

Poster Contest Winners - 2011

Thank you for all your hard work on promoting the poster contest. This year, our office received 554 posters from schools and children across the United States. After reviewing all of the entries, the posters created by students listed below were selected as the winning entries for each category. Several entries were also selected for an Honorable Mention (HM).



Ages 6 and under:

- First: Katelyn Boersen - Zutphen CRC; Hudsonville, MI
Second: Sophia Bouws - Granite Springs CRC; Lincoln, CA
Third: Anika Lautenbach - Ann Arbor CRC; Ann Arbor, MI
Fourth: Matthew Belstra - Orland Park CRC; Orland Park, IL
HM: Chloe Westra - First CRC; Visalia, CA
HM: Serafina Wagenveld - Emmanuel CRC; Sauk Village, IL

Ages 7-9:

- First: Morgan Hoving - Faith CRC; Elmhurst, IL
Second: Maddie Pluimer - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
Third: Eddie Mulder - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
Fourth: Allison Heersink - Western Springs CRC; Western Springs, IL
HM: Anna Mulder - South Olive Christian School; Holland, MI
HM: Kylee Agabashian - Fresno CRC; Fresno, CA
HM: Grace Boersen - Zutphen CRC; Hudsonville, MI

Ages 10-12:

- First: Elizabeth Czajkowski - Orland Park CRC; Orland Park, IL
Second: Allie Rouwhorst - South Olive Christian School; Holland, MI
Third: Ellie Greenwaldt - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
Fourth: Aiyanna Klaphake - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
HM: Aubrey Negen - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
HM: Emma Vander Plaats - Orland Park CRC; Orland Park, IL
HM: Abigail Heried - Racine Christian School; Racine, WI

Ages 13+:

- First: Ju-Eun Kwon - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
Second: Shayla Beekman - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
Third: Christine Mikelson - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
Fourth: Rachel LeBrecque - First CRC; Allendale, MI
HM: Nicole Brouwer - Central Minnesota Christian School; Prinsburg, MN
HM: Codie Parham - Calvin Christian School; Escondido, CA
HM: David Katje - Calvin CRC; Escondido, CA

Prayer for Transitions

June is always a time of transition. Some missionaries are ending their year(s) of service while others are just beginning. Christian Reformed World Missions recently appointed several people to serve as partners, volunteers, interns or as part of a team in ministry locations worldwide. Pray that the following volunteers will have safe travels, good learning experiences, and a strong awareness of God's hand upon them wherever they are and through whatever they encounter.

Asia

- Christina Canche
- Dale DeWaard

Cambodia

- Amanda Hayes

Israel and the West Bank

- Hope Equals Team

Japan

- Ray & Sharon Hommes

Mexico

- Kevin Hast

Nicaragua

- Derek Buteyn
- Alexandra Pasker

Nigeria

- Beth De Kam
- Jennifer Kanis
- Abe & Carol Vreeke

Uganda

- Steve & Tanya Tiesenga

Ukraine

- Kyle De Boer

Missions Emphasis Event Ideas

June is a great time to begin planning your church's fall missions emphasis events. Whether you're thinking of holding one for the first time or looking for new ideas, you may find inspiration from the activities Roselawn Community CRC in DeMotte, Indiana uses to celebrate missions. Below is an adapted text from Thriessa Hubers, Roselawn's missions advocate, on some of their missions events.

Four Sundays are set aside each year as "Missionary Support Sunday." When possible, the church asks one of their missionaries to speak. Otherwise, the congregation receives a missionary update through a handout, PowerPoint, video, bulletin board, or presentation. Come offering time, families are invited to bring their offerings up to the front.

Recently, Sunday School children were led on an imaginary trip to visit their church's partner missionaries. Seventh and eighth graders set up 'portals' (painted furniture boxes with cut-outs of each country or continent) through which children crawled to enter "another world."

In Papua New Guinea, the children joined newly trained teachers on a canoe ride, learning about the animals living along the river and their schools. In Peru, the children loaded into a cardboard taxi to see the ministries their missionaries are involved in. In Zambia, the children learned about their church's involvement in a well project and helped connect a piece of PVC pipe to transport water from the well to the village center. These hands-on activities provided children with tangible insight on their church's overseas ministries.

The church has also held joint missions emphasis events with other CRC churches. In March, around 135 people gathered for a night of sampling cuisine from five continents and hearing about missions. Attendees enjoyed Mexican tacos, Costa Rican gallo, Korean lettuce wraps, Chinese egg rolls, Liberian rice and greens, cabbage soup, Hungarian pörkölt, and American apple pie and ice cream. Afterwards, an outside speaker spoke on world trends and how God is working around the world.

All ages, from senior citizens to children enjoyed the banquet, but it also made a difference in some lives. One teen, inspired to begin praying for the nations, convinced her parents to order *Operation World* to guide her personal devotions. Another realized that God wants to use her. "I think God wants me to be a missionary. I don't know where," she said, "Maybe here."

For resources and more ideas on planning Missions Emphasis Events, visit www.crw.org/missionemphasis.

Look for our next Missions Advocate in August

Welcoming New Missionaries

This spring, Christian Reformed World Missions welcomed two new missionary families to its international team. Betty Wood, and her husband Rob, has accepted an associate position in the Dominican Republic to help local churches use and develop programs to strengthen their ministries. Stan and Betty Kruis, new career missionaries, have joined World Missions' Asia to work with local believers and churches. Join us in praising God for their willingness to serve. Pray that they may sense God's hand upon them as they begin ministry in another cultural context.

Pentecost Survey

Christian Reformed World Missions would love to hear how your church celebrated Pentecost this year. Your comments on what you liked, disliked, used, or ignored help us evaluate and improve next year's resources. Since these materials are created for your church, your thoughts on them are greatly needed. Please help us create excellent Pentecost resources by going online and filling out our survey found at www.crw.org/2011pentecostsurvey.

Prayer for Summer Meetings

Many people see summer as the time for going on vacation. But for many Christian Reformed World Missions missionaries and staff, summer is a time to prepare for the next ministry year. In July, new missionaries will meet for orientation in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Regional Missions Mobilizers will meet together for their annual conference, and World Missions' Regional Leaders will discuss plans and budgets for the next year. Pray for safe travels, good discussions, strong fellowship, and wisdom for any decisions that need to be made.

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