

# MINISTRY REPORT 2011



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# The Gift That Keeps on Giving

**S**ay you place a one-dollar bill in the offering plate on Sunday when the offering is for denominational Ministry Shares. Here's what that dollar does.

Nineteen cents goes to World Missions to help support staff currently in the field and to open new fields so Jesus can reach "to the ends of the earth."

Fifteen cents goes to Home Missions, helping plant new churches and support pastors and outreach programs throughout North America.

Fourteen cents goes to support Back to God Ministries International, bringing the Word to the world through a variety of media.

Eleven cents of every dollar contributed goes to Calvin Theological Seminary to help prepare students for some form of ministry.

Another eleven cents will provide for the expenses of synod and some administrative costs and salaries.

Yet another eleven cents goes toward positioning chaplains in vital places, assisting churches in meeting the needs of those with disabilities, helping correct or improve relationships between pastors and churches, ensuring safe churches, providing leadership and assistance in the areas of social justice and hunger alleviation, and ministering to urban aboriginals.

Ten cents of your dollar assists Calvin College in equipping students to live for God in this world.

Five cents goes to help connect churches for ministry through the Network and its various programs.

And four cents will help Faith Alive Christian Resources publish curricula and study materials and other resources for the worldwide church.

With every dollar you give to Ministry Shares, you are enabled by God to be involved in ministry around the world. You can reach into nations you may never visit. You can enrich and inspire people you may never meet. You can protect folks you cannot see. You can provide materials you may never see or read, and connect churches you may never attend.

Through Ministry Shares, you and I, who have been blessed, become blessings. All through a simple act in the church where we regularly worship.

When the apostle Paul urged the Corinthians to contribute to the needs of the church, he did not have a system of Ministry Shares in mind. I suspect he would have been somewhat envious of our ability to "share" in ministry around the world. But what he wrote to the Corinthians he would surely say to us: "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" (2 Cor. 9:11-12).

In other words, Ministry Shares are the gift that just keeps on giving. Thank God for the privilege!



**Rev. Joel Boot** is the executive director (interim) of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

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# Together, We Are Doing More

**A**s members of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, we have a tremendous opportunity. Think about it. More than a thousand congregations representing hundreds of thousands of people, each being used by God to effect change in the world.

That's the beauty of Ministry Shares. About six dollars a week from each active adult member enables all of us to participate in life-changing ministry at home and around the world. Ministry Shares is powered by a simple commitment to be a part of something bigger. When your church faithfully contributes about \$300 per year per member, God multiplies those dollars. Read on to discover the powerful ways God is using your church to advance his Kingdom through Ministry Shares.



## Belief in the Face of Death

Habib, a 40-year-old teacher in a Middle Eastern country closed to evangelism, became a Christian after hearing Back to God Ministries International's Arabic radio program. But his wife demanded he throw away his Bible and quit listening to the broadcasts. "She threatened to expose my faith to our family and friends," said Habib. "They would have forced me to recant my faith in Christ or face death."

Habib lovingly explained why he couldn't renounce his faith. In time, his wife admitted she'd been secretly listening to the broadcasts

and reading his Bible. Habib's prayers were answered when she said, "I am ready to follow Christ and, if necessary, die with you."

"Jesus conquered her heart," Habib told BTGMI Arabic staff.

## Wasted Lives No More

As Farid grew up in the tough streets of Nicaragua, his life began to go off track. He started skipping school, drinking heavily, and got involved in a gang. But Francisco, a local pastor working with the Nehemiah Center, reached out to Farid and his friends. Francisco befriended and earned the respect of the troubled kids, offering them a fresh perspective on God, themselves, and their community.

In 2010 Farid and several others committed their lives to Christ. Life is not always easy, but they are earning a new reputation. Now they use their time to make and sell hammocks to raise money so they can help others. They've begun investing in the community by organizing an event for its more than 200 children. Once drifting and without purpose, now they work hard to change the world for the better.

## Smart Ideas Sprout a Useful Herb

Ashley Luse, a 22-year-old honors business/economics student at Calvin College, took her education and entrepreneurial spirit to Africa. There she worked with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee to study the market for amaranth, a high-protein herb that thrives in harsh growing conditions—and a potential cash crop for Ugandan farmers. She spent two weeks meeting people and assessing how to create a market for amaranth that could generate income for local farmers and create a food source to fight malnutrition.

"It seemed like everyone I met was involved in some sort of micro-business," noted Ashley. But she also saw something more than commerce at work: "There's a spirit in Africa; the people are spiritual and passionate about life. I was able to take a bit of that home with me."



### Planting Churches Behind Bars

While a student at Calvin Theological Seminary, Rick Admiraal visited a prison and found his destiny. He was inspired as he listened to pastors from prison ministries describe their model of ministry. “We heard their stories, and heard how empowering it was for inmates. They’re not just ministered to, but they become servants of God, leaders in the church, active participants.”

Now Rick is the pastor of New Life Prison Church, a church plant within the Newton (Iowa) Correctional Facility. He hosts a weekly prayer group and Bible study. “People think of prison as a dark place, but it’s also a spiritually fruitful place, and that very much energizes me,” says Rick. “I felt a call from God not just to do ministry, but prison ministry specifically.”

### Gospel Movement Grows in Philadelphia

Twenty-three years ago, church planters Manny Ortiz and Sue Baker started Spirit and Truth Fellowship in inner-city Philadelphia. This single church has planted eight daughter churches in Philadelphia, and, with the support of the Home Missions Eastern U.S. regional team, it has helped form a regional cluster of churches and leaders deliberately working together in the poorest part of North Philadelphia.

This growing Philadelphia gospel movement has also helped start a Christian school, an art program, a legal department, a before- and

after-school program, a seminary for urban church planters, and has helped reach people like Anthony, a former drug addict and drug dealer. Through one of the new churches started by Spirit & Truth, Anthony found Jesus and now prays to God every day. “I am just blessed to wake up every morning,” he says, “God is truly good.”

### Hope Translated for Children

World Literature Ministries, the global publishing arm of Faith Alive Christian Resources, recently published a children’s Bible in Spanish. In the past, WLM has focused on faith-based resources for adults in languages other than English, so the new children’s Bible marks an important milestone.

