



Christian Reformed World Missions

NEW NAME! CRWM has become RGM!



A lot has been going on this summer!

As I had mentioned, plans have been implemented, and the domestic agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, ("Home Missions") and our international agency ("World Missions") have now become one new agency, underscoring the ONE mission that Jesus has left to his church! Positions have been shuffled around, and there are still a variety of adjustments to be made, but we expect that the outcome will be an organization that is effective and bears much fruit to proclaim the salvation and lordship of Jesus Christ to all nations and mobilizes churches and church members to become more vigorous instruments to lead many to him, to build up churches in North America and around the world, and extend God's kingdom in accordance with his will! As things go forward, you will see, "Engaging People. Embracing Christ. A Ministry of the Christian Reformed Church" as our new tagline. Our address is still 1700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508-1407 USA. The new website is: <<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org>>. There is no need to change how financial support is sent at this time, but RGM will advise you about changes in the future as the "CRWM" web pages and accounts may be revised. Thanks for your understanding!

Speaking of giving...THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We ended our FY2017 on June 30 and now we are in FY 2018. We are humbly grateful for all the churches and individuals who supported our work in Japan faithfully and generously, enabling us to meet our fund-raising goal! Thank you all so much! This part of your involvement in mission work in Japan is critically important, and even more than the funding, we are thrilled with your great commitment to this cause and know that there are also many prayers going up to keep both our work and needs before the Lord. All of this is a powerful partnership and it continually is bearing fruit! As always, we urge you to keep on asking the Lord to suppress the great spiritual opposition to him in this nation of Japan and to send his Holy Spirit to open many hearts to the message he has given us of his great love shown by our Lord's atoning sacrifice.

{Example of the spiritual situation we face: The small city of Chichibu (population about 60,000) has only 3 tiny churches with average worship attendance of 40.}



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Family time! Yay!

Ruth and I were blest traveling to the US this summer to spend some time with children and grandchildren. We also met the two new little ones (both girls!) born in May and June! We miss them like crazy again now, but we sure enjoyed our time there (& also spent time with Mom)!



Looking ahead

I have a backup of administrative work with the newly reorganized Resonate agency, especially getting up to speed on new financial and ministry reporting systems. As the Hikarigaoka Christ Church organized in April, I am no longer directly involved in overseeing a church planting project (and I miss it!), but I continue to focus on activities such as evangelistic preaching, worship enrichment, engendering mission vision in the "target group" churches I work with (as well as NA supporting churches). I am getting involved in the Japan Lausanne Committee (we had a two day vision retreat last week) that focuses on spreading the Gospel to unreached people groups especially nations in the so-called "10-



40 window" (Japan remains #2 on that list). In the key ministry area of strengthening churches, I have three great goals: 1) to help partner churches welcome new believers, 2) to mobilize all members to use their gifts for richer faith walks, and 3) to empower believers to extend God's love to others. I especially hope to plant seeds that will lead others to become kingdom workers!

Prayer will always be a key

You comfort and encourage us more than you know as you stand with us in prayer. Your support and letters mean a lot to us too! We also pray for you that God will use each one for his glory as you also work to lift high the cross and proclaim his love!



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