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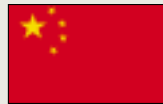
The Summer Mission Program exposes students to cross-cultural missions and puts them in touch with real missionaries on the field.

Participants are trained in mission principles, language, witnessing amidst cultural differences, and teaching English. The program stresses spiritual renewal, an increased commitment to Christ, and the expansion of God's Kingdom. These things and so much more were accomplished this year through SMP 2002.

SMP Pre-field Orientation

The 34 "SMPers" began their adventure in June with several days of Pre-Field Orientation at Calvin Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The week was jam-packed with information and activities designed to prepare them mentally, emotionally, and spiritually for their summer overseas. The teams of volunteers then traveled to serve with Christian Reformed World Missions missionaries in their respective fields. Teams were sent to China, Eastern Europe, Nigeria, The Philippines, and Russia.

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“I learned to be more open to God and what His plan is for me. God can do incredible things when we obey Him.”

-China team member



“I absolutely loved my time in the Philippines. The Filipino people are incredibly hospitable and friendly.”

-Philippine team member



“This trip to Nigeria was an amazing experience of un-reportable worth. I am continually realizing more ways that I have changed as a result of this trip.”

-Nigeria team member



“I got a sense of how powerful [God] is because I got a sense of his worldwide kingdom firsthand instead of just hearing about it.”

-Eastern Europe team member



“[I learned] that I am for sure ready and willing to work in his kingdom, no matter where and when.”

-Russia team member

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The China team spent ten days in Beijing studying the language and sightseeing, followed by four weeks of teaching English in Jinan. The Eastern Europe team spent most of their time teaching English at youth camps in Hungary, Romania, and Ukraine. The Nigeria team split up into various areas of service including: teaching English, medical assistance, AIDS awareness, and computer training. The Philippine team conducted a number of basketball clinics and made community ministry presentations. The Russia team worked at an education conference, a youth camp, a school renovation project, and an English camp. All the teams experienced the joys and the challenges of working cross-culturally for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

SMP 2002 Participants (see picture below):

Seated in front: Shamiram Gorgis, Carl Van Rooyen

First row (left to right): Jeremiah Tandayu, Judy Lew, Aleida van der Woerd, Judith Krاله, Judy Hertgers, Amanda

VanDellen, Holly Scheeringa, Joyce Tandayu, Andrea Pausma

Second row (left to right): Lieschen Jacobs, Karen Ten Kate, Alida Fernhout, Rachel Stellingwerff, Krista Tuininga, Andrew Vis, Nicole Roorda, Nancy Veurink, E. Laura Van Veen, Andrea Dykstra, Ben Slager, Angela Ritskes, Jennifer Curtis

Third row (left to right): Harry Lew, Mike Jacobs, Lewis Baarda, Kevin Mejeur, Jason Gehrels, Jana Bosscher, Nathan Oldenkamp, Phil Beck, Nicole Bruxvoort, Stephanie Van Eck



What's this logo all about?

We are pleased to announce that Christian Reformed World Missions' Summer Mission Program is now offered in cooperation



with "Encounters".

Encounters is a three phase leadership program designed to take you from discovering the heart of God and His

mission to discovering God's call in your life to testing your commitment with longer term opportunities. For more information, log on to www.encountergodscall.org.

Where in the World Are You?

We at World Missions want to stay in touch with you. Please take a minute to fill out the information below, cut along the dotted line, and return this form in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

Name: _____

Your SMP year: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

Upcoming in the Winter/Spring SMP Alumni News...

- Summer Memories Photo Gallery
- Personal Stories from SMP 2002
- SMP Opportunities for 2003

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