

# WITNESS

*The latest news and updates from Reformed Mission Services*



## Costa Rica Service Trip

We wish to send a warm greeting to all the RMS support base! My wife Aletha and I were privileged to again host Rob Brinks and an RMS team last month. They were a wonderful group to have, very hard workers, skilled, and lots of fun! The ministry here in Costa Rica continues to grow and expand since its small beginning 35 years ago when my wife and I came to San José. We have worked in church planting all these years, presently serving in our third church plant (which in turn is planting another daughter church). We helped establish the Christian School "CECRE" in 1993 and began the printing operation in 1997, which has continued to grow (we now have 160 Reformed titles available in 160 Reformed titles are available in Spanish). Many obstacles and slow progress were often the case, but God has been glorified in the power of his Gospel, and little by little, a Reformed community has emerged.

All these advances have been blessed by our God, who has brought faithful servants to the ministry. From Costa Rica, and with the constant support from the US and Canada in work teams, financial giving, prayer, and other individual participation is a blessing (like packing up printing presses for shipping, and more!). Aletha and I are deeply aware of the profound benefits of a ministry when many parts are involved. We believe that the efficiency and maturity we are experiencing is due in great part to the joint efforts of God's people across boundaries. We know that RMS shares this vision, and we appreciate the teams that have blessed the work here. We encourage anyone reading this to pray for RMS, support their efforts, and join a work team if you can!

Rev. Bill & Aletha Green

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"We had a very good time meeting the Costa Rica people and seeing the work that is done there for Christ. Gloria and Lorna are a delight to work with, as well as the people from Michigan. To God give the glory." Cheryl Rozeboom



"Much was accomplished by the diligent and cooperative efforts of all. Not only was it a great opportunity to serve the church of Christ universal, but to experience "up close and personal" some of the challenges and blessings of foreign missions. Even though we couldn't understand most of it, the Sunday worship was a foretaste of heaven, where we will gather with believers from every tribe, tongue, and nation. I highly recommend this trip to any person or church group that has a heart for missions." Mark Van Solkema



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- (1) Rev. Bill and Aletha Green
- (2) CLIR
- (3) Tepeyac Christian School Tuition Relief

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United Reformed Missions Association  
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# UPCOMING TRIPS

Plans can change, but Lord willing, these trips will take place when scheduled.



"...and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sumaria, and to the end of the earth."  
Acts 1:8b

# Naples, FL Service Trip



Over Spring Break this year, I had the delightful opportunity to serve my local community in Cape Coral and Naples, FL. I was grateful to spend the week in sweet fellowship and service with other like-minded youth in Christ. We had the opportunity to serve a community in Naples by washing windows and screens. This was a great outreach in partnership with the Christ the King OPC in Naples, the church with whom we jointly ventured in this task. We handed out flyers informing the community about the work we were doing with an invitation to visit Christ the King. For the latter half of the week, we were able to work at the church at which I am a member, Trinity Reformed Church. Here our work consisted largely of lawn care and clean-up, interior painting, and other maintenance jobs. I know that my church brethren at Trinity, as well as myself, greatly appreciated the help and materials with which RMS was able to assist us. I was tremendously blessed to be a part of serving with the RMS team. My hope and prayers are that Christ was glorified in our work. Soli Deo Gloria!

As a side note, we enjoyed time at some local beaches, swimming, and hanging out by the pool. We attended the Good Friday service at Christ the King OPC and the Resurrection Day service and luncheon at Trinity Reformed Church. We watched the sunset, had group devotional times in the evening, and enjoyed mealtimes together—all of which provided plenty of enjoyment and laughter. ~Mia Hansen



*So incredibly blessed with your group! They work very well together and are a good testimony to God's grace!*  
~Ron Lotterman, Elder, Trinity Ref. Church of Cape Coral

I have gone to Naples, Florida, three times in the past four years. Every year is such a blessing, and I look forward to going every year. This year was different due to COVID 19, so we were very secluded as a group. On Monday and Tuesday, we washed windows in Pastor Hausler's neighborhood, which was a testimony all in itself. On Wednesday and Thursday, we traveled to Cape Coral to Trinity Reformed Church. There we did a lot of maintenance work like painting, cutting branches, clearing brush, and fixing up a house. It was a great experience to go with a group of friends and share the gospel. ~Kelly Leep



Over my spring break, I was able to return to Naples, Florida. I have been going on this mission trip ever since I was a freshman, and each year I look forward to it more than the last. Unfortunately, because of COVID, we were unable to go last year. Being able to go this year was really a privilege. I look forward to this trip for so many reasons. I love seeing the church family of Christ the King OPC every year, talking to the residents in Pastor Hausler's neighborhood, growing closer to the team I go down with, and being able to work and make a visible difference while we're down there. When we washed windows this year, it was so cool to see how many people remembered us and how many people were affected by us doing such a simple task for them. It is so cool that, as a team, we were able to serve them by simply washing their windows because we were blessing them but also being blessed in return. After we finished washing the windows, we went to Cape Coral to help at the church. I really enjoyed doing this as well because we got so much accomplished in only two days. We were able to clean a lot of brush by multiple trees, paint a lot in the church, and fix up the house that is owned by the church. Just like washing the windows, our team was serving this church by doing simple tasks, and it was just so great to be a part of that because I knew that we were making a lasting difference. That is my favorite part about this trip because every year, we are given a huge opportunity to be witnesses to the community and church that we serve and provide them with our testimony just by the things we do and how we act. I am so thankful for the opportunity that I was given to go on this trip and hope that I can continue to do so in the future. ~Kendra Leep



