

# MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC. CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS

P.O. Box 187 Crandon WI 54520

**JUNE 2016** 

#### **N**EW HOPE





#### LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

Easter brought about 75 out for breakfast and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Good Friday services were also well attended.

It was good to have Donato and Esther Palomino, Quechua Tribe, Peru with us May 23-30. Esther translated as Donato shared on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> about their work in Peru. Donato teaches the

Word and educates pastors in the villages in Peru. They met many people and talked to elders in both communities. The picture shows Arlene Alloway with them and their Potawatomi crafted gifts.

This summer we look forward to Vacation Bible School as well as various events, trips and Camp. Be in prayer for Benjamin and Ashley Dewing as they lead the youth as well as the groups that will be here helping.

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

The last three months have brought blessings and struggles. In March we took time out to study the passion of Christ, starting with the Last Supper and moving through the narrative to culminate in the resurrection of Christ. It is always profitable to take a fresh look at these truths each year. At the Good Friday service we studied the seven sayings of Jesus and sang related hymns. In March we



resumed our study in the epistles of John. John explores the themes of believing the truth, confession of sin, love, keeping God's commandments, the Holy Spirit, affirming the faith and remaining faithful. It has been an enriching study. In Cheryl's Bible study they finished their study in John 3 and they are now studying in I John as we are on Sunday mornings. The mission pantry has been busy as ever with about 15 families coming weekly. The church pantry is also seeing more traffic as the weather gets warmer. In April one family came in seeking not only food, but also a time of prayer for some struggles they are facing. It was a privilege to pray with them, and to continue to lift them up in prayer daily. Our pantry this month was on the 11th and nine families came for help, including one that had visited our church the previous Sunday. God has blessed us with two summer missions groups that are coming to help us out this year. One will be ministering through VBS in our church, and the other will be helping out with maintenance and repairs on the building. As always, we are grateful for your prayers and concern.

In His Service,

Pastor Richard Jensen - Proverbs 4:23

## **SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Adam Dewing, Assoc Pastor ajdewing@gmail.com

Hello friends!

For the past few weeks, we have had many rain storms, giving the ground the nourishment it so desperately needed. It wasn't until the end of May that the leaves showed themselves and the flowers began to bloom in earnest! While it has made for many a soggy step, it has been wonderful to see how the Lord cares for His creation.

In our last newsletter, I mentioned that we just might have a green Easter. Sadly, we did not. We had a fairly good amount of snow fall that week so it was a white and pristine celebration. Adam put together a demonstration, using the children and a few adults, to illustrate the reality of a people without a Shepard, the differences between, The Good Shepard, and a "wolf in sheep's clothing", showing why we need someone to guide and guard us. We made lamb's ears and wolf's ears with headbands, which added to the fun of the activity. Afterwards, the children went hunting for those eggs in the basement.

Our son Samuel is continuing to heal. When his pelvis was crushed, the nerves running over those bones were damaged and that has left the lower part of his left leg being unable to move. It has also caused the sphincter muscles to be unusable as well leaving Samuel unable to control urination or a bowel movement. While the doctors are working to reopen his colon and keep it open, there are no plans to reconnect his bowel back together until he's 5 yrs of age (which will be in about 2 years). At that time, a more conclusive study will be done to see if those nerves have regenerated themselves or not.

We are starting the process of building a new home, one that is a bit bigger than our current house with a larger commercial kitchen for our business. Its location will be outside the city limits. We are all very excited about it, yet we are already needing to rely on God for patience! How often are our plans like that? We have a nice schedule with items fitting neatly together, but then life happens and we find ourselves outside of our nice little schedule. These are the times where we need to practice the patience that we desire, often calling on God to help us obtain that sense of calmness when things just aren't going as planned. This is certainly "easier said than done", but it is at these times in our lives, whether they are traumatic situations that turn your world up-side-down or simply annoying little "bunny trails" that steal your attention for a time, that real

growth happens. It is at these periods of your life where your true belief comes to light and becomes noticeable to those around vou.

