

Campers on Mission National Newsletter

2nd Quarter 2025

“Sharing Christ as We Go”



From our Hearts



to Yours

Dear COM Family and Members,

We come to you for the last time as your National Coordinators. It has been pure joy to serve in this role and to work with a team that has seen much organization, unity, and productivity take place over these past two years. God is amazing, and He has amazing children – especially in the COM family! We love you all!

Cindy has been diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, with a life expectancy of just 2-3 years. First let us say that our trust is in God and He has an appointed time for each of us to die so we are trusting Him for everything. But this does mean that we need to be home more to take care of medical needs and cannot meet the demands to continue as COM National Coordinator. We are

This, of course, and yet God has given us His peace beyond all understanding. We will continue being involved with COM, concentrating more in our area and working with MI COM. Cindy will still be on the phone and computer working and communicating with you all, so please feel free to call anytime.

We are so thankful for Don and Janice Kragness for stepping up as your next National Coordinators and know everything will only get better! The Presidents have unanimously voted them in and support them. They have been such a great help and blessing to us personally as we started MI COM, as we planned the 2023 National Rally, and as we were National Coordinators. They have the history and knowledge of COM, but most of the love for this ministry! We look forward to working with them through these changes and know you will be blessed.

We are not leaving, just downsizing and adjusting to the new situation we face. Also please pray for Jerry Miller, who resigned last year as President of IN COM and Lead President after they held the 2024 National Rally, being diagnosed with this same disease. There is no cure, just medical treatment to possibly slow down the rate of scarring in the lungs and add a few more months or years to life. Again, God has us both in the palm of His hand and will care for us in the days ahead.

God bless you all and thank you each and every one so very much for your hard work with COM! Our rewards are yet to be seen!

Sharing Christ as We Go,
Rick and Cindy

DON & JAN KRAGNESS



NEW COM NATIONAL COORDINATORS

We would like to introduce ourselves as the newly elected National Coordinators. We are from Illinois in Region 4. We joined Campers on Mission in 2008. We have been actively serving Illinois COM as Project coordinator, President and Chaplain, Region 4 Representatives, Chairman of the Manual rewrite committee and now National Coordinators. We want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as National Coordinators and will do our best to fulfill the obligations of the position.

Please pray for us as we are in the process of selling our home and belongings and transition into our motor home full time. Downsizing from a nine room house on eight wooded acres into a 39' motorhome is not easy. The Lord has been working on us and with us for the past two years; however, we did not anticipate taking on the responsibility of National Coordinators. We will try to be in contact with all the state presidents as soon as we can.

We wish to thank Rick and Cindy Truesdail for the groundwork they have done and all they have accomplished. We are praying for their health as they serve Michigan and mentor us. Thanks to Cindy for continuing to put together the Praise Report and memorial video for National COM and national newsletters until the 2025 National Rally in Aiken, SC.

Should you need to contact us, at present, our address is 14802 Poor Farm Road, Johnston City, IL 62951.

Don's phone number is 618-983-5546 and email is donjank1@gmail.com.

Jan's phone number is 618-922-5549 and email is jankragness@gmail.com.

You can also email us through the COM email campersonmission72@gmail.com.

We are currently serving at the Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas for COM weeks.

See you at the rally,
Don & Jan Kragness

2025 COM NATIONAL RALLY

Hosted by

**SOUTH CAROLINA
CAMPERS ON MISSION**

"Revive in 2025"



**June 3-5, 2025
Tuesday - Thursday**



**at
Western Carolina State Fairgrounds
561 May Royal Dr
Aiken, SC 29801**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN !!!

Registration Form will be on COM Website

For more information, please contact Art Zawislak

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"And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

Colossians 2:13-15 (NKJV)

Announcements



Annual Praise Reports are due. LAST CALL! As a member, please complete a report and give it to your President. Your chapter will then combine your state efforts and send National Coordinators the summary. At the National Rally in June, we will have a slide presentation for you to see how God is using COM to reach the nation! Thank you in advance for all your reports!



Chapter Membership List and Leadership Updates. Presidents, please send an updated 2025 membership list to the national email. Also a list of your chapter leaders. It's important for us to know when there are changes, especially for the Presidents. We send the Newsletters, meeting minutes, and important correspondence to the presidents, who in turn should be sending the information out to the membership. Each member is important in the change of communication.



