

September 2019

EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORLD & CHRIST'S KINGDOM



Dear Friends of Menno Haven,

Have you ever felt like you are in a holding pattern, waiting for something to happen? While we as the on-site ministry team and Board of Directors have worked on a visioning plan for the “what’s next” for Menno Haven, God seemed to be saying “serve people and steward what you currently have first”.

We concentrated this past fiscal year on stewardship projects like replacing the remaining 26 single paned windows with energy efficient double paned windows, replacing Deer Run’s aging asphalt roof with a metal roof and installing a 10kW solar array to generate electricity and offset our electrical cost and replacing an old kitchen steamer with an energy efficient, water saving steamer to ensure hot and delicious food. We’ve made simple, but significant improvements for guest and facility care by graveling the 2 driveways and parking lots to make it easier and safer to walk on, reducing mud and therefore keeping the facilities cleaner as well as replacing the 20-year-old couches to create a more comfortable gathering area in Lakeview Lodge. We have done improvements on staff homes and on the Maintenance Shop to improve functionality and be more energy efficient.

God has blessed us this past year. **As we prepare for our fiscal year end in a few weeks on September 30, I anticipate finishing the fiscal year strong!** It is through generous donations from people like yourself (THANK YOU!!), an almost full calendar of guest groups, many youth summer and winter campers, the staff team working to keep expenses within budget, and through our gracious Lord’s blessing that this was possible. For example, just this week we were able to fill our propane tank for \$0.53/gallon instead of \$1.05/gallon – a \$5,000 difference! Praise the Lord!

Many of the projects listed above have helped reduce our overall operating budget this past year. While some of these projects have been completely or partially funded, numerous of them are not yet paid in full. It would be a significant blessing to allocate monies to these capital expenses before entering the new fiscal year. **Would you consider giving a financial gift towards one of the following projects to help us best steward what God has blessed us with?**

- Metal roof for Deer Run Staff home and 10kW Solar array - \$20,863.78 remaining of \$20,863.78 (We have applied for a grant to cover \$19,377.27 of these expenses.)
- Graveling the two lanes and parking lots –\$4,718.05 remaining of \$6,248.05
- Staff home improvements - \$5,708.96 remaining of \$9,708.96
- Shop Renovation - \$8,136.85 remaining of \$8,136.85
- Steamer for the kitchen - \$4,463.39 remaining of \$4,463.39
- Couch Area in Lakeview Lodge - \$1,587.92 remaining of \$2,587.92

You can also designate your gift to “Where needed most” which will be allocated toward a project that is still unfunded or towards the Annual Fund to help with the yearly operating expenses that come with maintaining a high quality of service to our guests and campers!

Thank you again for partnering with us in ministry to the thousands of people who come to see God’s face in and through this sacred place!!

A Servant of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doc Johnson".

Doc Johnson
Executive Director

[Would you consider a tax deductible gift towards our ministry by September 30, 2019?](#)

Thank you for your generosity in the past...

...and for your commitment to care for our future!

Menno Haven's Year-In-Review

IMCA Annual Business Meeting



Winter Retreats – High School, Joint High & Young Adults



Spring & Fall Work Days



Guest Groups – Church Retreats, Men's/Women's Retreats, Business Retreats, & Family Reunions



2k Walk / 5k Run



Women's Retreat with Mennonite Women



Rally Day



Volunteers & Projects



Reunions



Night Owl Camp

Grand Camp



Summer Camp

Blue Jay Camp



Jr High Camp



Cottontail Camp



High School Camp