“It’s meant to be read by parents to their kids,” said Jan Dijkman, WLM’s director. “We hope it will also help parents and grandparents stimulate reading and interest in the big story of the Bible.”

This represents just one small example of how your support of Ministry Shares helps the CRC expand its outreach and deliver a message of hope to families around the world.

### Where the Money Goes

The money you give to Ministry Shares provides more than \$25 million each year to fund programs that enable your church to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, use media to spread the gospel, and much more. Ministry Shares provide vital support for almost all our ministries.

About 85 cents of every dollar raised through Ministry Shares goes directly into ministry programs. Ministry Shares provides about 40 percent of the budgets for CRC mission agencies, 50 percent of the budget for Calvin Theological Seminary, and between 60 percent and 95 percent of the budgets for CRC Specialized Ministries.

To learn more about how God is using your Ministry Shares to transform lives and communities, visit [www.crcna.org/MinistryShares](http://www.crcna.org/MinistryShares).



# God's Healing Touch in Haiti



One moment Josette was standing next to her fiancé, discussing their upcoming marriage. The next they were buried by rubble from the January 2010 earthquake that devastated their homeland of Haiti.

"My future husband died beside me and I was trapped under the rubble until 11 o'clock that night," recalls Josette, who also lost an arm. "After the earthquake I couldn't stop crying. I believed I had truly lost everything."

Josette quietly grieved the pain and loss—until she learned about a counseling ministry provided by Back to God Ministries International in partnership with Christian Reformed World Missions.

Seeking help, she met with Pastor Gregory Brutus, leader of a pastoral care ministry focusing on earthquake victims with funds provided through the CRC's "Help Haiti" project.

"Pastor Gregory listened and prayed with me and gave me some Bible verses to meditate on," says Josette. "Today, after many visits, I can say I am doing better. I don't cry anymore."



**Pastor Gregory offers counseling**

I have accepted the death of my fiancé and I have learned to pray."

Another part of Pastor Gregory's job is to manage a recording studio in Port-au-Prince and help translate BTGMI's messages into Creole, the heart language of many Haitian people.

People who suffered great losses are finding hope and healing through the counseling ministry and the BTGMI broadcasts across Haiti. "I thank God for saving my life and for this ministry," says Josette.

—Nancy Vander Meer,  
BTGMI Communications

## Renewal in Japan



Sakado Church, one of the Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ) churches in West Saitama, held an inauguration service in July for its new church-planting project in the city of Niigata.

"Niigata is one of the largest cities on the Sea of Japan side of Honshu," said Larry Spalink, a Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) missionary in Japan. "There is no Reformed witness in the whole Niigata Prefecture (of almost 2.5 million people)."

The Niigata church plant is Sakado's second daughter church. Sakado itself was begun by CRWM.

Since less than one percent of Japanese people are Christians, much work remains. Many Japanese follow various gods and a mixture of Shinto and Buddhist practices.

"I am constantly reminded of the urgency Jesus communicated to his disciples when he



**Shinto followers write prayers on small wooden plaques**

told them to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into his harvest field," Spalink says.

"Things seem to be thawing in Japan and some churches are growing more than I have seen in over 20 years, which makes the situation all the more poignant."

—Sarah Van Stempvoort,  
CRWM Communications

# Where to Eat in Kwikuba



If you ever find yourself in Kwikuba village in northern Tanzania, stop by Maimuna Mgonyoro's restaurant.

The small restaurant was started three years ago and has quickly grown, thanks to the cooking skills and business sense of Maimuna—and some help from the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC).

Maimuna refined her cooking skills as she raised her three children and cared for her husband. But Maimuna often faced difficulties as one of several wives.

"Maimuna's basic needs were hardly being met," said Philip Chiwanga, a development officer for one of CRWRC's partners in Tanzania. "Her husband, a peasant farmer, had trouble supporting all his wives and children."

As Maimuna struggled to raise the funds to send her children to school, she learned about the Mwangaza, a self-help group, begun by Chiwanga's organization with CRWRC's assistance. The group encourages members to achieve goals through training, savings, and mutual support.

In 2008, Maimuna decided to attend the trainings and begin saving money for a business. She also received a small loan (the equivalent of about \$31 U.S.) from the group and started a catering business.

"The trainings . . . gave me hope that my business could grow if I never gave up, remained faithful, diligent, and committed to my goals while also keeping good records," said Maimuna.

Within a year, her clients had grown so numerous that she needed to expand and took out a second loan, using it to rent a building for a restaurant and as a base for catering.

"An increasing number of clients are coming to the restaurant because of Maimuna's friend-

ly nature and quality of service," said Chiwanga. "Over the last three years, her restaurant has grown to become the village's favorite meal spot."

As a result, Maimuna has been able to repay her loan, build her own house, furnish it, feed her children, meet all their basic needs including education, and save money for investment in her business.

Maimuna's restaurant employs local youth, who help prepare and serve the food. Because



**Maimuna Mgonyoro with her children**

she contributes her savings back to the community fund, others are able to take out small loans and start businesses.

"Maimuna's self-help group is called 'Mwangaza.' This is the Swahili word for light, brightness, and knowledge," said CRWRC-Tanzania staff member Chris Enns.

He said this embodies much of what CRWRC is about: bringing God's light to the world through community outreach and inspiring individuals and communities to grow in knowledge and skills.

—Kristen deRoo VanderBerg,  
CRWRC Communications

## Ventures Focus on Planting Churches



The Christian Reformed Church in North America has launched two ventures to help start healthy new churches across North America.

One is Calvin Theological Seminary's Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal. The other is a collaborative effort between the CRCNA and the Reformed Church in America (RCA), begun with a gift from a donor, to start new churches in targeted areas across North America.

The primary focus of the institute at CTS will be to equip students to start new churches and work to renew struggling churches. Many of these churches are likely to be multicultural, especially in large urban centers in North America and worldwide.

Besides using the resources available at CTS, such as the Center for Excellence in Preaching, the institute will draw on the expertise of the new CRC/RCA church multiplication effort, as

well as Calvin College educators and the institutes and networks available there.

Tim Vink, coordinator for church multiplication for the RCA and leader of the joint church-planting implementation team, said the church-planting project "will increase our ability to plant the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in many more lives and communities across North America."

