



CHRISTIAN REFORMED

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Global Update

September 2010

CRWM Annual Highlights

In the past year, through the work of Christian Reformed World Missions and our partners:

- Over 9,000 people came to know Christ
- 70 new faith communities were established
- More than 8,300 people participated in CRWM leadership development programs
- 84 teachers and administrators served in international schools
- CRWM and Worldwide Christian Schools began collaborating to support the work of COCREF, an association in the Dominican Republic of 21 Christ-centered schools with over 5,000 students



Lives Changed By Christ

Dan & Jeananne Kuiper, Mexico

Several years ago, Antonio was deeply involved in the drug trade. By day, he studied hard and was a good student. By night, he wandered listlessly into the drug culture, taking drugs and selling them to others. He was developing into a small time drug lord.

His wife Kenia testifies that she and Antonio had seven difficult years of marriage. Even though Kenia knew about Antonio's lifestyle before their marriage, she married him anyway. Eventually, the initial flare and fun of their relationship turned into anger, discouragement and bitterness. Kenia asked for a divorce.

On three separate occasions, Christian men witnessed to Antonio, challenging him and his wife to visit an evangelical church. After doing so, Antonio accepted Christ, trading his pistol for a Bible.

Today, Antonio and Kenia are celebrating eight years of happily married life and living for Christ. They are studying together at All Nations Seminary in Juarez and leading Bible study cell groups in their community.

Developing Leaders

Troy & Faith Bierma, Bangladesh

When the masters' level students came to us six months ago, we noticed Kibria as an outspoken, somewhat immature young man with big aspirations and a know-it-all attitude to match.

Over the course of six months, and through some mentoring with Troy, we noticed Kibria maturing and growing in his leadership skills. He has grown to understand the Bible better and shows enormous potential to be one of the future leaders of the Bangladeshi church. After getting his MA, Kibria hopes to get his Master of Divinity and begin serving the Bangladeshi church. We are invested in his growth, and eager to see the Bangladeshi church equipped with competent, mature believers and leaders like him.



Hope Rising

Worldwide Christian Schools and Christian Reformed World Missions are coming together in support of COCREP, an association of 21 Christ-centered schools with over 5,000 students in the Dominican Republic.

COCREP's mission is to serve the most disadvantaged population in the nation, providing children in need with access to quality, Christ-centered schooling.

In the US, CRWM works with Worldwide Christians Schools and COCREP through Hope Rising, a student sponsorship program. In Canada, CRWM's partnership with COCREP focuses on a grant that supplements teachers' salaries.

Hope Rising is different than other student sponsorship programs in that it grows at a measured pace, starting with one school and expanding to the next when all of the students at the first school who are eligible for the program have a sponsor.

If one child has received a sponsorship pledge, all of the children in that family will also receive support.

Introducing....NEXT!

A conference for pastors, youth pastors and workers, and missions enthusiasts to dialogue about intergenerational missions.

Sponsor: CRWM

Speaker: Dr. David Livermore

Date: October 30, 2010

Place: Ivanrest CRC
Grandville, Michigan

CRWM Service Opportunities

Long-term positions:

- **Long-term Career Position:**
Recording studio director for overseeing the development of appropriate media programs for West Africa.
- **Teachers and Administrators:**
From grade school to grad school, share your gift of teaching overseas!
- **Volunteers:**
Business/Agricultural developer, English teachers, theological lecturers, and more are needed.

To learn more, get involved or apply, visit www.crwm.org/serve.

Church Plant Celebrates New Step

Ken & Jeannie Lee, Japan

It is so good to see our partner working so hard to expand God's kingdom in the Tokyo Bay area. In 2006, Rev. Ashida and his wife began their service with the Shin Urayasu Church with a group of fewer than 20 people each Sunday. Since then, the church has grown to 60 - 70 worshippers each Sunday.

June 13 was a memorable day for Shin Urayasu Church. Not only did it become an official organized church, but the church also installed four elders and five deacons. Praise God for the way His love is spreading in the greater Tokoyo area.

GO Conferences

Sponsor: CRWM

Date: October 2, 2010

Place: Bethel Community CRC
Edmonton, Alberta

Sponsor: CRWM

Date: November 20, 2010

Place: Immanuel CRC
Langley, British Columbia

Visit www.crwm.org/go for more information on our GO conferences. For further details about NEXT! visit www.crwm.org/next.

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