

Campers on Mission National Newsletter

1st Quarter 2026

“Sharing Christ as We Go”



Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR



Jan and I hope you have had time over the holidays to visit with family and friends and reflect on the opportunities to work with COM and SHARE CHRIST as you worked in 2025.

As we look toward to 2026 and plan, it is important to remember why we are doing what we do. It's not the job that is important, but the

message.

We can't wait to hear what God is doing in your chapter, in your state, and in the nation through the work of Campers on Mission. Please take the time to share pictures and stories with us on Facebook and e-mail. And don't forget to share with your church, Sunday school class, Local Association, and State Association. You might even get some space in the State Newspaper if you let them know what you are doing. It can be a useful recruiting tool.

Now it's time for some housekeeping. If you haven't already, it's time to get those praise reports in. It would be great if we had them all turned in by February 1st. Let's shoot for the 15th. It isn't hard, just needs a little time and effort. Georgia already has it in; they are on the ball. Who will be next?

Please send the Praise Reports to me at campersonmission72@gmail.com, Cindy Truesdail at ctruesdail@icloud.com and Karen Mowers at kcc61254@gmail.com. Karen also needs your updated active membership list with contact information.

NATIONAL RALLY - June 2,3,4,2026

Please sign up for the National Rally to be held at the AMANA COLONIES RV PARK in Amana, Iowa. After you sign up, encourage all the members to go with you. It is going to be a good one and it is being held in the middle of the country. Rick Mott and his team are working hard to put on a great rally. Let's see if we can get 100 rigs there.

Next, we all need to be praying for some states to offer to host the 2027 and 2028 Rallies. What a blessing it is to host a Rally. People come together with their minds, talents and skills and through prayer it all comes together and there is help. Help from neighboring states and hosting states from past rallies and as the excitement builds, people see that excitement and want to join you. I know from past experience in Illinois that our membership grew after each rally we hosted. **PRAY ABOUT HOSTING AN UPCOMING RALLY IN YOUR STATE! SEE YOU IN JUNE AT THE RALLY, DON & JAN**

National COM Officers

National Coordinators—Don and Jan Kragness, campersonmission72@gmail.com

National Treasurer—Barbara Coulthurst, taxeaze@gmail.com

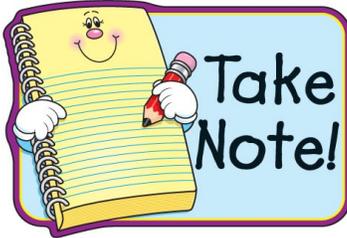
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2026 President meeting dates –



Zoom meetings held at 6 pm Central Time Except for National Rally

Tuesday, March 10, Art Zawislak, Lead President

June – National Rally, Art Zawislak, Lead President

Tuesday, September 8, Rick Mott, Lead President

Tuesday, December, 8, Rick Mott, Lead President

PRAISE REPORTS ARE DUE TO YOUR PRESIDENT

Please put together your praise report on your activities in 2025. They are due to your state president now so that they can submit them to the National Coordinator by Feb. 15.

Some members feel that creating this report is bragging on what you have done but that is not true. You are helping to show what God is doing through you and everyone in your state chapter. We need to have this report as accurate as possible to recruit and encourage other COM members and chapters, and it helps our supporting organizations know that their money is well spent.

God is doing amazing work through COM members and we want to share that PRAISE with others,



Registration are still open for the 2026 National Rally. Please make your plans now to attend. For more information see the National website.

Campers on Mission National Rally Registration Form
June 2-4, 2026
Amana RV Park, Amana, IA



Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____
Address _____
Street City State Zip
Phone _____ Spouse _____ Email _____
Member of COM Chapter _____ Region # _____
Additional Guests: #Children/Ages _____ #Adults _____ Name(s) _____
*Children ages 4 - 14 are welcome to join the great programs planned just for them. *
Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Registration Fee: (Per Unit) \$50 \$50.00
In case of illness or emergency, requests for refunds must be made to Rick Mott.