Rev. Larry Doornbos, the new leader for Christian Reformed Home Missions' Church Planting and Development Leadership Team, says the team seeks to help train and evaluate future leaders and plant 30 churches each year in North America.

"The need for us to move our attention from inside the four walls to outside the four walls has never been greater, as North America has become a mission field," he said.

—Chris Meehan,  
CRC Communications

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## CRC Launches Muslim Ministry



Rev. Greg Sinclair, a Christian Reformed pastor who worked among Muslims in West Africa for nearly a decade, is the first training coordinator of the CRC's new ministry Advancing Ministry Among Muslims (AMAM).

"I am excited to be working with AMAM helping CRC people to reach out to Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ," Sinclair said. "Muslims follow their faith back to Abraham as we do, but are often misunderstood and even despised."

A multi-agency effort, AMAM's aim is to train trainers who will meet with congregations interested in learning more about Islam as well as how to reach out in the love of Christ to Muslims.

"We want to do training in churches so that, rather than default to the stereotypes (of Muslims as fundamentalist terrorists) that the media and others build up, they will learn to better understand Islam and learn to love Muslims in Jesus' name," said Joel Hogan,



Joel Hogan

director of international ministries for CRWM.

AMAM is largely a response to requests from CRC congregations for help with learning about Islam and reaching out to Muslims.

Hogan says there are nearly two billion Muslims in the world, many of whom have never met or spoken to a Christian.

"In understanding Islam from a biblical and historical perspective, we would like people to respond to their Muslim brothers and sisters out of compassion and love and not fear and hatred. Out of that Christian love can come actions," he said.

—Chris Meehan,  
CRC Communications

## Two Churches Model Race Relations



Rev. Esteban Lugo, director of the Christian Reformed Church's Office of Race Relations, was deeply touched when he attended a combined worship service this summer between members of a CRC congregation and a Baptist church.

Although the West Michigan congregations had met together before, it was Lugo's first time at one of the services. As he watched, he said, he kept thinking that the service between a largely white CRC congregation and a largely African-American Baptist church reflected the unity for which his office strives.

Lugo calls the relationship between Second Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven and Queen Esther Baptist Church in nearby Muskegon Heights a model of what congregations can do to break down the walls of racism.

"I was impressed by how the congregations as well as the pastors were comfortable with each other and there was evidence of relationships having been established," he said. "There



Members from Second CRC and Queen Esther Baptist Church worship together.

didn't seem to be any hesitation in reaching for each other and relating. I was also impressed with their desire to do ministry together."

The connection grew through a series of circumstances, gathering steam in 2007 when the pastors of the two churches sat down and decided to work together.

"Stereotypes have fallen away. We have learned from each other," says Rev. Mike Koetje, senior pastor of Second CRC.

"It (Second CRC) is like a second church to me," says Chandar Ricks, a Queen Esther member. The venture, he says, is "a little like heaven."

—Chris Meehan,  
CRC Communications

## Curricula for Every Church



Faith Alive has added two new curricula, grounded in the Reformed tradition, for churches to use in teaching God's story.

With the addition of *Dwell* for grades K-8 and an intergenerational series called *WE*, Faith Alive offers four different curricula, providing options for all churches:

**Dwell:** Faith Alive's newest Sunday school curriculum helps kids experience God's big story, find their place in it, and see God working in the world. Elementary school students explore stories from the Old and New Testaments. Middle-school students learn how Reformed doctrine grows out of Scripture's narrative. Grades K-8.

**WE:** This intergenerational curriculum offers a series of enjoyable, faith-building monthly events where the whole church gathers for a

meal and explores God's story through drama, small- and large-group activities, praise, and more. Preschoolers through adults.

**Kid Connection:** This contemporary, more casual curriculum uses a large group/small group format. Materials are kept simple and include a strong family faith nurture component in the *Guess What!* family magazine. Grades K-6.

**Walk With Me:** Faith Alive's most "traditional" curriculum helps kids learn to know God, grow in faith, and show God's love to others. It encourages leaders and kids to care for each other, have fun, and help each other learn and grow. Preschool to grade 8.

For more information, visit [www.faithalivresources.org](http://www.faithalivresources.org) or call 1-800-333-8300.

—Sandy Swartzentruber,  
Faith Alive Christian Resources



# Back to God Ministries International

In some places of the world, media is the only way people hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Thanks to your support, Back to God Ministries International proclaims the gospel throughout the world using audio, video, the Internet, cell phones, and print outreach. Because we work with 10 indigenous ministry teams, we can effectively communicate Christ in the “heart language” of those we are reaching.

We praise God that people who receive the message of God’s love in Christ are coming to Christ and growing in their walk of faith. Especially through Internet and social media outreach, each month we are in contact with more than 1.2 million people in 189 countries.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

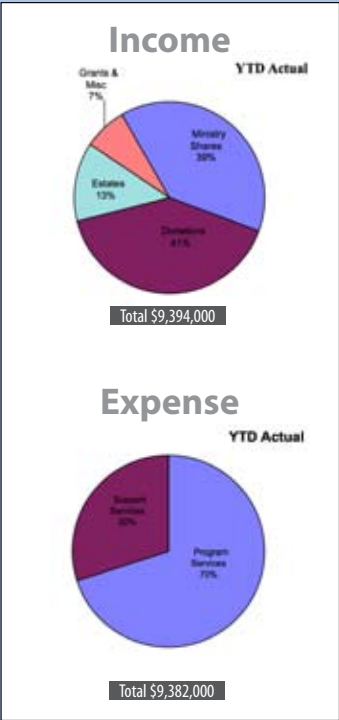
As Back to God Ministries International shared the gospel in 2011, God worked in the hearts of people to respond to his love:

- Through social media, the number of people who receive the Chinese Today devotional grew from 30,000 last year to more than 100,000 today.
- In the Middle East, as many as 5,000 seekers, including many Muslims, visit the Arabic ministry website each month.
- Japanese listeners downloaded 1.1 million sermon messages by cell phone.
- English-language outreach launched Family Fire, a new Facebook-based ministry to help strengthen families.
- Over the past year the number of Latin American TV stations airing our Spanish program more than doubled to 220 outlets.
- We distributed more than 700,000 Portuguese-language program CDs and DVDs to people who want to grow in their walk with the Lord.
- Our Russian team launched a new web-based live program designed to engage nonbelievers in conversation about the Christian faith.
- 1,330 pastors and church leaders in Africa received training in 2011; many of these will become mentors for those enrolled in our French Bible study course.
- We have now established 160 listener communities throughout Indonesia and 50 in Northern India and the Himalayan region.



