

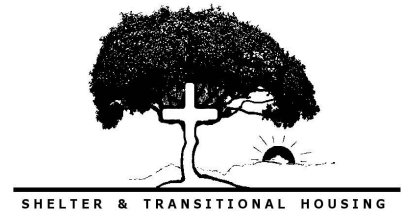


# MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC. CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

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**MARCH 2016**

**NEW HOPE**



## LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Our Christmas Eve service brought about 85 people to celebrate Jesus' Birth. We are so grateful to those who sent toys, games and gifts, school supplies, hats, mittens, scarfs and hygiene products. As always it is fun to be able to share with those who come. We are looking forward to the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. We have our Good Friday service at 1pm. Easter morning breakfast is at 9:30am followed by services at 11am. You are welcome to join us. Pray for those who come out to services that they will hear and believe the message of the Cross.

This summer we look forward to Vacation Bible School as well as youth and camp events, youth trips and outings. Be in prayer for Benjamin and Ashley Dewing as they lead the youth.

Don has been preaching through the book of Exodus on Sunday mornings at 11, and teaching through the book of John each Wednesday night at 6pm. You are welcome to join us as we study God's Word.

We are grateful to you who continue to remember this community in your prayers. Thanks so much. Migwetch.

## WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

As Paul would say, "Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ." The last few months have been times of both great blessing and need. December was a time to celebrate the incarnation of Christ, and our church came together to celebrate, decorate, and contemplate. We celebrated the incarnation, decorated the building, and contemplated the significance of the incarnation, especially relating to God's plan of redemption. At our Christmas Eve service we read relevant passages and prophecies regarding the first coming of Christ and sang hymns. In January we finished our study in Daniel. After looking back over the book and gleaning practical lessons from what we had learned, we commenced our study in the epistle of I John. During the month of March we will be studying the passion of our Lord, culminating with resurrection Sunday on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our church family has been going through some changes. The young lady that Cheryl has been discipling had been able to attend church for a while, and was enjoying the worship and being part of the church family. Then her work schedule changed because someone else quit and she is now unable to attend. We ask for your prayers that her circumstances would change so she can once again join with us in worship. A friend of mine from the tribe who joined the church in the past year has also suffered a health set back. He has COPD and congestive heart failure. He was getting better and off of the oxygen tank, but recently had trouble breathing and had to go into the hospital. He is home now, but his doctors are monitoring him carefully and he is gradually getting better. He still came on Sunday morning, carrying his oxygen tank. We ask your prayers that once again he could get off the oxygen and get stronger.



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# SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Hello to everyone, in Jesus Christ's name!

We are beginning to have warmer weather and our snow is quickly disappearing. That is something we are all grateful for! There might still be a few days of snow, but they probably won't last long. In fact, there are patches of green grass already showing in various places, a sign which is very encouraging! We might just have green grass for Easter!

Our son Samuel is continuing to heal. The next appointment to see his doctors is on March 16, where it will be determined what the procedure will be to reattach his colon. The last catheter will be removed, as well. While his pelvis has healed, it has reattached itself in a place on the spine that is 21° higher than his right side. This is causing him to walk in a very awkward way, as if his left leg was shorter than his right. He also can't sit strait nor lie down flat. This incorrect reattachment has also caused his tail bone to be protruding out quite a bit and this causes him pain when pressure is applied to that area. I do believe there will be a surgery to correct this in the future, we just don't know when. A muscle and nerve test was done in mid January on his left leg and the results show that there is muscle damage to his hip and thigh area, but they are healing well. From his knee down, however, there is no indication that the nerve signals are being transmitted to the muscles. He can't move his ankle or toes and the blood flow is compromised, leaving his foot very cold to the touch. We won't know the extent of the lasting results of this damage until a year or so after the accident. We appreciate you keeping him in your prayers!

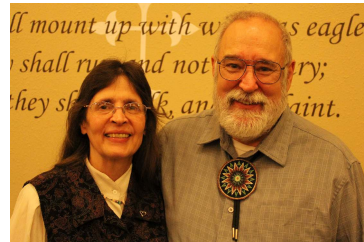
We had our Christmas celebration at church December 27. We enjoyed singing and the telling of Christ's birth. We had about 40, or so, join us that night. Presents were given out and delicious treats passed around. Thank you to all who sent the much needed hats, scarves, and mittens!

