

# MIDWEST INDIAN MISSION, INC.

# **CHIPPEWATOMI NEWS**

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#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**



## LAKE LUCERNE GOSPEL CHAPEL

Don Dewing, Pastor

We are glad to report that almost all of the damaged items from the June 6 break in and subsequent vandalism, have been replaced. The new front doors look so nice. Coffee is again able to be brewed and the microphones and recorder/duplicator have all been replaced. We ask for your

prayers for the young man who was charged with the break-in and vandalism. Thanks to those who gave donations, prayed for this community and came to help in the cleanup.

Don started preaching through the book of Romans on Sunday morning worship after finishing the book of Daniel. The Wednesday Bible study will resume shortly.

We are grateful for those who came and taught Vacation Bible School here this summer. Keep those children in your prayers.

# WABA NUN-NUNG GOSPEL CHAPEL

Richard Jensen, Pastor

Dear Friends,

We are ever grateful for what God has been doing in the last months. In June we took time out from our study in I Corinthians to do a topical series on why God permits His

children to suffer. We minister in a community where every family is continually touched by suffering or grieving a loss. The community is still grieving one loss and another death occurs. The series lasted four weeks and took us into July. I am grateful that God used these Scriptural truths to touch and bring healing in the lives of some in the congregation. We have now resumed our study in I Corinthians and the chapters we are currently studying give teaching on marriage and singleness, the right use of Christian freedom, the Lord's Supper, and spiritual gifts. In junior church Cheryl was teaching the children from Proverbs in June. She finished that study and is now teaching the children about prayer. She is having them memorize Scripture, and we are excited to see how God will use the truth that has been hidden in the hearts of these children.

God has also been working in the food pantry ministry. We served eleven families in June. In July we were not certain if we could open our church pantry. There was a bad storm the night before and a state of emergency was declared in Wisconsin. We had no power or phone in Crandon, and we had no way to know if there was power in Mole Lake. We went to open by faith. The power was on in Mole Lake, and we had nine families come for help. God was gracious and opened the door for us to serve and share the love of Christ with others. Our church pantry in August served eleven families, and so did the one in September although they are not the same eleven families each month. Some different families come every month.



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# SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Adam Dewing, Assoc. Pastor ajdewing@gmail.com



#### Hello to all of our friends!

This summer came and went in a flash! We were kept busy with day to day life, and everything else that is often thrown at us. Our summer was quite a wet one, with a few weeks of warmth thrown in there for good measure. Now it's turned into cooler weather and the leaves are starting to change, which is always so beautiful to see. I love this time of year! It always makes me want to curl up with a nice hot cup of tea and a cozy quilt.

We had Vacation Bible School this year, in early July. The group was from Mt. Hope Church in the Detroit area and they brought many youths with them. We had several children from the Carter/Wabeno area and I think they enjoyed themselves for the 3 nights of VBS.

As we have mentioned before, during a funeral last winter, it was noticed by various elders of the tribe, that our church at Carter is not in compliance with the American Disability Act (ADA) due to the basement having no handicap access to it, which is where the kitchen and bathrooms are. While our current church serves us well, it's an older building that is used for various funerals and community events. One thing led to another and the tribe has graciously offered to build us a new church at Carter. We were able to create the layout of the building ourselves and the final plan will give us about 5,784 sqft with a fellowship hall, kitchen, bathrooms, nursery, and a large open sanctuary. I believe the ground breaking will happen once their new fiscal year begins, which is October 1. We are very hopeful to be in the new building by Christmas!

This season is traditionally a difficult one for many people in our community. From the lack of sunlight to the anniversary of a loved one's death. Please continue to pray with us that the Lord Jesus shines through us as we interact with those who need His light in our community. It can be easy to go about our own lives and forget that so many people around us are hurting and suffering, whether they live in our community or yours. As Christians, we are ambassadors of Christ. This is an important fact that each and every one of us need to keep foremost in our minds. Those who don't know Christ watch those of us who do, and they need to see that there is a difference in our lives, that He, and only He, can fill that void that is within them.

In Christ's name, Adam and Jennifer Dewing





# DON DEWING NEWS

Don and Teleka Dewing ardtndd@newnorth.net Fall has arrived

bringing cooler temps. The leaves on the trees are turning to reds and oranges The garden has yielded a bountiful harvest. Cabbage, beets, onions and squash are still to be harvested. The families that use the food pantry are grateful to have fresh produce. The Wasmogishek Food Pantry is quite low on funds but we are still open and trust that the Lord will provide. We served 155 families in July and 158 in August. We are able to order from Feeding America and continue to use this resource. Pray with us concerning funding for this ministry.