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# Calvin College

**F**ounded in 1876 as a Christian Reformed seminary with one teacher and seven students, Calvin College now offers more than 100 majors and programs and serves more than 3,900 students from 46 U.S. states and 53 countries worldwide.

Calvin is committed to academic excellence, equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and virtues to allow them to impact culture in a meaningful way.

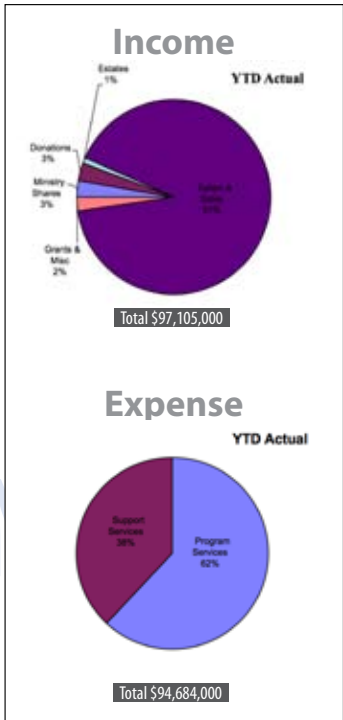
Calvin's mission statement says: "Through our learning, we seek to be agents of renewal in the academy, church, and society. We pledge fidelity to Jesus Christ, offering our hearts and lives to do God's work in God's world."



Spoolhof Fieldhouse Complex lobby

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Added semester program in Peru, the college's first semester program in South America
- Helped develop the first bachelor of social work program in Liberia
- Began a five-year, bachelor-to-master's program in speech pathology and audiology, which offers clinical services for children and adult stroke patients
- Celebrated the 25th year of the Entrada Scholars program, providing high school juniors and seniors of color with a college-immersion experience
- Received a \$58,500 EPA grant for outreach/education to the Plaster Creek Stewards, a group of Calvin faculty and staff working with local churches and community partners to restore the Plaster Creek watershed
- Gave \$400,000 to worship renewal projects in 37 churches and organizations across North America from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
- Received two Fulbright Awards for faculty and three Goldwater Scholarships for students
- Served on service-learning spring break trips in 10 states. A record 120 students participated.
- Opened the new \$1.1 million, 4,450 square-foot Integrated Scientific Research Experimental Laboratory
- Announced the retirement of President Gaylen Byker (following the 2011-2012 academic year). A 16-member search committee will choose Calvin's next president.



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# Calvin Theological Seminary

Calvin Theological Seminary (CTS) is “Called to Serve.” That theme was pictured at the recent inauguration of Rev. Jul Medenblik as the seventh president of Calvin Theological Seminary, as he washed the feet of representatives of the CTS community.

CTS is called to serve the church. It does this in many ways, but primarily by training the next generation of church leaders. The training at CTS is about the whole person. CTS is committed to formation for ministry: developing character, knowledge, and skills in the context of Christian community.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- About 270 students from more than 30 denominations around the world attend CTS.
- Rev. Jul Medenblik officially began his term as president on August 1 and was inaugurated on October 15.
- Plans continue to offer the Master of Divinity degree through a five year online format. The first cohort (group of students) will begin their training in the fall of 2012.
- A gift of 1.5 million dollars is committed to sustain the first years of the Distance Learning program, which is being led by Rev. Peter Choi as director of distance education and Nathan Bierma as educational technologist.
- An agreement was finalized with Kuyper College for a six-year Bachelor of Arts/Master of Divinity degree program for students who make that commitment to ministry.
- Around 100 new students were welcomed in the fall to various degree programs.
- CTS successfully completed the thirteenth year of “Facing Your Future,” where young people discern their calling before God.
- The seminary launched a planned giving society called “The President’s Legacy Society,” which will help CTS supporters be strategic in planning their estates and trusts.
- CTS offers programs geared toward church members and church staff interested in specialized training but not planning to complete a degree program. Certificates are available in various areas of studies including youth ministry, pastoral care, worship, and missions and evangelism.



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You can receive regular updates about CTS on Facebook.

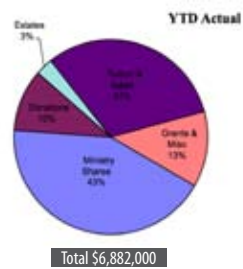


Nathan Bierma

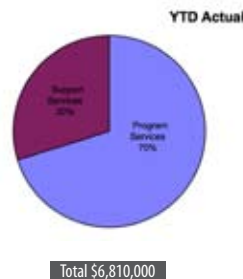


Peter Choi

## Income



## Expense



# Christian Reformed Home Missions

Christian Reformed Home Missions follows God’s lead in the movement of the gospel in North America. Working through regional teams, Home Missions supports a diverse group of church planters, pastors, campus ministers, and others who are called to renew communities together.

Home Missions partners with classes and local churches to:

- multiply new churches and campus ministries
- help existing churches sharpen their mission focus
- cultivate diverse missional leaders for churches and ministries
- promote small groups, discipleship, and spiritual formation

Seven ministry teams led by regional leaders, together with four ethnic leaders, coordinate and support the work of mission regionally so that persons are brought to Christ and welcomed into our denominational community of faith.



By Grace Alone is a Home-Missions supported church that is helping to renew a tough neighborhood in northeast Philadelphia.