For the past 2 months, we have been going through the many scriptures that talk about spiritual warfare. We started first with the conscinc, then on to feelings and emotions, slowly working our way through the many different ways that this battle is fought in the Christian life. Spiritual warfare is a relentless battle that each Christian must wage, and the more we can learn about it, to discern how the enemy works, the stronger we will be to withstand his attacks. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the

weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds). Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. "

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 (KJV)

In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing



## DON DEWING NEWS

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It is Spring here again. Hard to believe that it is already March. The Lord has been good and has supplied our home fuel needs and other winter bills. We are so grateful.

March 23rd will mark the completion of 41 years with Midwest Indian Mission. Looking back we could not have imagined that we would be working alongside our sons and wives. What an answer to prayer and such a blessing to see the family ministering with us to share the Love of Jesus. We surely thank the Lord each day for His watch care.

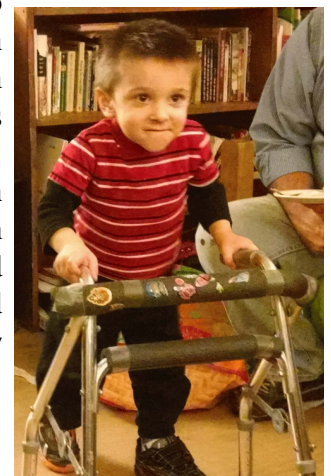
We tapped a few trees and thank the Lord for his gift of maple sap. I love the smell of sap boiling. Definitely a sign that Spring is really here.

We traveled to Michigan in February for a Missions conference. We will also be updating the ministry with the mission in July and in the fall.

The Food Pantry continues to grow. In February we served 187 families. We continue to add new families each month. We are grateful for all those who have pledged their gifts each month to buy food. This is a blessing as we are giving out more and more food to families and often running out of staples. It sure is a task to keep ordering and buying food and then keeping the shelves stocked. We are grateful for those who come and volunteer. Our U-Haul truck, in which we transport food, needs to be replaced. I think it is in the shop more than on grounds! Be in prayer with us about this great need.

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.

**Samuel Dewing using his  
walker**





## JENSEN NEWS

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In Cheryl's Bible Study they are working their way through John 3.

Junior church has been quiet, with children coming only occasionally. When they do come, Cheryl has been teaching them key verses from the Scripture and having them memorize them. Both the Mission and church pantries have been steady, with the former averaging 15 families and the latter averaging 4.

Prayer requests: Cheryl's friend, change in work schedule, so she can return to church. My friend, healing for his heart and lungs, strength to get off oxygen tank. Strength and health for us to do the work. Changes in our family, and a softening of the community to the gospel.

Thank you for sharing in this ministry. I will close with Paul's final words to Timothy. "The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen."

In His Service,  
Pastor Richard Jensen  
Philippians 4:6-7



Arlene Alloway playing the piano for church



Sap Buckets



Don Dewing Dedicating Baby Liam

Psalms 139:16 Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance;  
And in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me when as yet there was not one of them.



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### Family News

Hello again!

The snow is melting and the sap is running! Maple syrup season is here. Growing up, one of my favorite times was sap season....which is strange because it meant more work everyday after school for me, collecting sap in buckets and trudging through the deep snow trying not to spill any on my way back to the house. But all in all, good memories. So we carry on the tradition with our kids, and oddly enough they enjoy it also!

The family is doing well. The kids have been busy all winter with after school activities, wrestling, band, talent shows and drama. They are all pretty involved which tends to keep us rather busy after school. Hope has been working hard to raise money for a band trip to Europe, and we are happy to announce that we have sent out the final payment this week! Praise God! We want to thank everybody that helped her raise the money she needed throughout the past year! She is very excited to go and very thankful for the opportunity. The two young ones are patiently waiting for the ice to be gone and the mud to clear up a little so they can start riding their bikes. Not a day goes by where they don't ask about it. They got a little spring fever I guess. Ashley and I continue to be busy as well with work stuff along with keeping up with the kids. We all recently went down to the Chicago area and visited with a church that recently started working with us, from Bartlett, Illinois. We spent the weekend getting to know some of the people at the church and introduced our family to the congregation. It was a great weekend and we met a lot of great people.

