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News about the PC(USA)'s international mission

World Mission Challenge speakers received warmly

Mission workers itinerating in the [World Mission Challenge](#) this month found a warm reception as they traveled across the United States sharing how God is at work around the world through mission personnel and global partners. They visited communities of every size from small rural villages to large urban areas. Audience sizes ranged from hundreds in some Sunday worship services to a handful gathered for a brown bag luncheon. [Read stories](#) from the Challenge and [reflections](#) from speakers and their hosts.



Alice Winters teaches and learns from her students in Colombia

A member of the faculty at Colombia Reformed University in Barranquilla, [Alice Winters](#) teaches her students about biblical languages and history. At the same time they teach her about a biblical faith that sustains them amid poverty and the violence perpetrated by a decades-long civil war. "I have learned so much from the Colombian people about what it means to be a Christian, what it means to live out our faith in the real world," she says. After more than three decades in [Colombia](#), she has taught most of the pastors serving in the Presbyterian Church of Colombia. Some have endured death threats because of their stands against violence. [Read more.](#)



Hospital founded by missionaries gives \$208,577 to mission

[Yodogawa Christian Hospital](#) in Osaka, [Japan](#), has given the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) \$208,577 to be used for mission in Asia. The gift represents the same amount Presbyterian Women contributed in 1956 to the hospital founded by Presbyterian missionaries. The PW gift, which was raised through the organization's [Birthday Offering](#), helped build a 76-bed hospital that has grown into a highly-regarded medical complex. The hospital's first superintendent, Dr. Frank Brown, emphasized "whole person healing," a commitment rooted in the Christian faith that has continued under Japanese leadership. Yodogawa plans to open a new facility in 2012 near the site of the current hospital. [Read more.](#)



Artist's rendering of the chapel at the new Yodogawa facility

Sudanese lay leader responds to violence with "amazing" resolve and faith

When John Ngarben, the son of the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of [Sudan](#) in Pibor, was 10 years old his family was brutally attacked. In order to save their lives John volunteered to serve as a child soldier. He went through years of cruel mistreatment before losing his leg in a land mine accident. Now he serves the Murle community in Pibor County as a teacher at the RECONCILE Peace Institute with PC(USA) mission workers [Debbie and Delvin Braaksma](#). This year's RECONCILE Peace Institute graduated 28 peace-builders to work in areas experiencing high inter-ethnic conflicts. [Read more.](#)



Mission briefs

In a recent letter to General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) members and middle governing body executives, GAMC Executive Director Linda Valentine discussed the GAMC's commitment to increasing the number of mission co-workers and the recent expansion of funds development staff members to help secure needed resources. [Read more.](#)

Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, an organization served by PC(USA) mission workers [Bob and Stacy Bronkema](#) was the subject of a [BBC story](#). The BBC featured the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy's annual Racial Task Force report, which documented violence against Africans living in the Russian capital.

More than 700 Presbyterians passionate about mission are in Cincinnati, Ohio, this week for [World Mission Celebration '09](#). Please pray for this event.

Plans have been announced for the 2010 Irish Summer Institute, June 14-26, 2010, jointly sponsored by the [Presbyterian Committee for Northern Ireland](#) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Included will be a visit to the [Corrymeela Peace Centre](#). Application deadline, November 1, 2009. [Read more.](#)

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