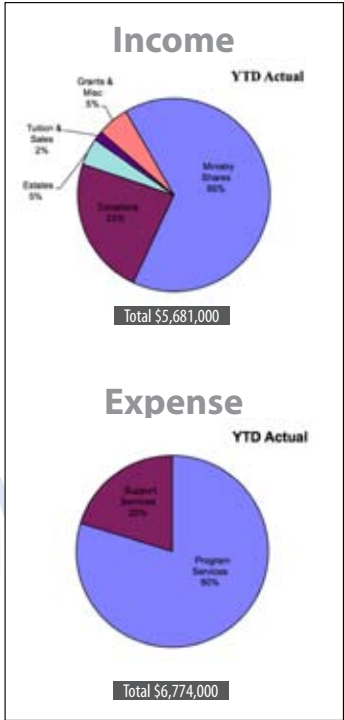
## Highlights

- Home Missions provides funding to more than 150 ministries in the United States and Canada.
- 75 new churches currently receive financial assistance from Home Missions, with more in the early planning stages.
- 33 campus ministries currently receive Home Missions support.
- 13 Leadership Development Networks are training evangelists in English-, Korean, and Spanish-speaking communities.
- More than 500 Christian Reformed churches and nearly 400 congregations from other denominations are active in small groups ministry, thanks to Coffee Break and other programs and resources made available through Home Missions.



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# Christian Reformed World Missions

For more than 100 years Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) has been helping Christian Reformed churches fulfill the Great Commission.

Today, CRWM has more than 200 missionaries serving in over 20 countries, and through partnerships our work extends to more than 40 countries. We focus our efforts around the world on:

- multiplying believers and churches.
- equipping and connecting leaders.
- reaching teachers and students with a biblical worldview.
- strengthening churches and organizations.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Spirit moved more than 11,500 people to commit their lives to Christ in the last year through the work of World Missions missionaries and partners.
- Nearly 160 new worshipping communities were established last year.
- Over 2,000 people participated in CRWM-related formal pastoral and theological training.
- Over 16,200 people participated in CRWM-related non-formal leader development programs.
- 13 new missionaries were appointed by CRWM and are serving in countries such as Costa Rica, Honduras, Lithuania, Nicaragua, Nigeria, and Uganda.
- 73 teachers and administrators served in international schools through CRWM.
- 161 volunteers served through CRWM in various countries.



CRWM is strengthening Nigerian churches and Christians for outreach in their communities.



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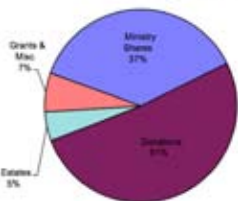
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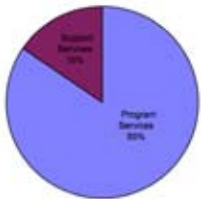
YTD Actual



Total \$13,418,000

## Expense

YTD Actual



Total \$13,414,000

# Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) responds on your behalf to poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice around the world, demonstrating Christ's love to those who need it most. CRWRC also encourages CRC members to participate in this ministry through volunteering, advocacy, prayer, and financial support.

One of the most notable things about the 2010-2011 ministry year was the number of disasters that the world experienced. Flooding in Pakistan, a tsunami in Japan, drought in Kenya, and tornadoes in the U.S. left thousands of people in urgent need. Thankfully, the year was also one of generosity. Every time a need arose, members of the Christian Reformed Church responded.

As a result, CRWRC was able to provide disaster aid programming in 26 countries. This included assessing the needs of 9,292 North American disaster survivors and repairing and rebuilding 774 homes. It also included providing emergency aid such as food, water, and shelter to 746,994 people in other countries.

At the same time, CRWRC continued to respond to the daily disasters of hunger and poverty. International staff members worked alongside Christian leaders in 87 churches and community organizations to equip them to recognize and respond to needs in their communities. As a result, programs in literacy, improved agriculture, maternal and child health, small business development, AIDS awareness and prevention, home-based health care, and civic education were able to grow and thrive and 886,245 individuals were assisted in making a better life for themselves and their families.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- CRWRC served in 37 countries, responding to disaster and providing long-term community programs.
- CRWRC supported the work of 87 community-based churches and partners to help them improve lives in 4,072 communities.
- In total, CRWRC's programs helped 1,663,815 people.
- CRWRC's ministry was supported by 3,373 volunteers who donated 278,837 hours – roughly the equivalent of 134 full-time employees for a year.
- CRWRC relies on gifts and offerings to support its work and does not receive Ministry Shares. To learn how you can get involved, please visit [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org).



In Prey Anse, Cambodia, CRWRC works with the Community for Transformation to help farmers grow more food by improving their farming techniques.



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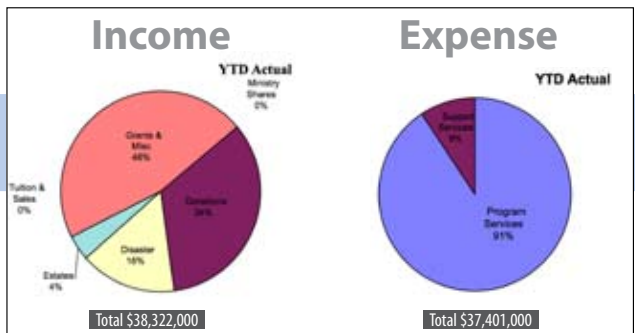
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# Faith Alive

**F**aith Alive is the publishing ministry of the CRC and the resource provider of the Reformed Church in America. We produce curriculum, books, and other materials to help people grow in faith and serve God and God’s people.

We publish resources for all ages, including preschoolers through adults, and for youth groups, small groups, people with special needs, worship planners, and church leaders.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### New Curricula

Faith Alive released two major new curricula in 2011: *Dwell*, a children’s ministry curriculum that helps kids “live into” God’s big story; and *WE*, an intergenerational series of events for the whole church. Faith Alive now offers four distinctly different curricula, with an option to fit every church.

### New Releases

Other resources released in 2011 included:

- Christian Reformed Church Order Commentary
- Dive Devotions, a devotional for middle schoolers
- Faith Unfolded: A Fresh Look at the Reformed Faith
- God’s Big Story Cards: a unique devotional game for families
- Living and Loving Life: Devotional Reflections
- 150: Finding Your Story in the Psalms
- In the Infuse Bible study series: Acts: Church on the Edge and Christmas: Light Splits the Night
- In the Discover Your Bible series: Discover 1 Samuel

**New look:** For its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, *Reformed Worship* received a fresh new redesign of its print journal and website. *The Banner’s* website also received a redesign with a new look and the capability for reader commenting.