Our community is in need of such light! Please continue to pray for us that we may be that candle on a candle stick, that we keep our eyes on the One True Light. We know that words are important but if your actions don't agree with what you say, your words become meaningless. We continue to ask the Lord to guide us as we preach the gospel. Thank you for coming alongside of us in prayer!

In Christ's name, Adam & Jennifer Dewing



# **NEWS**

Don and Teleka Dewing ardtndd@newnorth.net

The Pantry Garden has been planted and the Lord

is watering it almost every day!

The Lord has provided the mission a "new to us" box truck for hauling food and other items. It runs great and we are able to haul six pallets instead of four. We are Praising the Lord for this gift!

These last three months have been rather busy. Don traveled to Buffalo Center, Iowa in April. We helped with three Saturdays of rummage sales for the Shelter in April. On May 14, grandson Mason and Teleka collected food door to door during the US Postal Drive. On May 20th, we hosted a Feeding America Mobile Pantry in which 300 families came and were given food. Thanks to our many volunteers. We celebrated with grandson Chase at his graduation on June 4th! We had visitors Donato and Esther Palomino from the Quechua Tribe in Peru. Don and I met with several Wheaton College students from a Cultural Anthropology class. Don has also had two weddings and several funerals.

We will be at a Missions Conference in Clinton, Wisconsin July 9-10 as well as traveling to

> Pennsylvania for wedding on July16<sup>th</sup>.



W e 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 Migwetch!! for us.

**Mason Dewing-Postal Drive** 

#### JENSEN NEWS

Richard and Cheryl Jensen rejensen2@hotmail.com

Dear Friends.

Spring is upon us, and finally the snow is gone. Happy dance.

As you read my news to you, use the English translation at the end.

Boozhoo! Ahaw ojibwe modaa! The Chippewa language is very beautiful and the only one I have ever learned. Rick and I took lessons with a tribal teacher, which is unheard of, mixing Native students with White.

Bi-wiidoopamishin. Sharing a meal is very important to our people. We have a church potluck once a month, and the second Wednesday monthly at our church pantry. I also eat after our ladies Bible Study on Tuesday. It is a great way to connect.

Bi-wiijiiwishin, to Bible Study and Junior Church. I teach God's Word, to understand It and memorize it. My kids learn by reviewing the weekly verse in many ways.

Often people ask, "What can I do to help you?". Gin and awenimin ji wii doo kawiyan. You can do this by praying for our people to have a hunger for God, and Jesus Whom they do not know. Giinawag keep sending the cards to cheer us when days are full of trouble.

During church on Sundays, it is a blessing to hear our people, lift their voices and nagamon .

Our needs for our people are many in Mole Lake. I would ask for warm ladies and men's gloves and socks for the winter. We have many scarves and hats to carry us through. Mii gwech for them.

Our family news: Josiah is being deployed in June. Perhaps more prayer for me, as he is thrilled and is using this time to draw his company closer to God. The upside, is our grandkids and Krystle will be in Crandon. Stephen and Daniel continue their education as grease monkeys. Hannah is continuing as a blood collector. June is eye surgery month for me. It will be nice to really see well.

#### **English words**

Ahaw ojibwe modaa=Let's speak Ojibwe

Boozhoo=Hello

Bi-wiidoopamishin=Come eat with me

Bi-wiijiiwishin=Come with me.

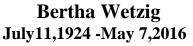
Ginandawenimin ji wii doo kawiyan=I want you to help me

Nagamon=sing

Mii gwech=Thanks

Giinawag=You all

With much rejoicing and praise. In His Service, Cheryl Jensen



1 Peter 5:7 - "Cast your cares on Him for He cares for you."

Bertha Georgine Hollingshead Wetzig passed

on to Eternal Life on May 7, 2016 at AGI Health Care in Crandon WI.

Bertha, known to many of her friends as Birdie, was born July 11, 1924 to George and Ora Hollingshead in Zion IL. It was then while attending Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she met her future husband, Avery Wetzig. They were married November 26, 1944.

