26NIV**

### WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

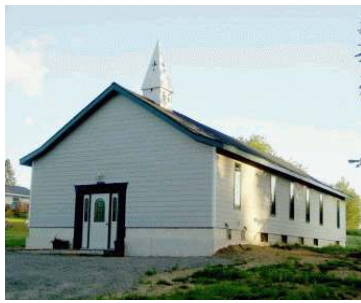
"For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13). God is at work in the lives of His people and we have seen His work these past three months. I have seen God at work on Sunday mornings as we study Matthew. Now in chapter 16, we see Jesus giving His final opportunity to the religious leaders to accept the truth and acknowledge Him as the Messiah. In the past weeks we have seen God's provision as He fed two multitudes, His protection as He rescued His disciples from the storm on the sea, and His compassion as He healed and preached the gospel of the kingdom to Jews and Gentiles. I have seen God working in my own life as He reveals areas where I need to grow and increase my faith. I have seen God at work in some of the members of the congregation, because they have suffered persecution and rejection from their families for their faith, but they continue to follow the Lord. God's work has been evident in Cheryl's life as she teaches the children in Junior Church. God has blessed us with some new children coming to church in the last month. Some of them are challenging, but God's work shows in Cheryl as she calmly teaches them, disciplines them, and shows them the love of Christ. God's work is also apparent in the children because they have kept coming back, showing a hunger for the Word and the love they receive from Cheryl. We covet your prayers that they would continue to come, and we would be faithful to minister God's love to them for as long as they do come. God's working in lives has also been manifested in the community. Our church food pantry has been serving from four to ten families each month, and some from outside the church have now contributed either food or money to the pantry. In November eleven families came through the church pantry receiving groceries and a hot meal before they left. God's work is also obvious in the life of the young lady in Cheryl's weekly ladies Bible study, for she continues to study and memorize the Scripture faithfully each week. God's work has also been unmistakable in the life of our daughter Hannah, who is taking a heavy class load of 19 credits at college this semester along with a part time job. God is teaching her to come to Him and rely on Him completely each day for the strength and the wisdom to complete all of her work well. We have seen God's faithfulness over and over again. We also appreciate God's faithfulness in your lives, made apparent by your faithful prayer and support. We pray for you as well. Let us know how we can pray specifically. In His Service, Pastor Richard Jensen



# SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Merry Christmas,  
everyone!



The cooler weather has come, the leaves have changed and made a spectacular display of God's artistry. It's that time of year again, where we need to be in the habit of grabbing our coats before going outside. We have had a few days of snow already, with the temperatures dipping into the single digits a few times. It even snowed on Thanksgiving Day, also my birthday, (Jennifer) leaving a nice covering of white, pristine snow behind! We had a wonderful holiday with our family, enjoying many laughs and good times together (along with very good food!).

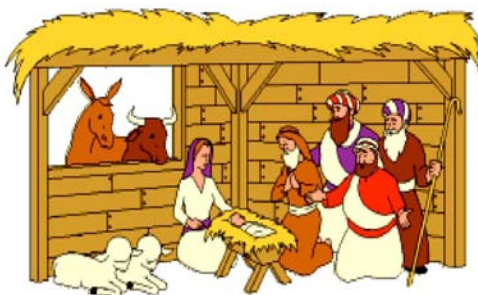
We celebrated Thanksgiving as a church the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day and we had many people there, about 50. A fine spread was laid out! After the meal, we had our service and I'm happy to report that many stayed.

As we are fast approaching the Christmas season, please keep us in prayer that we are able to share the love and news of Jesus Christ. In a world where Christmas is all about the material aspects of the holiday, along with Santa and snowmen, we need to remember Jesus. HE is the reason we are here and HE is the reason for our hope! Our community is in a dark place and has been for some time. Please pray that we take every opportunity to speak the truth and to live the truth. Please pray that the hearts of people get stirred up and that they turn to God for leading.

Thank you to all of you who have diligently prayed and supported us as a church over the years. Your prayers have made a difference! We pray; that you feel the presence of Him this Christmas season, and all through the year, you show His love to those around you, you take count of the many blessings He has bestowed upon you. He is worthy of all our praises! Merry Christmas!