**New music:** Faith Alive’s Music and Worship Office is working on two major new projects: *Psalms for All Seasons: A Complete Psalter for Worship*—an unprecedented compilation of all 150 psalms in multiple formats, scheduled for release in January 2012; and *Lift Up Your Hearts*, a joint hymnal for use by both the CRC and the Reformed Church in America, scheduled for release in June 2013.

**Around the world:** World Literature Ministries provides people with Reformed resources in Spanish, Korean, and other languages.



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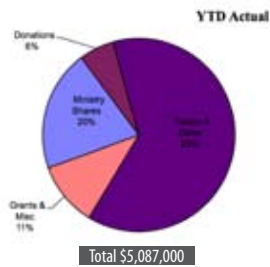
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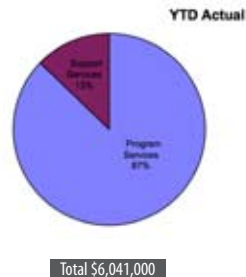
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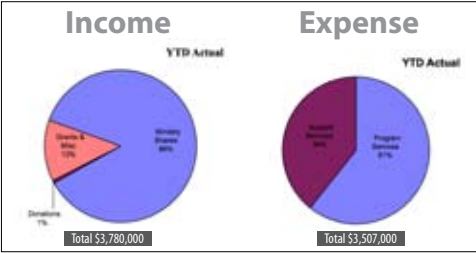


# Denominational Services & Specialized Ministries

**D**enominational Services oversees the work of Christian Reformed Church agencies and specialized ministries and provides funds for synodical services, including the Board of Trustees. It also provides ministries such as Ministerial Candidacy, the Leadership Exchange, CRC Communications, and Denominational Advancement, as well as general administration.

Specialized Ministries serve the church by initiating, designing, and implementing ministry programs in the areas of the Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue (Canada), Disability Concerns, Pastor-Church Relations, Race Relations, Safe Church Ministry, Social Justice, and Urban Aboriginal Ministries.

## Denominational Services



## Specialized Ministries



## Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

**C**haplaincy and Care Ministry is the office that develops and promotes the ministry of chaplains in hospitals, hospice care, prisons, the military, workplaces, and other locations throughout the U.S. and Canada (with some military personnel serving overseas).



### HIGHLIGHTS

124 CRCNA chaplains touch hundreds of lives of individuals in crisis (and often their families) with the love and presence of Christ every day.

In addition, Chaplaincy and Care Ministry is tasked with encouraging churches and classes to recognize and support the chaplains in their area while also encouraging chaplains to share their pastoral care expertise with the local church.

Because chaplains are paid by the institutions for which they work, every dollar invested in chaplaincy and care ministry through donations and Ministry Shares yields more than \$50 in ministry by chaplains.

Currently we are blessed to have:

- 96 active full-time chaplains
- 28 part-time chaplains
- 76 retired chaplains, and
- 21 students in chaplaincy-oriented training



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# Pastor-Church Relations

The staff of Pastor-Church Relations is available to help pastors, church staff, ministry leaders, councils, and congregations with intervention, consultation, education, leadership development, and staff support.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- PCR hosted a conference in November for Regional Pastors from all over North America. Dr. Jaco Hamman of Western Seminary provided three plenary talks on the “grief and loss facing pastors and their families.” Joining the Regional Pastors for much of the conference were over a dozen Specialized Transitional Ministers who gathered earlier in that same week for their annual training event. The interaction and synergy among these seasoned pastors encourages the growth of healthy pastors, healthy church leaders, and healthy congregations.
- Work has begun on a training tool for congregations on the topic of pastor search committees.

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# Disability Concerns

Disability Concerns seeks to bring about the full participation of people with disabilities in the life of the church and the full participation of the church in the lives of people with disabilities. We help Christian Reformed churches embrace and embody the biblical value for God’s people: everybody belongs, and everybody serves.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- CRC Disability Concerns, with Reformed Church in America Disability Concerns, recently produced Inclusion Handbook: Everybody Belongs, Everybody Serves. Written to help churches engage people with disabilities in all aspects of ministry, this practical resource can be ordered from Faith Alive Christian Resources at [www.faithaliveresources.org](http://www.faithaliveresources.org) or downloaded for free from Disability Concerns’ website.
- Because nearly 20 percent of Christian Reformed churches use Spanish or Korean in some aspects their ministry, Disability Concerns has expanded our offering of resources in these two languages, including our quarterly newsletter Breaking Barriers.
- To promote safe dialogue about mental health within the body of Christ, we have initiated a story project called “Stories of Grace and Truth.” We encourage people who have mental illnesses and people who support them to send their stories, poems, and visual art about their experiences to [stories@crcna.org](mailto:stories@crcna.org).



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## Race Relations

**T**he Office of Race Relations seeks to bring about biblical reconciliation within the church. We encourage CRC churches to embrace their identity as God's diverse and unified family through the Dance of Racial Reconciliation (DORR) and Widening the Circle (WTC) workshops. In conjunction with Faith Alive and Home Missions, we have released a DVD titled Facing Racism, which includes a study guide. A copy has been sent to each congregation, and additional DVDs are available from Faith Alive Christian Resources at [www.faithaliveresources.org](http://www.faithaliveresources.org) or 1-800-333-8300.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten students attending CRC-sponsored colleges have benefited from the scholarship money from offerings in response to All Nations Heritage Sunday.
- The Office of Race Relations invites and encourages people of color to be active in their churches and to serve on committees, denominational boards, and synod. When people serve in this manner, valuable experience and leadership qualities are the reward, and they add new voices to decisions and directions that are crucial to the life of the CRC.
- The CRC continues to face the challenge of placing high value on the dignity of all persons, on the inclusiveness of multiple cultures, and on the integrity of that identity. Race Relations continues to lead and encourage the churches.



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## Safe Church Ministry

**S**afe Church Ministry is dedicated to abuse awareness, prevention, and response. We equip Safe Church Ministry Teams to offer churches three things: opportunities to build awareness and to learn about abuse, support to those who suffer from abuse, and the Advisory Panel process for cases of church leader misconduct.

