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Global Update

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CRWM Quarterly Highlights

- Eleven students graduated from the Bachelor of Theology program at the College of Christian Theology Bangladesh (CCTB).
- At a recent conference, Fulani believers shared their vision for witnessing to their families.
- After going through Timothy Leadership Training, a pastor in Kenya led his church to a 10% increase in attendance, 5% increase in membership and a 10% increase in giving.
- CRWM and the Association for a More Just Society have begun a new ministry partnership for youth in Honduras.
- 30 students faithfully attended Wednesday night kids club at Christ Wellspring of Life Church in Mexico.

Service On and Outside of Sunday

James & Barbarita Lee, Mexico

On January 29, the Cristo Manantial de Vida Church praise team had a lock-in at our house. The name of the praise team is "ORACION 7," meaning "Prayer 7". James' message, "Worship - it is a way of life", focused on worship as not something that's relegated to one day a week, but rather, something that's a part of every day life.

The following day, the team put what they learned into action. Each person offered some money to buy bread to serve breakfast at Making New Destinies Christian Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center in Tijuana, Mexico. The praise team also led a song during the rehab center's morning service.

Praise God for this wonderful praise team lock-in experience.



Cristo Manantial de Vida Church members offer breakfast after the service at the rehab center.

Upcoming Events

"GO" Missions Conferences

Host: Christian Reformed World Missions

Date: April 17, 2010

Place: Bethel CRC, London, Ontario

Host: Christian Reformed World Missions

Date: April 24, 2010

Place: Calvary CRC, Pella, Iowa

Visit www.cwrm.org/GO for more information.

Coffee Break Workshops Draw All Ages

Jeong & Misook Gho, Japan

Misook and I had prayed for the Coffee Break Leader Workshop at Naka Church held in the fall. The workshop was scheduled soon after we returned from home service. When we arrived for the event, members of Naka Church were waiting for us. After we ate the wonderful meal they had prepared, we plunged into the



Coffee Break workshop participants gather at Naka Church.

meetings with them. We had eight sessions in the following three days.

What most impressed Misook and me was that the middle school and high school students were sitting at one table, and they finished all of the sessions together. It was the first middle and high school coffee break conference in Japan. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

For the past couple of years, we have been helping Naka Church by offering leadership training workshops and special outreach ministries. Elder Sato of Naka Church is now making monthly newsletters to spread the Coffee Break Ministry to neighboring churches. The church's vision for outreach continues to strengthen.

Easter and Pentecost Celebrations

This year, Home Missions and World Missions have joined efforts to show how God has used your partnership with us to spread the Gospel all over the world. From Easter to Pentecost, Home and World Missions will be focusing on our shared theme from Romans 1:16: *Reaching your Community and the World with the Power of the Gospel*. Sign up to receive an electronic devotional and prayer guide by visiting www.crcna.org/powerofthegospel.

Now, *That's* Dedication

*from missionaries in West Africa**

A young believer walked six hours (one

way) to see us. He had very good questions about faith and God's sovereignty over all creation. It was exciting to hear the depth of his faith. It's even more amazing because he's unable to read so he has no outward spiritual nourishment. He prays a lot and it's obvious he has a close relationship with God. He plans to walk another six hours to attend another conference with believers.

Service Opportunities

- **Long-term positions:**

Career: Leadership trainer position working with churches and institutions in Asia.

Associate: Two tutors (married couple or two men or two women for housing and cultural reasons) for missionary children in West Africa at the junior high and high school levels.

- **Teachers and Administrators:**

From grade school to grad school, share your gift of teaching overseas.

- **Volunteers:**

HIV and AIDS ministry volunteers, special education teachers, theological lecturers, and more are needed.

For more information about our openings, contact Lorraine Woodward at woodward@crcna.org or visit www.crcna.org/serve.

Financial Update

Although World Missions' gift income is 8% less than last year, the reductions that were made to the current year's budget have resulted in the gift income for the current year to be at projection. CRWM is thankful for the generosity of God's people in supporting our ministry through some very difficult economic times.

**For security reasons, some countries and cities in West Africa cannot be publicized in any printed or electronic publications. For more information about these ministries, please contact CRWM.*

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