

Christian Reformed World Missions Advocate

Helping Christian Reformed Churches to fulfill the Great Commission

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Welcoming New Missionaries

Christian Reformed World Missions is pleased to welcome several new missionaries. Join us in praying for them as they settle into ministry in another cultural context.

Long-term appointments:

- Pastor Stan and Bessie Kruis in Asia
- Betty and Rob Wood in the Dominican Republic

Partners:

- Leah Nieboer at Lithuania Christian College, Lithuania
- Julienne Louters at International School of Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- Karen Lubbers with International Teams in Uganda
- Jonathan and Janice Barnhoorn with Wycliffe in Nigeria

Volunteer:

- Christopher Beute in Guatemala City, Guatemala

International Christian schools are always looking for qualified, willing teachers and Christian Reformed World Missions is eager to partner with teachers to make this possible. For more information on open positions and how CRWM partners with teachers, visit www.crwmm.org/serve or contact Lorraine Woodward at lwoodward@crcna.org. Information on volunteer opportunities can be found at www.crcna.org/servicelink.

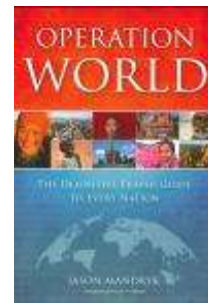
Prayers for Nigeria

Recent conflicts in Nigeria reiterate the need to pray for a country experiencing struggles over resources and political, ethnic, and religious tensions. Christian Reformed World Missions' missionaries working in Nigeria urge God's people to pray for the following:

- Pray that Christians would act as Christ calls them to - loving their neighbors as themselves.
- Pray for Christians placed in difficult situations, due to family or living situations, who face challenging decisions about what to do in the face of violence.
- Pray for Christian and Muslim leaders to advise people in constructive ways that promote peace.
- Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom to the Nigerian government on providing security from extremist groups.
- Pray that persons of integrity who have a desire to serve the Nigerian people would be elected for positions of authority in Nigeria's April federal and state elections.

Operation World

The 7th edition of "Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation" is now available. The book summarizes key demographics, religious and political contexts, trends and current events for each of the world's countries. Each country summary includes evidences of answers to prayer and ways to continue praying.



This book is a wonderful resource for people interested in learning more about the world and key things to pray about for every country. Visit www.operationworld.org for further resources or to order a copy.

So You're a Missions Advocate, Now What?

As a Missions Advocate, you play an important role in raising missions awareness in your church. Knowing that it can sometimes be difficult to know where to begin, we've created a list of ideas to help you get started. Further resources are available at www.crwmm.org/ma.

- Familiarize yourself with your missionaries and the people group(s) they work with.
- Subscribe to email prayer newsletters such as CRWM's weekly ePray or the CRCNA's prayer listing with items from all the agencies (subscribe at www.crwmm.org/membership and www.crcna.org/pray respectively).
- Distribute prayer requests within your church.
- Review congregational financial support for your missionaries.
- Communicate regularly with your missionaries through email, letters, and Skype.
- Plan ways for your missionaries to participate in the life of your church when they return for home service.
- Prepare or update your missions bulletin board for a visual reminder of supported missionaries and ministries.
- Ask CRWM for help if your Missions Committee or Outreach Team wants to develop and strengthen missions strategies.

