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Cameroon partner church combats HIV/AIDS

One in 20 persons in Cameroon is living with HIV. In some areas, that number more than triples among women between the ages of 25 and 29. In Cameroon, women of childbearing years have the highest risk for HIV/AIDS. The Presbyterian Church in Cameroon is trying to reduce the prevalence rate of HIV through many programs and services. For example, through their health facilities, the church runs a program to prevent transmission of HIV from pregnant women to their infants. In congregations, pastors include messages about HIV/AIDS in sermons every month. If the church can successfully deliver messages of health promotion and disease prevention and compassionate quality health care, it can literally save lives and have a positive impact on the health of hundreds of thousands of people. [Read more](#). - Shirley Hill



Mission speakers will visit 150 presbyteries this fall

At least 150 of the PC(USA)'s 173 presbyteries will be hosting mission speakers this fall through [World Mission Challenge](#), a second of its kind effort to connect Presbyterian congregations across the country with their denomination's mission personnel. "The large number of presbyteries that are participating indicates that Presbyterians' enthusiasm about international mission is widespread," says Ellen Dozier, chair of the committee coordinating World Mission Challenge. [Read more](#).



The Challenge will be followed by World Mission Celebration, a conference in Cincinnati for people passionate about mission. To get more information and register online [visit the Celebration Web site](#).

Climate change threatens Vanuatu

A couple of years ago Vanuatu was said to be "the happiest country on earth" primarily because the people live in almost complete harmony with the land, taking nothing more from it than they return. Now as in many parts of the Pacific these gentle people see global climate changes devastating their island country. One pastor pleads: "We ask the international community to reduce emissions. The world has to feel responsible and meet the financial needs." David Walter, World Mission regional liaison for the Pacific, writes: "God gave us the rainbow as a sign of a covenant that He would no longer flood the earth. But what about our side of that bargain?" [Read more](#).



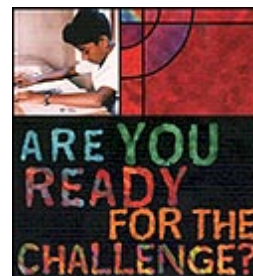
Interactive social network for mission supporters and participants

The Web site MissionCrossroads, recently launched by World Mission's Equipping the Church for Mission Involvement (EMI) work area, connects Presbyterians with resources and tools for engaging with each other and with God's mission in the world. It offers a plethora of information and serves as an interactive social network for sharing mission stories, best practices and effective mission involvement. [Join today.](#)



World Mission needs help finding qualified candidates for mission service

Presbyterian World Mission leaders are asking Presbyterians across the country to help them find qualified candidates for international mission service. Nineteen mission positions are now available and more will be posted in coming days, according to Nancy Cavalcante, mission service recruitment coordinator for Presbyterian World Mission. Filling these positions is crucial if the church is to meet the General Assembly Council's goal of increasing the number of mission co-workers for the first time in 50 years, she says. [Read more](#) | [See a list of openings.](#)



Mission briefs

Last September the assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea approved a two-year "Three Million Believers Movement." Rallies have had good-sized attendance and posters and purple buttons with the slogan "Come to Christ with the Neighbor" are visible signs of this movement.

The Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy's medical clinic has "taken off." Because of the great need and the many committed volunteers, mission worker Bob Bronkema reports that they are now open two days a week. "It is even becoming known worldwide - it has been on NPR on the weekend edition of "The World." [Listen to the podcast.](#) [Read more.](#)

The Russian Mission Network will meet August 13-15 at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Twenty other mission networks are scheduled to meet Oct. 21-22 or -24 in conjunction with the World Mission Celebration

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