In Jesus  
Christ's name,

Adam and  
Jennifer  
Dewing



## DON DEWING NEWS

Don and Teleka Dewing  
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Merry Christmas to everyone. It is a hard time of year for some who have lost loved ones. Be sure to remember them in your prayers including our family.

Our time has been occupied these past few months with Bible Studies, counseling, jail ministry, the **two** Walgreen's truck giveaways, hay rides with several hundred coming, out of town guests and Thanksgiving feasts with church and family.

Since our last writing my father's wife Elli Davids passed on to Glory, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Dad passed on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Hard to believe they are both gone. Be in prayer for Elli's five children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The food pantry is adding new families each week that are in need of food and goods. We are grateful, that at this writing, we have more than usual stocked on our shelves due to food drives, the Walgreens truck and seasonal donations. We still ask for donations since we have experienced the barren shelves of February.

At this time we are in need of hats, gloves, mittens and other winter items to give out at church as well as at the pantry. It gets cold here and many children as well as adults are without these needed items. You can send monetary donations specified for that need and we will purchase them or you can send ones you have collected to the our home address: Don Dewing, 604 N. Grandview Ave., Crandon, WI 54520.

Don has had several funerals in the last two months as well as preparations for two upcoming weddings. The jail ministry has been busy with more inmates coming to services. Pray for those who are incarcerated. It is a tough time to be behind bars.

Our Christmas season will be busy in preparation for the annual Christmas service on Christmas Eve at Stonelake Church. It is at 7 pm for those who would like to attend.

Be in prayer for Don and I as we share the gospel here in Northern Wisconsin. Thanks so much also for your financial support!

Don and Teleka Dewing

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



## JENSEN NEWS

Richard and Cheryl Jensen  
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Dear Friends,

Here we are at this Thanksgiving time. Being thankful is a 24/7 365 practice, not just for November 28, which is also my sister's birthday. Happy Birthday Nancy.

This letter finds us well and enjoying snow. My time is divided between Junior Church, Ladies Bible Study and working with our two pantries.

Junior Church is going well. We have had children for the past two months. Often they come alone, or beg a parent to bring them. Over the years I have had to learn different teaching methods for their needs.

Ladies Bible Study is challenging, memorizing God's Word. The key is to carry your cards with you everywhere and when you have down time take them out. I found index cards bound by a wire on top works well for this.

Our pantries are busy as food donations need to be picked up and unloaded. Our church pantry night also includes a meal and hopefully conversation.

Prayer needs: One more lady hungry for God at our study, kids to keep coming, their parents to come with them, health to keep up with it all. Money and food to keep the pantry stocked, steadfast faith for the believers who are being persecuted for their faith. Protection and spiritual growth for our family. Strong marriages for Josiah, Krystal, Jenna and Stephen. Rick and I - wisdom for Hannah and Daniel studying.

Love in Christ, Cheryl Jensen



Don and Benjamin building a equipment garage



Thanksgiving at Carter Church



Thanksgiving at Stonelake Church



Visitors-Jim and Judy Marx, Illinois  
Don holding Samuel and Teleka





## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### Family News

The past few weeks have been very busy. We celebrated three birthdays and spent time with family for Thanksgiving all within eight days. Mason turned 7 on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, JessiLee turned 5 on November 25<sup>th</sup> and I (Ashley) turned 28 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were plenty of candles and ice cream! It was nice to be able to spend our birthdays during the kids' Thanksgiving vacation. Now the kids are getting ready for their school Christmas programs as well as the Christmas band concert. We are also getting plans together for the Christmas program at the church. The kids always look forward to being a part of the programs and concerts. Soon there will be more snow and we will be spending time sledding with the kids and making snowmen.

The true meaning of this time of the year is often overlooked by material things. We pray that those that are lost are able to open their eyes to see the true meaning of life and celebrate the birth of the King of Kings. We also pray for those that have lost loved ones and are having a difficult time during the Christmas season. We pray that they are able to look to the Lord for comfort.

We would like to thank you for your financial support and prayers for our family. Without you believing in what we do and your willingness to support us, it would make it difficult to fulfill the duties God has given us. We appreciate all that you do.

May your Christmas and New Year be blessed.

Benjamin, Ashley and Family

### Youth News

Hello again!!