Abuse and the devastation it causes will continue as long as it remains hidden behind a veil of silence in our churches. Safe Church Ministry works to remove the veil, so that there can be healing and restoration.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Conference: A Safe Church Conference was held in April, with plans underway to make it an annual event for all Safe Church Team members.
- Regional training: Several events are scheduled, focused on building awareness about abuse and Safe Church Ministry.
- Updated website: New resources include "the frame" (context for Safe Church Ministry), survivor stories, and discussion guides for small groups. Handbooks for church leaders and councils will be available soon.
- Abuse Awareness Sunday (4th Sunday in September).



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# Office of Social Justice

The Office of Social Justice (OSJ) educates CRC members, encourages and supports their engagement in social justice issues, and occasionally is involved in direct advocacy.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Office of Social Justice has many ways for people to stay connected. Our latest newsletter, "OSJ Prayers," is a weekly digest of the most pressing justice issues around the world. It's great for use in small groups or personal prayer.
- For a comprehensive overview of various social justice issues, visit our website at [crcjustice.org](http://crcjustice.org). We also have an active presence on both Facebook and Twitter for folks who prefer shorter, more immediate updates.
- Our Action Center at [www.crcjustice.org](http://www.crcjustice.org) has an increased capacity. Visit regularly to get a Reformed perspective on the hottest political topics, from the situation in the Middle East to immigration reform and global poverty. Don't know how to advocate? We can help with that too!
- Our congregational mobilizers are happy to speak or preach on any issue, or give a general introduction to social justice.



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# ServiceLink

ServiceLink, a volunteer program of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, serves denominational agencies, ministry programs, and churches across Canada and the United States.

Through ServiceLink, members of CRC congregations can join agency and ministry staff in offering their time, talent, and treasure for meaningful involvement in ministry at home and abroad.

Staff gather and promote a variety of diverse opportunities, partnering with agencies and other Christian ministries for greater impact and enabling the CRC to stretch further in its mission to transform lives and communities worldwide.

Mission and service experiences provide volunteers with firsthand glimpses of what God is doing through the efforts of the Christian Reformed Church and generate enthusiasm for a deeper commitment to its mission and vision.

Additionally, ServiceLink provides volunteers, churches, and ministry organizations with resources that will enhance the volunteer experience and with training materials for greater impact in the volunteer management process.

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# Canadian Ministries

Canadian Ministries help Christian Reformed churches in Canada to respond to opportunities for transformational impact and Kingdom advancement.

While the CRCNA is committed to being one denomination in two countries, it is also determined to be authentic and prophetic within its unique Canadian context. Examples of ongoing projects and fresh initiatives are:

- Advocating for quality education of children in First Nation communities
- Strategizing for collaborative ministry in the province of Quebec
- Providing pastoral support and encouragement to Aboriginal people in urban settings
- Preparing resources and ministry approaches for congregations to welcome and incorporate new Canadians into the fellowship
- Encouraging and assisting in youth ministry initiatives such as the All Ontario Youth Convention
- Actively engaging with the Canadian Council of Churches, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, the Reformed Church in America (Regional Synod of Canada) and the Presbyterian Church in Canada.



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## Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE)/

## Sustaining Congregational Excellence (SCE)

SPE supports and encourages pastors and pastors' spouses through peer group grants, pastors' spouses' conferences, and pastor-couple learning events. SCE offers five grant opportunities and learning events for smaller congregations.

### Highlights

#### SPE

- 75% of all CRC pastors have been part of the 154 SPE peer groups formed since 2003.
- Plans for the November 2012 pastors' spouses' conference are underway.

#### SCE

- 67% of eligible Canadian churches and 61% of eligible U.S. churches have participated in SCE programming.
- Learning events are great opportunities for ministry leaders to gather for sharing and learning about healthy congregations. Six events will be held this year.

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# The Network

The Network connects congregations and their leaders for ministry. One of the main ways is through the website [crcna.org/network](http://crcna.org/network). The online Network consists of many smaller networks, each dedicated to a specific ministry role: deacon, Sunday school teacher, pastor, administrator, elder, tech person, mission team leader, and more.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A primary goal is to get visitors talking to each other about doing ministry. The Network receives more than 10,000 page views per week and, over the past year, CRC members have posted more than 3,500 comments, questions, and tips for each other. Here's a sampling of what people have said about The Network:
    - Cindi: "I really believe that The Network is the beginning of what will become a tremendous kingdom building tool."
    - Rebecca: "Every week, I find at least 2-3 posts that help me with my ministry or that I can share with someone else."
    - Paul: "I think The Network is an ambitious undertaking and I'm very impressed at what you've been able to accomplish so far."
    - Mavis: "I love sharing ideas and hearing things that other churches are doing."
- The Network is always striving to connect people in the CRC. This year we saw
- the launch of the Synod Network to expand the conversation on issues that are brought before the CRC's annual synod.
  - creation of a Disability Concerns Parent Support Forum.
  - frequent guest blogs to hear the perspectives and insights from CRC pastors and ministry leaders.
  - launch of the Classis Network to discuss the role of classis and opportunities for regional ministry.



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# Leadership Exchange

The Leadership Exchange is in the business of helping leaders become leaders. It does so by catalyzing and cultivating diverse environments of strategic leadership formation. As it seeks to introduce a new breed of leaders who will lead the Christian Reformed Church into its next phase, the Leadership Exchange is primarily focused on leadership formation within three groups of people in the CRCNA. It is critically and strategically important that the church reach out to and empower young adults, ethnic leaders, and those working in the marketplace to be more effective leaders. Thus, we are working to position and prepare individuals in these groups to be leaders who would shape the churches of our denomination and influence churches and organizations throughout the world.

Follow the Leadership Exchange as it introduces some new programs of leadership formation: the RELEASE 1.0 program (two year, cohort based leadership formation), elders training, and the 1:1 challenge (disciple-making challenge).



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# CRC Loan Fund

The Loan Fund, established by synod in 1983, offers loans to Christian Reformed churches in the United States for the acquisition or construction of church facilities, parsonages, and land. Loans are also made for improvements and repairs to church property.

The primary source of funds for lending activities is funds invested in the Loan Fund by members, churches, and classes of the CRCNA as well as by organizations related to the CRC. The Loan Fund also obtains funds from revenues generated by its lending activities and interest received on deposits of its funds.