We traveled to Zion Church, Freeport Illinois Sept 14-15. It was really good to visit with the supporters there and meet more who have been reading about the mission and praying for us. The church has been praying and sending financial support since 1984. They loaded up our car with winter items that they had collected. We are grateful to be able to give them away. They have been sending items every year for a long time. What a blessing!

Don and I, Teleka, both have our own health issues. We rest more than we use to and move at a slower pace but we continue to get things completed. The Lord is faithful and He is giving strength. Continue to pray for us both.

Thank you so much for faithful prayers and support.

**Philippians 4:6** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know to God. (NASB)* 



### **JENSEN NEWS**

Richard and Cheryl Jensen rcjensen2@hotmail.com

#### Dear Friends,

Already all of the foliage closer to the ground is turning colors due to the colder nights. It reminds me that God



never changes. The summer months were busy with camp and VBS. We are so thankful for those that came to teach, help, cook, build or do clean up. I am so glad to be back teaching my kids in junior church. There was only one Sunday my kids didn't come. They learn a monthly verse and earn a reward. It is so important to get the word of God into their hearts and homes. We also enjoyed visits with our sons and daughter and with our grandchildren. We were busy this week buying food for pantry. We are so thankful for our friends that care, give and pray so our shelves are full. We would love to see you for a visit. Thank you for the boxes, cards and phone calls. Things need for ministry include men's XL T-shirts, ladies socks, prizes for the children and kitchen things. Thank you for caring.

> Love in Christ, Cheryl Jensen



#### Waba Nun-Nung News continued from page 1

At the beginning of July Josiah came with a group from his church in Thief River Falls to help us with VBS. The week started with eight children and ended with eighteen. Some of the children made professions of faith in Christ. We are grateful for this group who came to love the children and bring the truth to them. Thank you for having our backs in prayer and support.

In His Service,

Pastor Richard Jensen





YOUTH MINISTRIES Benjamin and Ashley

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#### **Family News**

Fall colors are here which means school has started. With that said, our family schedule has doubled and there is never a dull moment with all this activity.

Hope is now in her 2nd year of College at UW Green Bay. She is now in a campus apartment with 3 other girls and is getting more of a chance to experience being an adult. We're thrilled that she applied and was accepted to be a leader for CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ). We couldn't be more proud of her.

Mason is in 7th grade this year. He is involved in middle school cross country and also middle school football. The season for both will only last until mid-October and then it will be on to wrestling season.

JessiLee is in 5th grade and now her class is the oldest in elementary school. This year she was asked to be the middle school/high school volleyball manager. This is a huge responsibility and we're proud of the maturity that she is showing.

Benjamin is diligently working on things around the mission as well as at home to prepare for the cold winter ahead. This week he fixed the mission fork lift and worked to get our wood splitter running so we will have heat. That has been a bit of a challenge but I think the kinks have been worked out. We should be splitting, hauling, and stacking wood by the end of the week. I have been rehearsing with Teleka worship songs for church, driving bus on the Chippewa reservation, helping with the PTO, as well as preparing to coach a mini cheerleading clinic.

No matter where our schedules take us, we shine the light of Christ through us. In our community there is so much division so it's important for us to show love to those that are lost and need it most.

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We would like to thank you for your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry. By you either coming along side us in prayer, being the hands and feet during mission's trips, or sending financial support, you are a part of this ministry and we appreciate you.

Migwetch, Benjamin, Ashley and Family



## Youth News

#### Hello again!

Another summer has come and gone, and another winter awaits! Now we begin to plan for next year as well as the school year activities.

This summer went well! We had teams from Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Illinois as well as a few smaller teams from Wisconsin. We were able to put on 3 VBS events this summer, one at each church our staff serves in. These teams also helped out with various work projects around the mission.

Our summer camp went smoothly once again this year. We had 50+ kids for a week! It was a great time filled with lots of opportunities to share the gospel throughout the week while we got some quality one-on-one time building relationships.

One of our major focuses this summer was tearing down our old playground and prepping a new site to build a new playground this spring. We had a lot of great help with that process this summer and will be ready to build when the ground dries up next spring.

