December 18, 2014 **WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Dear Brothers in Christ, RE: Recap of a great year, a new challenge to buy a blade for skid loader, and membership dues.

 **Annual MEN’S CONFERENCE – 8/8-9/14 – (MMCCC) “the work of the holy spirit – john 14:26”**

We had a very successful retreat, with 53 men and young men attending. We doubled our attendance from the previous year. We had five young men (14-22) and Jeff Schwarz planned separate programs for them. Lucky Ray, our ABMen/USA president, was one of our speakers and Fred Wilson, a Von Maur shooting victim spoke on forgiveness. We did bible study, singing, praying, zip lining, trap shooting, & fellowship!

**Seminary Scholarships**

Two scholarships, each one thousand dollars, were awarded to Lincoln Roth (First B. Columbus) and Anthony “Tony” Jackson (Benson, Omaha).

**SKID LOADER CAMPAIGN - $20,000 GOAL SURPASSED**

From **sixty-four (64) donors and one Church Men’s Fellowship**, we raised **$21,446** and we **purchased** a skid loader. **Praise God!** On May 6th, our treasurer Craig Erickson wrote the following. “For $21,000 we have purchased for the camp a 2005 John Deere 320 wheeled skid loader with 650+ hours on the engine. The machine was still on the farm at Schuyler and the JD man from Fremont met us there. The farm was manicured; the 200X60 machine shed was immaculate inside; the concrete floor had no stains; thus the farmer was a careful owner of property”. We also bought chains for the skid loader since we had some money left in that account. We held skid loader dedication ceremony at Men’s Conference.

**Blade Campagin - $5000.00**

At our Men’s Conference this summer, Eric Byrd proposed several pieces of equipment that would help the camp. We decided on a blade that would fit on the skid loader so they could push dirt or snow. This is really needed since their old pickup used to push snow is worn out. (See back)

**gifford IL Blitz Build – F-3 Tornado damaged the town in fall of 2013**

ABMen/USA asked for help on the Gifford Project indicating three groups were partnering to build two houses. The disaster relief ministry of ABMen/Great Rivers Region, Habitat for Humanity and ABHome Mission Societies organized a “blitz build” on June 1-14, 2014. Clarence Reiss (Fremont) and Stan Oberhelman (Chapman) and two others spent June 8 – 13 on this project. ABMen/NE contributed $1,000 to assist this project. In all, 77 volunteers from IL, IN, IA, MA, MO, NE, NJ, OH, PA, WV, and WI joined the “Bringing Good News to Gifford!” campaign.

**Disaster Relief Ministry (DRT)**Our DRT located at Camp Merrill was taken to Cordova, NE on 5/14/14 to aid those hit by tornadoes on 5/11/14. The trailer was taken to the Wayne/Vickie Olsen farm located one mile north of Cordova. They especially needed the generator, as their electricity was out for several weeks. A month later, our DRT was taken to Norfolk so that the men of FB Norfolk, Second B. Lincoln and Sunset Hills could use it near Wakefield.

**ABMen/USA**

They have initiated a “Key Leadership Contributor Campaign” seeking individuals to donate $100 a year to contribute to the many missions of ABMen/USA. Our new National ABMen/USA President is Major (ret.) Joe Hood and incoming Vice President is our own Bob Slechta.

**CAMP MERRILL NEEDS US**

Volunteers are needed at camp, so if you have some time, call camp and see if they can use you. Are you a 2300 club member?

**FAR WEST MEN’S RETREAT – APRIL 10 – 12, 2015 AT CAMP ROCK - “THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT FOR SISSIES!”**

Dr. Gary Cole (First Baptist, Scottsbluff) is organizing this retreat and will have Dr. Clay Ford from CA as the keynote speaker. Dr. Ford has worked in our denomination as the recognized leader in Holy Spirit Renewal Ministries. Save this weekend for a great experience with other men.

**Membership (We Want You!) AND DONATIONS are NEEDED**ABMen/NE membership and donations to our funds are what sustains us. We ended with 123 members for 2014 with a goal of 150 for 2015. Current members are listed on the back plus a membership form. Sign up today! We need to replenish our DRT & Booster Funds. Thanks!