To register for events only (no camping) please contact us. lowacampersonmission@gmail.com

Camping Fee: # Nights _____ @ \$50 Night _____

Sites are available with water, electric. Dump station and showers available.
Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
RV Type: MH _____ Class C _____ 5th Wheel _____ TT _____ RV length _____ # Slides _____
Early arrivals and/or extra nights welcome - avail 5/30-6/6 - add to nights above.

President's Luncheon: President & Spouse Business Meeting/Luncheon Ox Yoke Inn, Amana
Circle one President VP Regional Rep Delegate
Wednesday, June 3, at noon - \$25/each # Attending _____

Evening Meals: Tues-Thurs @ 5:00 p.m. - \$17.00 per adult/\$10.00 per child.
Please circle meal choice for Tues & Thurs:
Tuesday Pulled Pork or Beef Brisket + Sides _____
Wednesday Heavy Hors d'oeuvres + Ice Cream _____
Thursday Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo + Salad _____

Adults _____ # Children _____
No refunds on meals after April 15, 2026. Total Meal Cost \$ _____

Rally T-shirts: \$15/each S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____ Total T-Shirt Cost \$ _____

COM Chapters: Opportunity to display something about your state. Table(s) @ \$10 each # _____ \$ _____

Total of all fees above _____

You will receive a confirmation receipt.
Questions:
Rick Mott
319-290-2127 or lowacampersonmission@gmail.com

Mail registration form and money:
Shiloh Baptist Church - 3525 Sager Ave - Waterloo, IA 50701
Make checks to: Shiloh Baptist Church

The Great Passion Play Project List

March 15—April 4, 2026 (or any time in 2026)

1. Build a storage shed near the Statue of Christ that is the same pattern as chapel
2. Build a pole type building for the new wood saw
3. Clean out current metal shop and wood shop
4. Create a new metal shop and wood shop that will be administered by COM
5. Clean up of the set—rake leaves, repair or make new set pieces
6. Decorate the set with flowers, fabric and other items as needed
7. Work on the Marketplace to refresh awnings and decorations
8. Refurbish the photo booth by the dining hall with new backdrop and decorations
9. Possibly build a second photo booth in a different location

See Don and Jan Kragness, National Coordinators, about these projects!

This project is being given to COM for direction and completion. There are lots of projects to be done and many people are needed. Is your state willing to help in some way to provide the resources and man power needed to help

this location lead many people to Christ?

IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE AND OTHERS!



Address: 935 Passion Play Road, Eureka Springs, AR

Contact: Don Kragness, National Coordinator, campersonmission72@gmail.com
or your state president for more information.



Illinois COM Christmas lunch 2025 & booth at the Illinois State Baptist Association meeting.



Missouri COM working on projects



California COM group



Kansas-Nebraska at work at Weir Baptist Camp



Bill and Sue Hoops, who are the presidents for PA/NJ COM.

Recruiting new COM members at the Pennsylvania Annual State Convention; visiting with Dr. Jeff Iorg, former President of Golden Gate Baptist Theology Seminary and current President/CEO, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Tim & Gayle Jones,
Region 4 Reps
Hill Billy Fair
Display Booth

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Oklahoma helping to work on church renovations at Lone Star Baptist Church. They have been invited back for the church rededication service. The church appreciated their help.



On December 6, 2025, Kansas/Nebraska COM held their annual Christmas get together at Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas. A good time was had by all those in attendance. Kansas/Nebraska is looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2026.



INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL HANDBOOK

Awards Programs

At the 2012 President's meeting, a national awards program was initiated to present awards for "Lifetime Achievement" and "Camper of the Year" to worthy COMers.

Award Nominations for the awards will be received by the national coordinator until March 1st each year. They may be submitted by chapter presidents, a committee within a chapter or a group of 10 or more individual COMers. Each chapter is encouraged to submit nominations.

Lifetime Achievement Award is limited to individuals/couples that have maintained a high level of effective COM participation over an extended period of time, at least 8 years or more. The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award is ineligible for the Camper of the Year award in the same year.