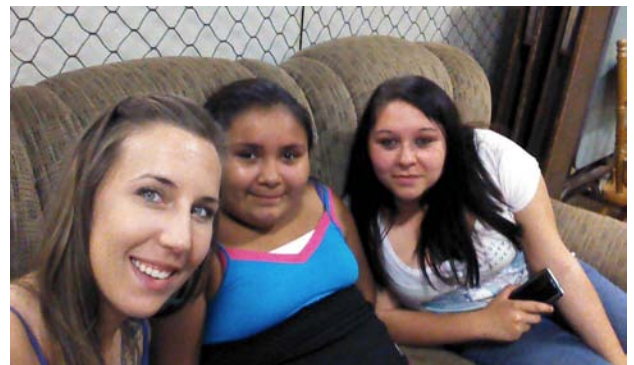
It's beginning to look a lot like....winter. It's snowy and cold, but we enjoy that too!

Our groups have been going well so far this winter. In our weekly youth group we have been discussing Biblical heroes and how God used ordinary people to do some extraordinary things. Ashley is also doing well with her girl's group. She has been discussing the meaning of

Thanksgiving and God's true love. We have a few fund-raisers in the works over the next month or so. We are going to have a pancake breakfast in a few weeks, all to help keep our youth events and summer activities at little to no cost for our youth. Please keep these events and the kids in your prayers. We are starting to plan out a few other events this winter, hopefully a ski trip or two and taking part in our local Annual Homemade Sled Race. Ashley and I will also be teaching Sunday School at church this winter.

Please remember us in your prayers, that we can constantly be searching for new ways to reach the youth and always be looking for that open door to share the gospel. We thank all of you for your continued prayers and support. We appreciate it greatly. Thank you and God Bless!

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing  
Youth Ministry







**Merry  
Christmas  
From The  
Dewing Clan**

Seated: Benjamin holding JessiLee and Mason, Don holding Caleb, Teleka holding Samuel, Adam holding Damaris, Micah.

Standing: Ashley, Maacah, Grace, Hope, Jennifer, Michelle, Chase. Kneeling: Malachi, Nathaniel, Isaac, Jonah.





## NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director  
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I have several Bibles in various locations. I have a few I keep at work, some at home and several versions on shelves in either location. Some were gifts from friends or family, some are old, some are new. Some Bibles I've had for 30 years while some I've received only recently. I have many versions, various sizes, shapes, and formats. Within the last couple of years, I am finding the Bible on my phone the most convenient. I appreciate the online version on my computer for research and version comparison. Some are dusty and almost never get opened. Some are old and fragile and I worry about tearing the pages every time I open the cover. I cherish each of them for their own uniqueness and character. I love the feel of my Grandpa Davids' pocket KJV; its well worn leather binding fits into my hands perfectly. I received it only recently since his passing a few months ago but every time I open it I think of him and the legacy he left in our family, both directly to us boys and through my mother. I smile at the coffee stained pages of the Bible my father gave me out of his collection when I was 11 or so. I think I am the one who filled out the presentation time and date in my scrawling boyish handwriting. I'm not sure where I came by the New Living Translation version that sits on my desk but I've only in the last year or so come to appreciate the eloquence and flow of the wording in that version. Don't get me wrong, much to my discredit I am no Bible scholar. I do not study as often as I should despite an abundance of source material. Nor do I wish to debate the merits of preference one version over another. A wise man was asked, "Which version of the Bible is the right version?" to which he replied, "the version that you will READ". Let the professors argue, we must live it first. This evening I opened a study Bible that I haven't opened in quite some time. The page just inside the cracked leather cover is dated in a flowing fountain pen script: Oct. 1, 1934. It was presented, presumably as a Christmas gift, to my great grandfather DeLeon Abell on Dec. 25, 1936 from his sister, G. Almyra Abell. He was 35 at the time. His daughter (my dad's mother) Martha was 9. As I leafed through the yellowing pages, a handwritten note fell out. On it was written, in my grandfather's broken cursive, 8 wise sayings or quotes. The last one says, "Many people who will not read the Bible will read a Christian's life". My father from his earliest age read it in his grandfather's life, heard it from his mother's lips, and lived it into his son's lives. Speaking for my brothers, we are eternally grateful for a legacy of God's Word lived in the lives of our parents, passed down from the Godly generations before them.

