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## News from the Field...

Welcome to our first edition of MISSION NEWS, a bi-monthly publication to encourage you in missions and to keep you informed of strategic issues that are occurring in missions through Westminster.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH 20-24, 2010

WORLD MISSIONS  
FESTIVAL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

PAUL KOOISTRA,

COORDINATOR OF  
MISSION TO THE WORLD

HEAR REPORTS FROM  
OUR MISSIONARIES AND  
FIND OUT HOW YOU  
CAN BECOME MORE  
INVOLVED IN MISSIONS!

### DID YOU KNOW?

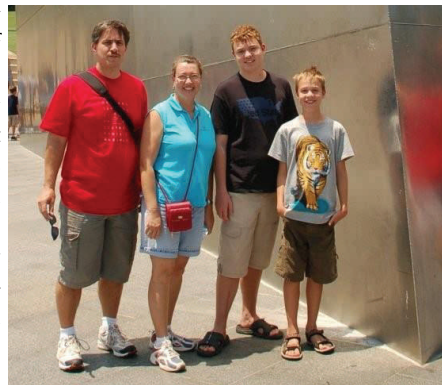
- ◆ Westminster supports 68 missionaries...
- ◆ Those 68 missionaries serve in 32 different countries...
- ◆ Our Faith Promise budget which supports our missionaries and mission programs this year is \$484,000

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Joel and Robin have just returned to the states after having served overseas in a sensitive location for many years. Because of the sensitive nature and location of their ministry, we cannot print their last names or the specific location where they have served. They are currently living in one of Westminster's mission houses with their two sons, Ben (age 14) and

Daniel (age 12). Please pray for Joel and Robin as they make the transition to living

in the States, and also as they raise funds to return to the field in a different location next year. Please also pray for their boys, who have had to leave the only home that they've known, and are trying to adjust to living in the States and will have to make adjustments yet again when they return to their area of service. Please reach out and minister to these servants of God while they are here with us!



## From our Director of Missions...

Last Thursday night, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we had our fall missions night. We "Skyped" the Grubbs in SE Asia and Andres' Garza in Monterrey. We also heard a moving story from Robina (dressed in full tribal costume) and Paul Wolff, our missionaries to Papua New Guinea. Special music was provided by Laurie Neal, Jill Lee, the choir, orchestra, praise team, and children's choir! The music was very moving and inspiring. If you missed it, click on this link and listen: [www.wpcgo.com/mp3/track06.mp3](http://www.wpcgo.com/mp3/track06.mp3)

Why should you be involved in missions? Is this a program that just some of us should participate in? Or is this something that is central on God's heart for all believers? Well, I'm sure you al

ready know the answer! If we have received the mercy and grace of Christ and enjoy His blessings and the hope of eternal life, how can we help but want to share that with others? The normal and natural response of the believers heart is to participate in what God is doing around the world. This includes, of course, participating in missions locally. It is the believers privilege to do whatever he/she can to help advance God's kingdom everywhere. How can we do this? We have been saying that there are three ways to participate in global missions: by 1. praying, 2.giving, and 3. going! For this edition, we will say a few things about prayer and then cover the other two in the next edition.

We can **all pray** for some of those who are serving as missionaries. We can pray for God's strength for them, for protection, for provision, for fruitfulness in their ministry. We can pray for the salvation of those they are working with and for the church to be built up and strengthened through the power of the gospel. I hope you are compelled to pray for the cause of missions and that through prayer, our missionaries will be strengthened in their work and that many will come to a saving knowledge of Christ around the world. Go by one of our Missions Display boards located in the narthex of Westminster Hall and the Sanctuary, and pick up a Missionary Prayer Directory to assist you.