Throughout their marriage, Avery and Bertha served with the American Sunday School Union in Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado. They also served at a church in Buffalo Center, IA, before they were called to Crandon, WI to serve with the **Midwest Indian Mission.** After Avery "retired" they served in a church in Milwaukee, at Bibleville Retirement Park in TX, camp custodians in Waupaca, WI then returned back to Crandon, to use their talents at Praise Chapel. She always said that her job was to "sweep up" after her husband, but she did far more than that: she taught Sunday school, held Vacation Bible Schools and Kids' Clubs, and women's Bible studies, managed camp kitchens, played the piano and much, much more.

Bertha is survived by her children – Rodney (Linda), St Croix Falls, WI; Mary Ann (Dave) Gallagher, Surprise, AZ; Becky (John) Regier, Audubon, IA; John (Debbie), Grenada, CA; Jeannie (Jim) Evans, Crandon WI; and Christi (David) Williams, Arroyo Grande, CA. She is further survived by 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Grace Canaday, Carol Rempel and Mary (Jerry) Sandal. She was preceded in death by her husband, Avery, parents George and Ora Hollingshead, Founders of Midwest Indian Mission, great-granddaughter, Macie Hoenig, and several brothers and sisters-in-law

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**

The school year has come to a close and now is the time that our family schedule shifts into a different gear for the summer ahead. There are so many exciting things happening so I will fill you in just a little.

First, Hope just finished her sophomore year of High School, turned 16 and is officially a licensed driver!! Plus, in less than 2 weeks, she will be able to experience traveling out of the country to participate with the Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music. She will be gone for 14 days! In that time, she will be able to visit 7 different countries and play with a full orchestra of other teens that were nominated to partake in this once in a lifetime opportunity. We couldn't be more excited and proud of her for all the hard work she has put into not only having the skills to be nominated but the drive she has had to do the fund-raising needed to go.

Mason has just completed 3rd grade. This year he was nominated for a local award that is given out to kids that show good manners, enthusiasm, hard work, class participation, respect and a whole list of other good qualities. Way to go, Mason! Now, Benjamin and Mason are at the tail end of finishing Mason's first year as a Little Leaguer and Benjamin as a coach. It has been a rough season but it's so nice to see all the kids working hard and smiling after every game.

JessiLee has wrapped up 1st grade with great anticipation for the next year. It's exciting to see her eager to learn and work hard at her reading skills. She recently finished her season of Minor League baseball. I think this just might be the sport she will stick with for the long haul. She enjoys it very much! We can't wait to see what the next few years of playing will bring.

Benjamin and I have been working hard at a number of different things. We recently took a guided group of local kids out on a river run for their church retreat. We have been staying busy with organizing all the business with our Little League team as well as their concessions. We have recently started doing minor yard work and projects around our house. We are also hoping to be able to do a much needed remodel job this fall to the main bathroom in our home. Over the years a good portion of the floor has started to rot under and around the toilet. If it isn't fixed soon we will be looking at an even bigger project than it already will be but whatever happens we will be ready for the work ahead. Around the Mission, Benjamin has been moving dirt and clearing wooded areas for permeant placement of certain summer

games. We will be starting our preparations in the cabins, kitchen and gym as we get closer to groups arriving for summer activities. Not long ago, Benjamin and I were able to travel to Michigan as well as another portion of Wisconsin to meet with a couple of groups that will be coming to help with some Mission work projects and events for our youth. We are waiting with extreme anticipation to see how the Lord will work through us and the individuals

that will be ministering alongside us in the busy months ahead.

Prayer requests: We ask that you please keep Hope in your prayers for safety, courage to step out of her comfort zone in the crowd of new faces as well as all the decisions she will be making during her trip. Pray for the summer events, the groups coming, the messages that will be shared, the staff, and the hearts of the youth on the reservations. We also ask for prayers for the finances for the remodel of the main bathroom of our home.



Blessings, Benjamin and Ashley Dewing

#### **Youth News**

The summer is here and the busyness starts! Our summer ministry season is upon us and we are excited to see what God has in store for everyone! We are looking forward to meeting all the new faces this summer from our teams from around the sates. We are teaming up with a couple of new churches and a few repeat teams. It's always nice to have long term partnerships in ministry. Groups are coming from all over again this year..... from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and possibly Oklahoma. We have a lot planned and would appreciate prayers for the youth we will be working with and also for the groups we will be working alongside. Pray for strength and wisdom and for open hearts and clear vision. It's great to see how God changes lives during these busy months, both from our youth and also the people who come to help. Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. God bless and enjoy your summer!