The Loan Fund is unique in that it does not solicit gifts nor does it receive Ministry Shares to support any of its activities. The Loan Fund is managed by a six-member board of directors elected by Synod to serve three-year terms.

## HIGHLIGHTS

During the past year the Loan Fund:

- honored Carl A. Gronsman for his many years of service as Loan Fund director upon his retirement, and welcomed David E. Veen as director.
- financed the construction of a parsonage for a church in New Mexico.
- assisted a church in Michigan in the repaving of its parking lot.

*This information does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to purchase. Offers will be made only by the offering circular in those jurisdictions where it is lawful to make such an offer or solicitation of an offer. Investments in the Loan Fund involve risks more fully disclosed in the offering circular.*



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# Christian Reformed Church Foundation

The Christian Reformed Church Foundation works on behalf of the denomination to fund priorities and keep the church focused on its mission.

The Foundation is committed to strengthening CRCNA agencies and institutions. It encourages generosity and stewardship on their behalf and works in partnership with them to add resources rather than compete for charitable gifts. Though the Foundation may partner with an agency to develop financial resources, it primarily seeks funds to develop new ideas and startup programs that

- fall outside denominational agency mandates
- integrate program resources on behalf of the denomination as a whole
- support innovative efforts that are not funded through budgets of synod, classes, or agencies.

The Foundation works under the authority of the CRCNA Board of Directors. It is legally established in the United States and Canada.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Sponsored five seminars for pastors and church leaders in partnership with the Lake Institute of Faith and Giving
- Financially assisted the production of the new Facing Racism educational program
- Supported the financial needs of the Leadership Exchange



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# Ministry Shares Receipts and Gift Income Summary

	2010	2011
<b>Back to God Ministries</b>		
Ministry Shares	3,667,000	3,663,000
Gift and offerings	3,875,000	3,793,000
Estate Gifts	1,580,000	1,254,000
Total	9,122,000	8,710,000
<b>Calvin College</b>		
Ministry Shares	2,693,000	2,614,000
Gift and offerings	2,709,000	2,894,000
Estate Gifts	339,000	920,000
Total	5,801,000	6,428,000
<b>Calvin Seminary</b>		
Ministry Shares	2,992,000	2,945,000
Gift and offerings	786,000	711,000
Estate Gifts	58,000	200,000
Total	3,836,000	3,856,000
<b>Faith Alive</b>		
Ministry Shares	1,024,000	1,035,000
Gift and offerings	32,000	300,000
Estate Gifts	326,000	0
Total	1,382,000	1,335,000
<b>Home Missions</b>		
Ministry Shares	3,683,000	3,709,000
Gift and offerings	1,360,000	1,320,000
Estate Gifts	195,000	258,000
Total	5,238,000	5,287,000
<b>World Missions</b>		
Ministry Shares	4,931,000	4,986,000
Gift and offerings	6,812,000	6,901,000
Estate Gifts	655,000	653,000
Total	12,398,000	12,540,000
<b>World Relief</b>		
Gift and offerings	12,527,000	13,007,000
Disaster Gifts	9,851,000	5,981,000
Grants	14,437,000	17,765,000
Estate gifts	868,000	1,569,000
Total	37,683,000	38,322,000
<b>Specialized Ministries</b>		
Ministry Shares	3,479,000	3,363,000
Gift and offerings	438,000	543,000
Estate Gifts	5,000	13,000
Total	3,922,000	3,919,000
<b>Denominational Services</b>		
Ministry Shares	2,899,000	3,265,000
Gift and offerings	24,000	22,000
Estate Gifts	0	0
Total	2,923,000	3,287,000
<b>Foundation</b>		
Gift and offerings	260,000	2,289,000
Estate Gifts	39,000	0
Total	299,000	2,289,000
<b>Special Assistance Fund</b>		
Ministry Shares	118,000	96,000
Gift and offerings	118,000	0

## Gift Summary for Fiscal 2011

Once again, God has blessed the Christian Reformed Church with the generous spirit of all those who support the church with their financial gifts. Even during a time of continued economic uncertainty around the world, the ministries of our agencies and institutions and specialized programs of the denomination continue to receive the strong support of our dedicated members and friends.

Ministry Shares were up by more than \$200,000 over the previous year, generating nearly \$25.7 million in revenue through a system that costs almost nothing to administer. We give thanks to all the churches, both large and small, that help to provide this vital base of revenue.

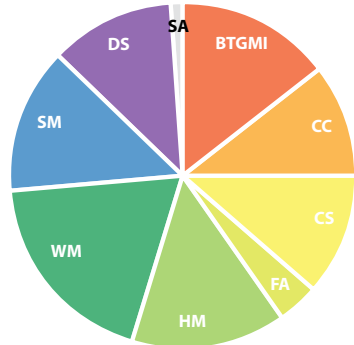
Special church offerings and individual gifts (not including support for disaster response projects) grew by 9.5% over the prior year, generating close to \$31.9 million in support.

CRWRC received \$6 million in designated disaster relief funding from churches, members, and other supporters, down from \$9.9 million last year when significant funds were received in response to the earthquake in Haiti. CRWRC did receive more than \$16.5 million in grant funding, up by more than \$1.1 million over last year and almost \$10 million more than they had originally budgeted for the year. These grants include funds designated for various areas of their global ministry, including community development and disaster relief work.

In addition, the Christian Reformed Church was blessed with gifts of nearly \$4.9 million from those who remembered the church in the distribution of their estates. This represents an increase of 28.7% over the estate gifts received during the previous year.

# CRC Agency 2010-11 Ministry Shares Received

Back to God Ministries International	\$3,663,000
Calvin College	\$2,614,000
Calvin Seminary	\$2,945,000
Faith Alive	\$1,035,000
Home Missions	\$3,709,000
World Missions	\$4,986,000
World Relief	\$0
Specialized Mins.	\$3,363,000
Denom. Services	\$3,265,000
Special Assistance Fund	\$96,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$25,676,000</b>



*You add.*

*God multiplies.*



Ministry Shares is powered by a simple commitment to be a part of something bigger. About six dollars a week from each active member enables all of us to participate in life-changing ministries, at home and around the globe. Thank you! [www.crcna.org/MinistryShares](http://www.crcna.org/MinistryShares)

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