Obituaries and Photos of COM Members who have passed away since the 2024 National Rally in June. We love to remember those who have given so much of their time to COM and have served the Lord with us. Along with the obituary, please email their which was their home chapter and a good picture, if not included, for us to honor them. Let us know if their spouse is still with us or if they have passed on before. This is such a blessing to everyone as we pause to remember.



Alaska needs COM volunteers. Come as a group, a family, or an individual for any length of time. There are all types of jobs that can be found in all locations. If you prefer the city life, along the water's edge, or in the wilderness and mountains, there's a place for you. You know population is not the same as the "lower 50" and the mission field here is wide open. Give Gary Bearce a call anytime you have a question of any kind and he can talk to you more about it. 907-982-0133

Book Link



"Do you have Christian books, including Sunday School materials laying around that need a good home? Do you want to share the Bible with people around the world? Why don't you bring them to the COM National Rally and donate them to BookLink!"

Flinn Gregory,
Executive Director of BookLink

For those who have not heard of BookLink, their mission is to collect new and used (recycled) Christian materials. They:

1. Collect, pack and ship Christian study tools and Bibles to Baptist missionaries, theological students, and national pastors in developing countries.
2. Provide churches and individuals with opportunities to help Christians preparing to serve God around the World.
3. Assist in building up libraries in Baptist Seminaries, schools for pastors and other Christian centers on mission fields who have little or no reading resources.

Resources needed include: Bibles and New Testaments • Commentaries • Concordances and Dictionaries • Study Course Books • Sunday School literature for all ages, including teacher's books • Books concerning Baptist beliefs & doctrines • Vacation Bible School materials • Hymnals and Choir music • Religious Biographies • Bible Atlases, Dictionaries & Encyclopedias • Bible Study or Sermon Magazines such as Proclaim, Decision, Biblical • Illustrator, Administrator, Deacon etc. • Bibles and Bible Studies on Tape, CD or DVD.

Guidelines for MATERIALS NOT NEEDED include: No items that are significantly damaged • No fiction or novels (secular or Christian) • No materials with answers already filled in • No missions, parenting, or other magazines based on American culture (includes Home Life & Mature Living)

For more information you may contact Flinn Gregory at gregoryikey@gmail.com



Keeping up with COMers

Arkansas COM

Sharing about COM at Central Baptist in North Little Rock



California COM

First "2025 Family Photo" at Camp Cazadero work week.



Florida COM

Making new friends at the Strawberry Festival 2025



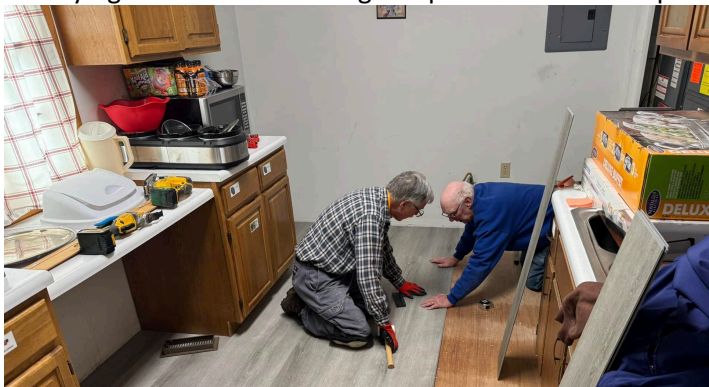
Illinois & Iowa COM

Working together at the Great Passion Play



Indiana COM

Laying new kitchen flooring at Open Door Fellowship



Kentucky COM

Worked at Bethel Bible Village, helped with run & walk



Louisiana COM

These people did loads of work at Camp Living waters



Michigan COM

Work week at Bambi Lake Baptist Camp



Mississippi COM

Construction work at Decatur Missionary Baptist Church



North Carolina COM

There was a great turn out at their fall rally



Oklahoma COM

Quilts were sewn and gifted to the Baptist Home for Girls



Pennsylvania/New Jersey COM

Bill & Sue shared COM at the Baptist State Convention



Texas COM

Region 1 worked on a cabin at Big Country, ladies sewed



Did we miss your COM Chapter ?

We are very sorry if we did. Either do not have a good website link, did not find you on Facebook, or we found you but you have not posted for quite some time.

It's important to keep your website and Facebook updated for potential new members to see that you are active and on mission.

Please let us know how we can keep in touch with your COM Chapter.



If you have any comments or concerns about Campers on Mission, please contact Don and Janice Kragness, National Coordinators.

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