

# SMP

summer mission program

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Winter 2005

Christian Reformed World Missions

## SMP 2004

**China, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Eastern Europe, Russia, Japan**

**T**he Summer Mission Program (SMP) of the Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) provides an opportunity for short-term volunteers to 'come alongside' the work of our long-term missionaries. Each year returning participants witness to the transforming nature of these cross-cultural assignments. For some, it changes the course of their life. For all, it is a learning experience that has an impact long after they have returned home.

### God is Good. God is Faithful

The summer of 2004 marked the 15th year of SMP. CRWM was blessed to send 36 volunteers to seven countries. A team of seven went to China, four to Nigeria, five to Kazakhstan, three to the Philippines, seven to Eastern Europe, four to Russia and six to Japan. Six of our volunteers were SMP alumni returning to join a new team in the same location. For the first time, the Japan team participated in the pre-field training at Calvin Seminary in June. In the past, this team organized and trained independently and was sent directly from the Orange Korean CRC in Fullerton, California. It was a blessing to experience a little of the multi-ethnic blend of God's kingdom among the SMP volunteers during orientation.

Thank-you for committing the summer of 2004 to discovering the heart of God for the nations and exploring God's call in your life. At World Missions, we often refer to "A Summer, A Year, A Career." Now that you have done the summer, is God calling you to a year? A Career?



CHINA

SMP 2004 China Team's enthusiastic English Camp.

**The Christian Reformed Church needs committed people to serve in ministry and learn about missions. Are you a link to help build ENCOUNTERS SMP teams for 2005?**



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## SMP 2004 Team Photo

**Front row:** Charles Hong, Sarah Matherly, Aimee Breuker, Shamiram Gorgis, Erin Keyser, Rebecca Clark, Anne Venhuizen, Eunice Chong.

**Middle row:** Angie Katsma, Jon Bushnell, Rachel Lagestee, Renee Bosma, Kelli Wimbley, Jen VanderHeide, Ted Zarht, Gayle Doornbos, Esther Van Kampen, Sarah Huizinga, Christine Bosma.

**Back row:** Jason Bultje, Edward DeVries, Jason Roeda, Melinda Vander Ploeg, Kevin Boss, Jason Van Zee, Erika Hydeen, Derek Bos, John Park, Robin Ha.

**Not pictured:** Nathan Brink, Kwang Hoon Ji, Mike and Lieschen Jacobs, Derek Lew, Jessica Sohre, Hitomi Urushizaki.

## World Mission's Summer Mission Program and ENCOUNTERS

Christian Reformed World Missions' Summer Mission Program



is offered in cooperation with ENCOUNTERS. For more information, log on to [encountergodscall.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

## KAZAKHSTAN



On her way to English class, Erin Keyser passed this Russian woman each day. The woman sold sunflower seeds on the street corner and became friendly with Erin as she practiced her Russian greetings each day. The woman was very proud to have her picture taken on one of the last walks to the church where the Kazakhstan team held class.

SMP 2004 Kazakhstan Team

## RUSSIA



Picture break during renovations to a local school. Five Russian boys and Russia team member, Nathan Brink.

SMP 2004 Russia Team

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