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## MAY 31 – PENTECOST 2009

Greetings from Christian Reformed World Missions! **On May 31, Pentecost Sunday, the Church of Jesus Christ all around the world will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the New Testament Church.** On the first Pentecost, through the gift of speaking in tongues, God made clear His desire to extend the Good News about Jesus to all kinds of people, all over the world. So, Pentecost is intimately tied to missions. As Our World Belongs to God says, “In pouring His Spirit on many peoples God overcomes the division of Babel; now people from every tongue, tribe and nation are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ” (paragraph 30).

Once again, Christian Reformed World Missions, with the blessing of Synod, is asking each congregation of the Christian Reformed Church in North America to emphasize this connection between the outpouring of the Spirit and the continuing need for international missions in your Pentecost celebration. World Missions has prepared some Mission Celebration materials which could help your congregation in its Pentecost celebration. Many of these resources can be found on our website.

### In this mailing

**CHILDREN’S BULLETIN COVER MASTER:** You can make as many copies as you need. We’re sure your kids will love it and all the activities point to Pentecost and missions.

**POSTERS:** There are two posters included. If possible, please display them in high-traffic areas. These posters are not “dated” and can be used throughout the year.

**BULLETIN COVERS and UNLEASHING THE POWER OF TEN INSERTS:** These may be used for Pentecost or for a future mission emphasis event. We’ve sent you an amount based on the number in our records. If you need more, please call Marcea in the US at 800-346-0075 or Liz in Canada at 800-730-3490.

**DVD:** Also included is a DVD with a 3½ minute video presentation entitled *Compelled by His Spirit*.

**WORSHIP LITANY:** We have included a worship litany. It is a collaborative effort between Christian Reformed World Missions and Reformed Worship magazine.

**DEVOTIONAL:** This year we have prepared an eight-day devotional that is emailed directly to your membership. Please have them sign up online at [www.crwmm.org/membership](http://www.crwmm.org/membership). The devotional will also be posted on our website [www.crwmm.org](http://www.crwmm.org) each day May 24 through May 31.

**Thank you** for helping to make *Pentecost* a special event in your congregation’s life. We at World Missions hope and pray that these materials will prove to be helpful in accomplishing that goal.

In the Spirit of Pentecost,

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P.S. If a special offering on *Pentecost* for the expansion of God’s Kingdom through Christian Reformed World Missions is not already on your calendar, please consider scheduling one. Thank you!