

Reformed Episcopal Missions

Current News and Prayer Concerns—September 2011



TEAM CROATIA: Paul Howden (PA), Jasmin Milic (Croatia), Ron & Kathy Mook (SC), Caleb Andrews (MD), Jolie & Damien Grout (MS)

In Croatia, we worshipped in a place where Christians have worshiped for over 4½ centuries. I will never forget my first attempt at preaching through an interpreter. It was painful to say goodbye to the Croatian Churches because we received so much from them and regard them as family.

Our group accomplished quite a few small projects, but there is still so much that would help the Church of the Good Shepherd. They have an ideal facility in the Center of Osijek where thousands of students spend school days nearby. We could have a real opportunity, as native English speakers, in outreach to these students.

*Jolie and I have been forever changed because of our time in Croatia.
Damien+ and Jolie Grout (St Stephen's REC, Jackson, MS)*

Bible School Session in Brazil: Judy King and Cathie Aberdour are bringing a number of Apurina Indians to their home base in Manaus for Bible Training this month. The house and garage apartment will be full; lots of cooking and cleaning as well as teaching and translating for guest speakers. *Pray that the school will be beneficial for all who come and that Judy and her team will know the Lord's strength.*

Germany: See the mission website for English Camp photos and information. Thanks to Bishop Sam Seamans (USA), Gustaf Stenström (Sweden) and Clement Appah (Ghana) for helping Bishop Gerhard and Grace Meyer with this camp. The German branch of the REC will celebrate 20 years of ministry with a special weekend in October.

A David and Goliath Story: 20,000 Anglicans on the island of Singapore want to share the Gospel with 600,000 unreached people in South Asia. They have been doing it for 20 years. They invite your help. Learn how to pray, give and maybe go to support this ministry: Thursday-Friday Jan. 26-27, 2012 near Fort Worth TX. *Save the date!*

Local Parish-Global Mission: Pockets of Internationals surround us in North America. More than 30 Karen people, mostly Anglicans, recently arrived from Asia, attended Holy Cross (Ralston NE) Aug. 21. On September 10, St George's REC holds their 3rd Annual "Open Doors" in Hamilton Ontario. Along with 10 other congregations they plan to feed and witness to up to 5000 university students, including internationals. A weekly ESL-type program will follow in the church.

Finances: Our on-field missionaries in Germany and Brazil are under-supported. Your Mission Board has been providing about \$1500 monthly in emergency support from reserves to meet this shortfall. However there is no regular income for the Board's general fund. Please consider new monthly support for the Meyers (\$1100 needed) or Judy King (\$400 needed) and send a gift to the General Fund to help these Reformed Episcopalians carry out their mission.

Current Mission Projects:

- Support for the Meyers (Germany) and Judy King (Brazil)
- Sponsor a Christian Formation Ministry Seminar in Africa: \$2,000 per seminar
- Support for a Church Planter in Croatia or Serbia: \$300/month



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