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## **Announcements and Updates from Tom-Tom 1976 Winter Edition from Camp Tilikum**

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# TILIKUM TOM- TOM

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Tilikum: Retreat Center, Rustic Camp  
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## Construction Begun

*Multipurpose building:* All weather, open shelter, 48' x 60'. To include: seating space for 150, game area, rest rooms, firepits, rooftop viewing deck.

*Uses:* Day Camping Center. This building will strengthen the program that has already shared God's love to several thousand children through its counselor-centered approach. Picnic site for churches. Recreation shelter for retreat groups, year-round. Center for education in Oregon history and Indian heritage.

*Completed to date:* Concrete work including the floor. Winter construction will begin when funds and supplies are in. *Total cost:* \$50,000.

*Needed:* \$47,000 to complete this project; \$3,000 and some materials have been given or pledged. We want you to pray big and exercise big faith with us. Remember, God has unlimited resources.



## Tilikum's Team

Greetings! As the program has grown, so has our year-round staff (paid and volunteer, full-time and part-time).

*Gary*  
director

*Susan*  
food service

*Arnie & Barb*  
construction, maintenance, office

*Jon & Kathy*  
camping internship program

*Judy*  
secretary, through work - study  
program at George Fox College

(Your name)

You are part of the team if you  
help Tilikum in any way.



# BUILDERS TOGETHER

Praise the Lord! Construction has begun on Tilikum's multipurpose building. How have we arrived at this exciting place? By God's people, LIKE YOU, being good stewards. Let's trace this from the beginning.

Just five years ago the *Evangelical Friend* magazine ran this article: "Baker Property Given for Camping." "The Executive Council in a meeting in December accepted the gift of 93 acres of property near Newberg, Oregon, from the Russell Baker family. The gift includes a 15-acre reservoir, beautiful fir timber, a new home, and a barn. The gift is designated for development as a camping and retreat center for Christian groups."

A talented board of 11 people organized and administered this young camp. When I became director in September of 1971, we were at the place of turning Baker's former home

into a retreat center. Many local people volunteered hundreds of hours of labor, and in March of 1972 Illahee House was used the first time by Tilikum's Board.

As we sensed a need to determine Tilikum's future, board member and businessman, Al Carroll, furnished the funds to hire an architectural firm to develop a master plan for Tilikum. Al states: "It is certainly a tremendous pleasure for me to support a program that the Holy Spirit has a hand in." In this master plan we spelled out our goals for Tilikum and the phase-by-phase building program connected to it.

Having a serious need for operating money in 1972, Al introduced a matching fund to generate a cash flow. Tilikum's Board decided to have an annual banquet—the Potlatch—to tell the story of our ministry and en-

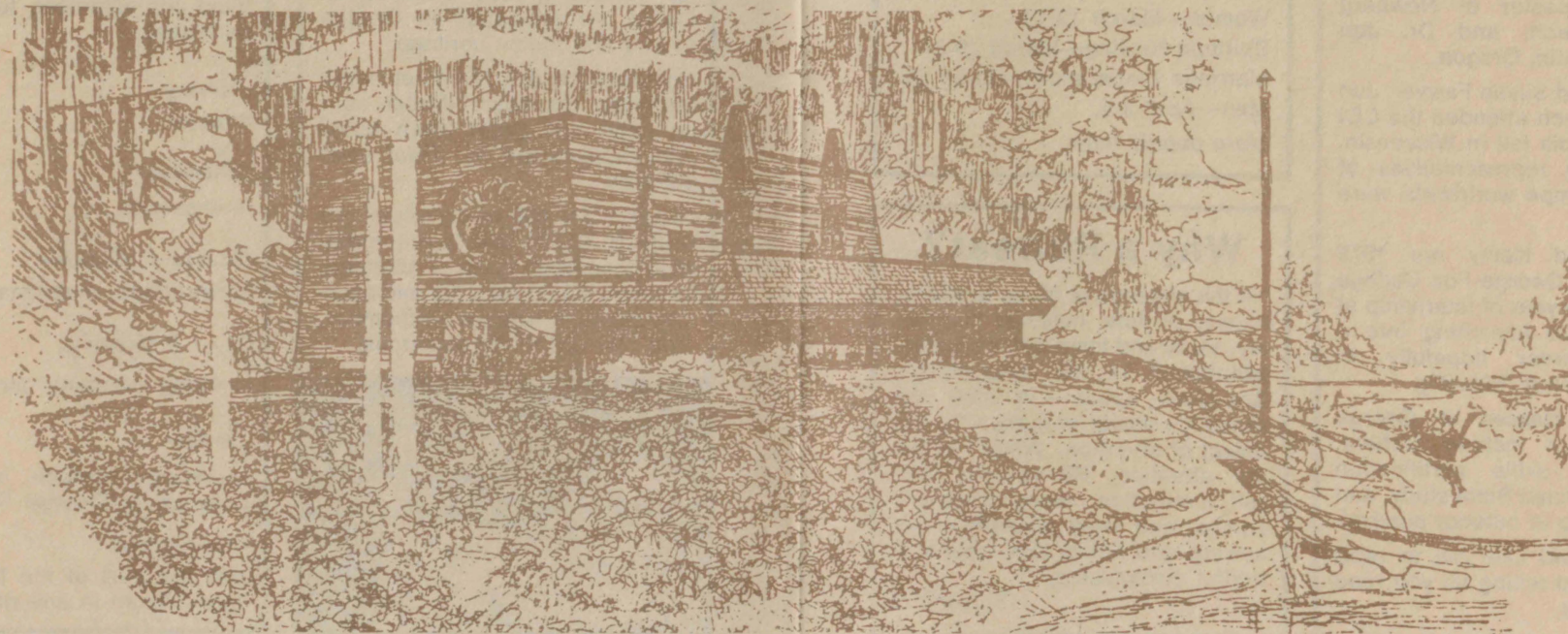
courage people to give regularly through the "200-\$10's to Tilikum" (200 families giving \$10 a month) program. Al gave his true philosophy of financial stewardship when he shared this prayer: "I thank You, Father, for permitting me to be a part of a tremendous program that will edify Your Son Jesus Christ by touching an untold number of souls, young and adult.