The Camper of the Year Award is limited to individuals/couples that completed exceptional tasks or participated at an exceptional level of effective participation over one of the last several years. The recipient of the Camper of the Year award is ineligible for the Lifetime Achievement Award in the same year.

Effective participation: Granted our objective is professions of faith, but solely focusing on the reapers excludes the efforts of those that planted and watered prior to the reaping. Hours alone without accomplishments do not equate to "effective participation". Because of the diversity of camper activities, there must be equitable consideration of all activities.

The definition of "effective participation" may include a number of factors such as:

- Hours of participation
- Number of professions of faith
- Impact of mission effort on those being helped and other campers.
- Magnitude of the camper's sacrifice compared to the camper's ability to sacrifice.
- Consistency of sacrificial mission work – is it a one-time thing or do they do it repeatedly?
 - Variety, innovation and diversity of mission activities while working on primary mission effort, or do they work on additional mission efforts during their spare time on the mission field?
 - Promoting COM growth and organization

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Recipient Selection Committee

The award recipients will be selected by a committee of the regional representatives and the national coordinator.

Award Presentations

When possible, the awards will be presented at a National Rally. When an award is not presented at the National Rally, the chapter president will make arrangements to have it properly presented.

Funding the Awards

Each chapter is responsible for paying the expense of its awards.

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DOES YOUR STATE HAVE SOMEONE OR A COUPLE THEY WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE FOR THESE AWARDS?

Start now to consider this opportunity to honor hard working members of your state COM membership. **More than one name** may be submitted for each category but **you do not have to submit** names for both if your state does not want to do that. The payment for the award is handled by National Treasurer, Barbra Coulthurst.

Memorial Tributes



Please don't forget to submit names and obituary information for members that have passed away this year to Cindy Truesdail by **April 1** so that they can be honored at the National Rally in Iowa in June.

Cindy would like to have a photo, the obituary information and a short summary of how they served in your state chapter.

Every member of COM needs to be included in this tribute but Cindy needs time to put the presentation together. Please send names for anyone that has died from the National Rally in 2025—National Rally in 2026. We know that as we age in our state memberships, each state has been losing many hard working people that deserve to be recognized in our family.



4th quarter report from Tim & Gayle Jones, Region 4 Representatives

Here are some amazing things we have seen with our own eyes of the work of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

* We have seen 15 come to know the Lord through faith.

* We have served and shared the gospel in 22 states.

(That's a lot of gas!)

* We have shared over 5,000 BlingTracts, and over 20,000 Evangelism Wristbands and Gospel Tracts.

* We attended the Campers on Mission Rally in North Carolina, where Tim preached, Gayle performed, and we each taught breakout sessions.



* We have sent our 30-Second Gospel tracts and wristbands to Dozens of mission teams and churches throughout the USA and 11 other countries.

* We taught our 30-Second Gospel presentation to 80 or more groups and individuals, equipping them to share the Gospel on the fly.

* We set up our display booth at four events this year: Quartzite (Arizona) SBC Annual Art Fair and Classic Car Show; The Campers on Mission Annual National Rally, Aiken, South Carolina; The Annual Market Sale at Foundation Church, Bay City Michigan; and the Annual Hillbilly Fair in Laurie, Missouri. At each location, we were able to share the Gospel, teach how to present the 30-Second Gospel. Our Record: We shared the Gospel at least 231 times at the Hillbilly Fair and 9 souls prayed to accept Christ!

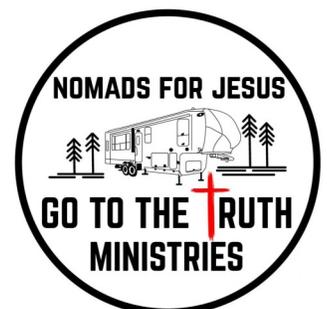
This would not be possible if not for your support! Special thanks to those who have provided financial support and services. We are able to bless so many other ministries because you have blessed us!