We can't thank all of our supporters enough for everything you do for us. God has blessed us beyond what we could have imagined.

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Philippians 4:18-20

Benjamin and Ashley Dewing  
Hope, Mason, JessiLee

## Youth News

Well...spring weather is upon us, and the summer approaches fast! This summer has been booked pretty solid for a couple months already. We are looking forward, as always, to see what God has in store for the ministry this summer. We are pretty much booked back to back with events from mid June until early August, which is awesome! We are teaming up with a lot of the same churches from past years which is great as we continue to build those relationships. The youth really look forward to seeing the kids they met in years past.

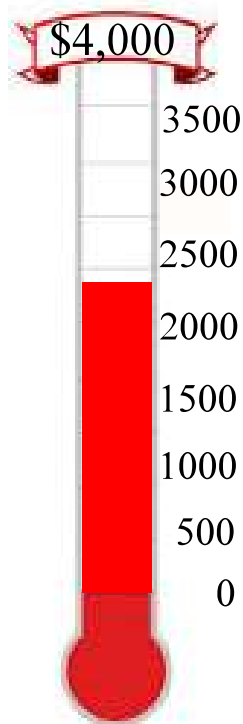
The winter has been pretty slow for youth events. It seems as if we are in a bit of a down turn with attendance, but we aren't called to make sure we get good attendance. We are called to make sure we never give up and keep working through the good and the bad. God is forever faithful and we are always keeping our head up and making sure we keep our eyes on Him.

The events we have this summer that you can be in prayer for are; Vacation Bible Schools, Day Camps, overnight camps, camping trips, work projects and outreach events. We have a lot of things planned and we trust that God will use these times to reach out to the youth and show them the love that comes from our Heavenly Father. We ask that not only you pray for the planning and blessing of the summer events, but also to prepare the hearts of the youth we will be ministering to. Pray also to prepare our hearts and those who will be

working alongside us this summer. Pray that we can be focused on Gods desires and not our own.

We thank you for all of your continued support and prayer. God Bless.

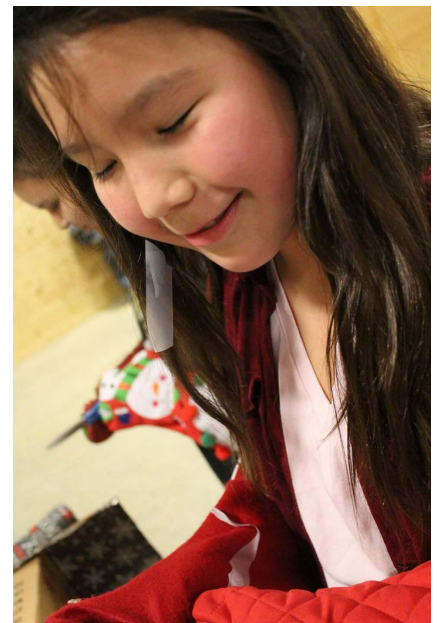
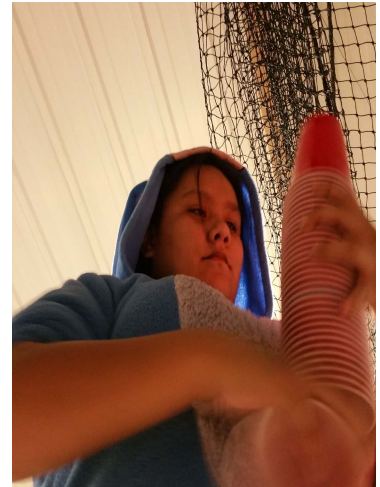
Benjamin and Ashley Dewing



**CAMP FUND**

**\$2,400**







## NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director  
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*Psalm 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. (NIV)*