Fall is slowly making its way into winter here and as temperatures drop, the signs of the season become all too familiar. Pine boughs, warm kitchens, blustering wind, fallen leaves lightly covered with snow, and all too often stress. **Colossians 3:15** says: *And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. (NLT)* This is historically our busiest time here at the shelter. We currently have 8 people staying with us, 3 families and 2 single men. We are tying up a lot of loose ends around here getting ready for winter. We have remodeled one of our Transitional Housing apartments with new paint, carpet, and a few minor fixtures just in time to make room for a family whose house burnt. God's timing, as always, is perfect. This last year has also been one of the busiest here at the shelter. We provided more nights of shelter this last year, 1,839 Aug. 2012 - July 2013 serving 38 residents, than the year before, 1,490 Aug. 2011-July 2012 serving 32 residents. We consistently receive an average of 8-10 calls per month. Our case manager, Gene, is doing an excellent job and is very busy keeping the residents organized and productive. He has been a great addition to our staff. Kathy is still the rock holding down our office operations, handling most of the daily shelter needs, maintaining the food pantry database, handling donations, and phone calls, volunteering an incredible 30-40 hours per week for the last 3 years! We wouldn't know what to do without her and are blessed to have her here with us. Margaret takes over for Kathy three days a week in the afternoons and shares in Friday's food pantry volunteer rotation. All of our staff does a wonderful job accepting and sorting donations, answering the phones, transporting residents to appointments, and volunteering their time in the Food Pantry to help keep the Shelter running smoothly, I absolutely could not do it without them. Please join with us in praise and prayer about this upcoming year's funding. After lots of prayer and debate, we have elected NOT to participate in this year's Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. It was a difficult decision and it will cost the shelter over \$9,000 in funding this year, but we didn't agree with the direction that HUD (the federal funding source behind the ESG program) was taking our shelter program. Most of the issue was that HUD is requiring that we limit the people we serve based on guidelines and requirements that were designed and suited towards an urban population. It forced us into a scenario where we would have had to deny access to the Emergency Shelter program, for certain people, despite our having empty beds. If we accept even a dollar from that program, we have to adhere to all their guidelines and stipulations on how we spend EVERY dollar we receive, no matter the funding source. We continue to apply for other state and local grants and trust the Lord to provide for the ministry HE desires. 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. THANK YOU to all who have donated time or supplies this past year, no donation is too large or too small. We couldn't do what we do here without YOUR help. If there is a specific area that you feel led to make a donation towards, whether that's cleaning supplies, work clothes for the residents, transportation costs, or food, let me know and we'll make sure it gets used for that purpose. We are truly blessed to be doing HIS work with your help. Thank you for your continued prayer and support! In His Service, Micah Dewing, Shelter Director **"You are the only Bible some people will ever read."**

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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, spiritual growth  
Youth Group  
Girl's Group  
Mole Lake Junior Church  
Pantry and Shelter Donations  
Bibles Distributed  
Thanksgiving service attendances  
Virgil and Louise Heifner, Iowa, who brought us a  
truck load of squash, potatoes, corn, hats



## SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

Men's and Women's warm gloves & Hats  
Mouthwash, razors/shaving cream, deodorant  
garbage bags: 55 gallon size  
cleaning supplies - floor, toilet and sink  
laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Downy,  
new socks for adult men and women  
batteries - 9 volt, C, D  
8 ½ x11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes  
Gas Cards: Mobil-Citgo-Shell-Marathon

## PRAYER

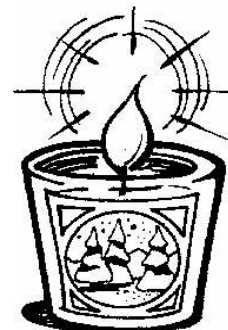
Those who have lost loved ones  
Shelter Staff-volunteers -residents  
New Hope Shelter - 2014 Funding  
Those incarcerated-Jail Ministry  
Mole Lake Church Food Pantry support  
Staff Families  
Benjamin Dewing family 2014 support  
Jensen's family  
Staff Health

Don't forget your year end, tax  
deductible gift, can be given  
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## MISSION NEEDS

Hats, gloves, winter items  
4x4 Truck with a snowplow  
15 Passenger van  
Backhoe  
3 pt hitch P.T.O. Mower



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