In witness for Him,

Glen E. Dappen, ABMen/NE President and Bob Howe, ABM/NE Membership Chairman

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**American Baptist Men of Nebraska – (Calendar Year 2015) Membership Dues**

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$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $10.00 ABMen/NE 2015 dues $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $10.00 ABMen/USA

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Disaster Relief Ministry $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Seminary Scholarship Fund

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Booster Club Fund $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Blade Campaign $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed

**Checks payable to ABMen/NE**: membership = Bob Howe, 6335 “O” St. #439 , Lincoln, NE 68510 (Blade Campaign to Glen Dappen)

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**Current Members (2015) as of 12-18-14**

 Anderson, Terry (Sunset Hills) Erickson, Craig (Lincoln First) Sauer, Val (Lincoln Second)

Arnold, Terry (Fairbury) Hasselbring, Brad (Fairbury) Schmidt, Nathan (Fairbury)

Bartlett, Frank (Lincoln Second) Hoge, Charles (Fairbury) Schwarzenback, Ron(Lincoln, Second)

Blunt, Curtis (Lincoln Second) Hornberger, Ron (Fremont) Skov, Leonard (Kearney)

Bottum, Steven (Benson) Howe, Bob (Lincoln Second) Slechta, Bob (Sunset Hills)

Botz, Jeff (Fairbury) Huffman, Bruce (Arthur) Smith, Sanford (Sunset Hills)

Braxton, Zach (Lincoln First) Hynek, Tim (Fairbury) Smith, Christopher (Benson)

Brennfoerder, Terry (Lincoln First) Jacobs, Norval (Lincoln Second) Southwick, Gail (Fairbury)

Buchta,Glen (Broken Bow) Jensen, Stanley (York) Southwick, Ron (Fairbury)

Buehler, Wayne (Fairbury) Kitt, Michael (Lincoln Second) Surber, Larry (Lincoln First)

Buehler, Kris (Fairbury) Larsen, Doug (Sunset Hills) Thompson, O.Dean (Arthur)

Burrow, Harold (Ansley) Lallak,Kenneth (Fairbury) Trimm, Jason (Fairbury)

Christiansen, David(Fremont) Mees, Randy (Fairbury) Ward, Ron (Fairbury)

Clinger, Orin (Kearney) Molby, Robert (Sunset Hills) Wasserman, Virgil (Fairbury)

Cole, Neil (Fairbury) Morris, Victor (Beatrice First) Waugh, Harlan (Fremont First)

Comer, John (Lincoln Second) Musick, James (Omaha First) Westerfield, Steve (Benson)

Counts, Jurdan (Broken Bow) Osborn, Jerome (Lincoln Second) Wheatley, Richard (Miracle Hills)

Dappen, Lester (Sunset Hills) Rhoades, Vernon (Lincoln Second) Wisthoff, Steve (Lincoln Second)

Dappen, Glen (Lincoln Second) Robinson, Jack (Fairbury) Young, Dylan (Miracle Hills)

Dowding, Verne (Lincoln Second) Romary, Craig (Lincoln Second)

 **NEW CHALLENCE FOR ABMEN/NE = BLADE CAMPAIGN!**

At our Men’s Conference at Camp Merrill this past August (8/9-14) several men asked if we were going to act on any of the proposed items suggested by Eric Byrd’s power point presentation. Several of the ABMen/NE board members discussed this question and we decided to do the first item on Eric’s wish list power point presentation. That was a blade and stabilizing wheels that would attach to the front of the Skid Loader. The cost that Eric displayed was $4,695, but making that a round number of $5,000 seemed appropriate. Therefore, our project is to initiate a campaign to raise $5,000 for this blade and stabilizer wheels that we will call the “Blade Campaign”. We currently have approximately $750 collected for this campaign (12-15-14)

We encourage your participation by giving to this campaign and by completing the form below. We will end the campaign (collecting of money for it) March 31, 2015. Thank you for your support.

Glen Dappen, President

ABMen/NE

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I enclose $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to ABMen/NE)

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City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please send this completed form, along with your check to:

Glen Dappen, 1510 Buckingham Dr., Lincoln, NE. 68506-1716