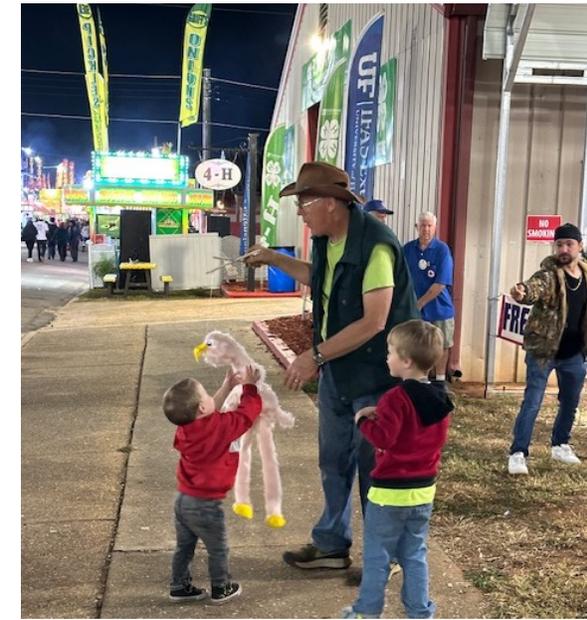
Would you take a moment to pray for us? We need prayer for many things, but most of all, pray that God will open the hearts of many to hear the Gospel message. Other prayer needs: Boldness, Health, Finances, RV, and Truck.

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT GOD
WILL DO THIS YEAR!**

Your missionaries,

Tim & Gayle





Florida COM served the first week in November at the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee, FL. There were 45 participants over all. We served the fair scanning entrance tickets and serving as building hosts. At our mission booth, we had games and puzzles, balloon animals, salvation bracelets and made buttons with scripture on them. God gave us 44 professions of faith and 4 rededications over the 10 day fair.

If you'd like a quick trip to North Florida in November, let us know. We would love to have you come and experience the fair with us.

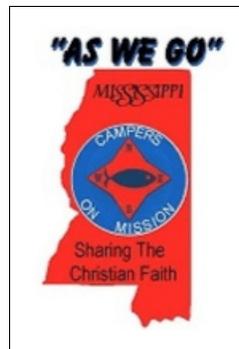
Upcoming COM Dates 2026

(All rallies are to be held at Central Hills, Kosciusko)

April 8 – April 11, 2026 — Spring Rally

August 5 – August 8, 2026 — State Rally

October 14 – October 17, 2026 — Fall Rally



Mississippi COM has an active construction team. Make sure to contact them if you are interested in helping with some of their projects.

Contact President Al Kornman, akorn724@aol.com for more information.

On Labor Day weekend Georgia COM had a fellowship and outreach weekend at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Cochran, GA. The children made puppets., the "Why Not Today" puppet ministry performed and Doug and Lydia Moesta shared music.



In October, Georgia COM set up their annual booth at the GA National Fair Grounds in Perry, GA. They had hand made dolls and bears were given away, children made button souvenirs and games were played with a gospel focus. We have the only booth that gives away free water... And, we made sure they knew about the Living Water.

Georgia COM is partnering with Raceway Ministries Atlanta to provide campground ministry at the upcoming February and July NASCAR events.



Hi from Missouri Campers on Mission! On January 17 our group met in Columbia, MO to gather for what has become known as our "Winter Rally". We visit, eat a meal, catch up and pray together for 3-4 hours. We had 56 attendees, 6 of whom were potential members. Members came from as far as 5 hours away. We find that it is an encouraging time and helps those of us who stay home and don't get to go South to work for the winter to stay in touch. We also included a table of free give-a-ways this time and some small attendance prizes.



South Carolina is active all year long. The men are working on building a church and the women are working on fidget blankets and clothing protectors.



**What Is your state doing
that you want to share?**

**We can all learn from
each other!**

**Send it to Karen Mowers, National
Secretary for the next newsletter and share
your state facebook page information.**

kcc61254@gmail.com. *Thanks.*