The weather here is just beginning to show some signs of warmth. Within the next few weeks what little snow we had will have melted away. When I think of spring I think of mud. As an adult I dislike mud. As a child I loved it. We would ride our pieced-together bicycles through every puddle we could find, slinging rooster tails of muddy water as high into the sky as we could, leaving a muddy streak up the backs of our shirts. We played in the streams of melt-water running in the ditches, floating stick-boats into the culverts then racing to the other side of the road to watch them emerge spinning. We would follow them downstream as far as we could, over rocks and logs and driveways, never minding all the grown-up considerations of whose backyard we might be walking through, how we might be wrecking our school shoes, or that we were not supposed to ditch our little brothers and sisters, even though they slowed us down. Forty-five degrees felt like eighty to our pale winter arms. As far as we were concerned it was t-shirt weather. When we got home our mothers were none too happy with us, but we were too exhilarated (and wet) to care. Nowadays I do not appreciate wet shoes, mud stained shirts, or washed out driveways as much as I once did. My sons are a little past that stage, but I think I am going to find some time this spring to encourage some of my nieces and nephews to explore the same muddy ditches I enjoyed as a child. Spring is upon us, get out and enjoy the mud!

My wife, Michelle, continues to stay busy with work, taking a few college courses, and facilitating a women's Bible study group. I continue to lead the singing/worship portion of church services on Sunday and we all enjoy our Wednesday night Bible study. 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 both excited about spring and busy with school. We are gearing up for Chase's graduation from high school in 3 short months and planning for his college in the fall. He will be going to a technical school here in the area, studying to be a machinist. He currently works in a welding and machine shop and comes home filthy dirty every evening and loves it. We have a summer full of birthdays, Chase turns 18, Jonah turns 14, and Michelle turns 29 again. Jonah goes into high school and Michelle and I have our twentieth wedding anniversary this fall. 2016 is shaping up to be a busy year for all of us!

Things here at the shelter are going well. We have 2 single ladies and a father/daughter family in emergency shelter and 2 men in transitional housing. The family is currently transitioning out of the shelter and into another housing program here locally. We have one of our shelter residents coming back to work at the shelter as part of an internship/job placement program. We continue to do a lot of transportation for our residents. Thankfully this year fuel prices are lower than they have been in a few years. 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 very consistent over the last 5 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.

We just finished the 1<sup>st</sup> half of our 6<sup>th</sup> year of emergency shelter operations. For the 1<sup>st</sup> half we provided 913 nights of shelter with 18 residents. LAST YEAR TOTAL we provided 1,791 nights of shelter, just under FY 12/13, 1,848 nights of shelter. ALL TIME YTD: 9,531 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 190 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 could 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.

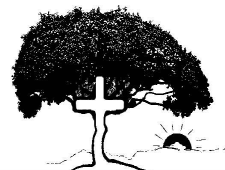
Please keep in prayer our staff as we struggle to reach out to our residents. We are praying for opportunities to minister to not only their physical needs but, also their spiritual needs. Please continue to pray for our residents as they struggle to grasp hold of stability and sobriety. My prayer is 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

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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

Bible Studies - Ladies Meetings  
Samuel Dewing Progress  
Promised Summer Ministry Groups  
Funding for the Food Pantry  
Funding for the Shelter



## SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

### Top Needs

Batteries- 9 volt, AA, AAA  
Spray Cleaner without Bleach  
Lysol Disinfectant Wipes  
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  
Diapers any size, Ibuprofen  
8 ½ x11 copier paper - # 10 Envelopes  
Gas Cards: Mobil-Krist-Shell-Marathon  
Financial Support

## MISSION NEEDS

2016 Funding for Homeless Shelter  
U-Haul type Truck for Pantry

## PRAYER

Shelter staff-volunteers -residents  
Man with heart and lung problems  
Cheryl's friend work change  
Those who have lost loved ones  
Benjamin Dewing family 2015-2016 support  
Samuel Dewing- Continued Healing  
Don Dewing - Sarcoidosis

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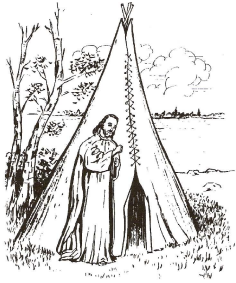
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