

Christian Reformed World Missions Advocate

For God. With You. Among the Nations.

September 2011

Resource Alert:

The following Christian Reformed World Missions resource brochures are arriving at your church office this September:

- 2011 Q & A Brochure (also mailed to your deacons)
- 2011 Resource and DVD brochure
- 2011 Bulletin covers, inserts, and publications brochure

These brochures will be posted online by mid-September. To view them and further resources, visit www.crwmm.org/resources.

Prayer for New Beginnings

August marked the beginning of a new school year for many Christian Reformed World Missions missionaries teaching in international schools. Pray for creativity, energy, and wisdom for all the teachers as they help students learn more about God and His world. Pray that new teachers will have a smooth transition to working in another cultural context.

World Missions also celebrates and asks for prayer for the following new partner missionaries and volunteers:

Asia – Luke Theule and Olena Poplavska

Honduras – Brittany Roode

Nigeria – Tom and Melissa Deelstra
Jeanine DeJong

Sierra Leone – Zachary Adams

Thailand – Rusty and Lynette Polinder

Ukraine – Jodi Vander Heide

Financial Update: Give thanks with World Missions that gift income for the past fiscal year was very near projection. Ministry share income was above last year's donations and well above budget. Estate income also exceeded the amount budgeted. Missionary support income was slightly below budget and what was received last year. Donations were also lower than hoped for undesignated gifts and specific projects. While the gifts received were comparable to last year, World Missions had aggressively budgeted for expanded ministries that were not realized due to lack of resources. However, a higher than budgeted Canadian exchange boosted World Missions' consolidated income numbers. Give thanks for the many people who continue to support our ministry.

Make Your Gift Count: Discipling Students to Disciple Their Peers

The Community of Christian Students of Nicaragua has a vision for discipling and training university students to share God's Word with their peers. Each year, 150 students are mentored through Bible studies, service projects, and connections with local churches to be missionaries in their communities. Through God's leading and power, these students are sharing the Gospel with 4,000 others.

View this project and many others on Christian Reformed World Missions' online Project Giving Guide at www.crwmm.org/projects. God is moving. Christian Reformed World Missions invites you to play a part in proclaiming His message of hope and life among the nations.

Fall 2011 Missions Webinars

The CRCNA agencies have once again joined together to lead a series of webinars under the umbrella of the [Network](#). These webinars are free and no travel is required to learn more about missions.

Upcoming webinars (all at 12 p.m. ET):

September 28

The Changing Face of World Missions
Steve Van Zanen
Christian Reformed World Missions

October 5

Show of Hands: Millennium Development Goals
Kris Van Engen
Office of Social Justice

October 19

The Belhar Confession
Kris Van Engen
Office of Social Justice

To view workshop descriptions or to register online, visit www.crcna.org/missionwebinars. Once you're registered, you will receive a confirmation email that includes information on how to connect to the webinar.