# Wasmogishek Camp

This year's camp for ages 8-12 will be held July 11-15, 2016!! We surpassed our goal of 4,000!!! you gave a total of:

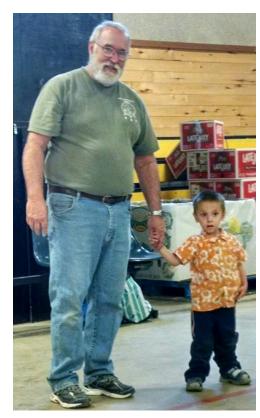
\$4,060





Above: Carter Church Easter

Below: Don Dewing with Grandson Samuel







Below: Clothes Drive Totaling over 27,000 pounds!!!







### NEW HOPE SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director Director@newhopeshelter.net

Psalm 80:19 O Lord God of hosts, restore us; Cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved. (HCSB)

Summer here is both beautiful and crazy. It always feels too short so we spend as much time as possible appreciating the warm weather. We generally have fewer shelter residents during the summer, which gives us more time for

building repairs, work groups, youth group trips, and camps. Baseball season is winding down, and the water is just starting to get warm enough to enjoy without chattering teeth. We are hoping to get some camping and canoeing time in this summer.

Our oldest son Chase graduated from high school a few weeks ago and is excited for college in the fall. He is going to school to be a machinist. He is currently working in a welding, machining, and fabricating shop full time. Jonah is now officially done with middle school and starts as a freshman in the fall. He is excited to go fishing as much as possible this summer. He recently started mowing lawns as a job this summer to earn a little extra fishing money. Michelle finished her college courses for the year making the Dean's List with a 4.0. Her women's Bible study group takes the summer off. She has been enjoying a little gardening and tending to her flowers this spring. I continue to lead the singing/worship portion of Church services on Sunday. Our regular Wednesday night Bible study takes the summer off but we continue our men's group every Friday morning. We have a summer full of birthdays, Chase turns 18, Jonah turns 14, and Michelle turns 29 (again). Jonah goes into high school, Chase goes to college, and Michelle and I have our 20th 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 1 single guy in emergency shelter and 2 men in transitional housing. We are still looking for a part time case manager to help out with our caseload. We were recently blessed with the gift of a vehicle donated to the shelter for help with transportation! We continue to do a lot of transportation for our residents and need to retire at least one of our shelter cars. Thankfully this year fuel prices are still lower than they have been in a few years. We are serving a total of 3 households, occupying 3 of our 4 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 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 are into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of our 6<sup>th</sup> year of emergency shelter operations. We've provided 1,258 nights of shelter with 24 residents. LAST YEAR TOTAL we provided 1,791 nights of shelter, just under FY 12/13, 1,848 nights of shelter. ALL TIME YTD: 9,876 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 197 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. Please keep in prayer our staff/volunteers families as we've had some family members pass away recently. Please continue to pray for **NEW HOPE** 

our case manager position.

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. Micah Dewing, Shelter Director In His Service,



And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

#### **PRAISES**

Mobile Pantry / US Postal Food Drive Samuel Dewing Progress Gift of Box Truck! Camp Funds raised \$4,060!!! Shelter-Donated vehicle Donato and Esther Palomino-Peru



# SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS

#### **Top Needs**

Batteries- 9 volt, AA, AAA
Spray Cleaner without Bleach
Lysol Disinfectant Wipes
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
\*\*Liquid Laundry Detergent\*\*
Dish Soap
Mouthwash, razors, shaving cream
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**

2016-2017 Funding for Homeless Shelter

#### **PRAYER**

Summer Ministries
Wasmogishek Camp
Shelter staff-volunteers -residents
Bertha Wetzig Family
Hope Dewing-travel to Europe
Benjamin Dewing family 2016-2017 support
Samuel Dewing- Continued Healing
Donato & Esther Palomino-Peru



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Summer Camp	Other	Other