"I believe that all my possessions are all Yours, dear God, through the shed blood of Your Son Jesus on Calvary. Therefore, Father, I have no problem returning that which is already Yours."

Over the last three years several hundred of you folks have given regularly to Tilikum. Many of you have given building materials and other goods. Scores of you have volunteered to be counselors in the summer programs. This has been YOUR ministry too.

In the spring of 1975 Tilikum became an adjunct of George Fox College. Tilikum's Board maintains its commitment to the goals of a camping and retreat center and retains financial responsibility for its development. The added opportunities for educational programs for Christian college students are unlimited and exciting.

Our programs have grown in these five years to the point where we need this multiuse building. Our faith in the Lord and His ability to work in His people has also grown in these five years, so that we believe the building will be built. We want you to praise God with us and continue to pray for us that the needed \$47,000 will be procured quickly. We do need you, our friends, God's people, to be good stewards. If you have any questions, give me a call. Why not write out a check for this building project today?





## Jesus and the Outdoors

Tilikum's Day Camping staff has been excited about sharing with children Jesus' love and use of the outdoors. The settings in which Jesus taught and subjects He used seem to harmonize beautifully with Tilikum's setting. The significance of our emphasis was overwhelmingly substantiated through a Master's Thesis written by a friend, Dave Faber. It is titled: *A Content Analysis of the Four Gospels in Relation to Jesus' Use of the Outdoors*. In summary it says: "Jesus used the outdoor environment extensively to communicate spiritual values, for nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the recorded words and works of Jesus occurred in relation to the outdoors. In the Gospels there are 1,023 occurrences of 186 different outdoor words (like vines, lake, birds, winds, etc.). Jesus used 747 of these outdoor occurring words,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of them being used illustratively, figuratively, or as analogy to communicate spiritual values." A majority of these outdoor words are natural to Tilikum and the Chehalem Valley.

If you would like to be part of a research group to interpret this valuable data, to apply Jesus' methodology of teaching in today's outdoor setting, or to help write Bible study curriculum for day camps, please contact us.

### Did You Know?

... nearly 550 children attended our 1975 day camps.

... two new board members were recently appointed: Ron Woodward, pastor of Newberg Friends Church, and Dr. Jon Bishop, Tualatin, Oregon.

... Gary and Susan Fawver, Jon and Kathy Koch attended the CCI Convention this fall in Wisconsin. Nearly 1,000 representatives of Christian Camps worldwide were present.

... Jon and Kathy are 1975 graduates of George Fox College spending one year of internship at Tilikum before launching into a camping career hopefully in Northwest Yearly Meeting.

... Gary's classes at George Fox this year include archery, a camping skills certification course, relational Bible study, and a field course in outdoor survival.

... We would like you to send us a postcard telling us you read the *Tom-Tom*.

### Tilikum Sponsored Retreats

Family—February 27-29.

Women—March 12-14.

Spiritual Healing—March 19-21.

Marriage Preparation—March 28.

Men—April 2-4.

*More details later.*

### Why a Retreat?

"In the absence of office tensions, rounds of duty, noise of machinery, study and tests, sales pitches, telephones, TV, and even regular God-given duties—in their absence it's easier to make God the object of attention. When He has our attention, He reveals himself, instruction comes, discovery comes, and then possibly a renewing and filling that results in fruitful discipleship."

—Bob Myers