If you or your church is interested in helping fund the process to build our new playground, please designate your gift to the playground fund. We are hoping to raise around \$3,000 for the project.

We are currently getting ready for our youth group to kick off for the school year. We are working out the details on switching our youth group approach. The past couple years have been a little slow so we are working out some new ideas on reaching kids. Keep our youth group in prayer as we go into this school year.

Also keep in prayer the planning of our upcoming summer ministry season.

We are always looking for groups to come work and serve with us during the summer. If your church or family is interested in serving with us, please contact me (Benjamin Dewing). My contact info is in this mailing.

We thank you all for your support in multiple ways. God continues to provide for our ministry in so many ways through our faithful supporters!

> Benjamin and Ashley Dewing Midwest Indian Mission Youth Ministry







# NEW HOPE SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Micah Dewing, Shelter Director director@newhopeshelter.net

I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6** 

Today, the reassurance of this verse is the lighthouse in the storm of my week. Some days I feel adrift and coasting, waiting, with no sense of bearing or direction. Other days I feel stretched and blown by the winds of the

Spirit, leading and pointing in such a specific direction that it casts those feelings of being adrift into distant memory. Lately though, I find myself in the midst of the chaos of the storm, fighting to hold a bearing, fearing the rocks and praying for the light of guidance. My comfort comes from the knowledge of peace and growth no matter the circumstance of sailing conditions. I'm not sure why I'm thinking in terms of naval reference but I am left wondering if there is a Jonah I should be casting overboard (my youngest son is an excellent swimmer and I would assume God has a great fish prepared).

Summer here was wet, buggy, and too short. We did get to do some traveling, spent some time with family, and visited around the campfire this summer which was a blessing. We are hoping to get in some additional fall camping amid the firewood making, garden prepping, and general winterizing that punctuates the end of summer.

Michelle is enjoying working outside in the yard, tending her chickens, and harvesting the herbs and vegetables from her raised-bed gardens she built this spring. Our youngest son, Jonah (17), is working a part-time job as he begins his senior year of high school. He suffered an ankle injury and will miss the remainder of football season but is looking forward to wrestling later this fall. I think he is participating in every hunting season available to him this year, and loving every minute of it. Our oldest son Chase (21) is busy with work. He recently purchased his first home, closing on it Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. He's excited to be moving out of his small apartment and has many improvement projects ahead of him. He is also busy planning his fall 2020 wedding with his fiancé Brooke. Next year is shaping up to be eventful with Jonah graduating high school, Chase and Brooke getting married, and Jonah continuing his education that fall. Please keep the changing dynamic of our family in prayer!

While we continue to raise funds for our Emergency Shelter program we are still sorting out the details of our Transitional Housing remodeling project. We know that it will be a long term project and that in the end it will likely be different than we expect right now. As always we are praying that God guides and directs this project and we trust His hand in all things. Please be in prayer with us that we continue to walk in His will and obedience to His plan.

We are just beginning our 10<sup>th</sup> year of Emergency Shelter operations! Things here at the shelter are going well. We have folks checking in and out just about every week and as of this afternoon we currently have 2 single men, 2 single women, and one family of 2 in emergency shelter. We are serving a total of 5 households, occupying 3 of our 4 apartments. The 4<sup>th</sup> apartment is occupied by our intern Russ. We have a couple of recently emptied beds but we have had several calls from folks so I expect them to fill up soon. Overall things at the shelter are going as smoothly as we could expect. 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 pray that He will prepare the hearts of our residents to be open to the Word of God.

Kathy, Eugene, 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.

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

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (NASB)

#### Romans 1:16

## **PRAISES**

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## **MISSION NEEDS**

2019/2020 Homeless Shelter Funding 2019/202 Transitional Housing Funding Small Bulldozer Playground Funding Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Adult Socks, Men's Gloves



We were blessed to have an intern working with us for a couple of weeks this summer! Chip Bateson helped out with several work projects and was a great help during camp, working in the kitchen and playing music during evening service. Thank you Chip for all your hard work we'll and have а bunkhouse set aside for you when you move here permanently.

## **SHELTER NEEDS AND WANTS**

**Top Needs** Cleaning Supplies Laundry Detergent Dish Soap Mouthwash Deodorant Shaving Cream Gas Cards: BP, Shell, Marathon Phone Cards: Tracfone, Straight Talk Wal-Mart Gift Cards

## **PRAYER**

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