I have been to Naples for 3 years now, and it is always a blast. We were able to stay in a nice house only a short drive to the Christ the King OPC church, Rev. Hausler's neighborhood, and Cape Coral. On Good Friday and Sunday, we were able to worship at the church, and then later in the week, we washed the church windows along with the other businesses near them. Not only did we wash windows at the church, but we had the chance to clean windows and be witnesses around Rev. Hausler's neighborhood. It was awesome to see the big smiles on everyone's faces and to see how happy they were that we were willing to do this simple task for them. On Wednesday and Thursday, we worked at Trinity Reformed Church of Cape Coral. We cleaned up some brush and freshened up the bathroom and entrance with some bright paint. I am really thankful to have been able to go on this trip, and I hope others are blessed with going as well. ~Avery Hilton



# VBS

From time to time, small churches and church plants desire to reach their communities through VBS programs. Sometimes, the catch is that these churches lack the manpower and resources to carry out a vigorous event like this effectively. This is the case for the Madison Reformed Church in Madison, IN. Pastor Collin Welch, along with Pastor Mike Straub of the St. John's UCC, would like to do a VBS program this summer in their community, but they need your help. RMS is looking for individuals or a church team who would like to take their VBS on the road to Madison, IN. If you are interested and would like to learn more about what would be involved, please contact Rob Brinks at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org) or call the office at (616) 466-8214.

***Bethany United Reformed Church***  
**June 12 - 19 Mexico**

***Zion Reformed Church***  
**June 19 - 26 Menno, SD**

***Dutton United Reformed Church***  
**July 31- August 7 Caledonia, MI**

***Pompton Plains Reformed Bible Church***  
**July 31- August 7 Pompton Plains, NJ**

***Zion United Reformed Church***  
**July 31- August 7 Ripon, CA**



**Join us in  
praying for  
safety in  
traveling  
and  
participating  
in these  
events!**





Harry Van't Voort

## New Board Member

Harry is a member and elder at Zion URC in Ripon, CA. He was raised in Cutlerville, MI, and later moved to CA. He is the owner of a trucking company, enjoys fishing and water sports, and visiting the Sierra Nevada Mts. to enjoy God's beautiful creation. He has been married for 38 years and has 8 grand children. He has traveled to Costa Rica numerous times to help with the construction of the Tepeyac Schools.

If you are interested in becoming part of the RMS board or the TASC Administration Committee, please contact Rob at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org).



We are pleased to announce the newest member of the RMS staff, Mr. Jim Iwema of Sanborn, IA! On April 20, 2021, the RMS Board of Directors hired Jim as its Promotions Coordinator. Jim will promote RMS programs and activities to our member churches, recruit participants for mission projects, and assist with new mission outreach. He will create fundraising opportunities and document RMS events on its social sites and archives. His official duties will begin June 14, 2021. Please pray for Jim and his family that God will use him in this new position to further His Kingdom!



Hi, I'm Jim Iwema. I grew up in South Holland, IL, about 30 minutes south of Chicago. I moved to Northwest Iowa in my 20's for work. I started working in construction: new construction, roofing, remodeling, and plumbing, before getting into the concrete business. I worked for a ready mix company for 13 years. I drove a ready-mix truck, helped start a central dispatch office, managed transportation, worked in customer service, and was the customer service manager.

I am married to Holly, and we have four kids, Makenzie (16), Dayton (13), Ellie (8), Lacie (5). Our family really enjoys traveling! In fact, this past year, we had the opportunity to travel all over the US. It was so enjoyable seeing God's creation and interacting with different believers in other churches! I look forward to working for RMS, promoting the mission and vision of RMS to churches and youth groups, and using my knowledge of construction on different mission trips.



**Iwema Family**



# Sporting Clay Fundraiser

*Blendon Pines Gun Club*  
Zeeland, MI

2021

\$75 per shooter

**Saturday, August 28**  
**9:00 am**

Visit [rms.org](https://rms.org) to register  
or to be a sponsor.

## Project Updates:

If you would like to donate to these or other projects, please use the envelope provided or visit our website at: [rms.org/donate](https://rms.org/donate)

**Santa Marta, Colombia** – Now that the construction of the parsonage is completed, RMS is moving to phase two of the project. We are raising funds to construct an apartment on the second floor which will be used as a ministry for the Calvary Reformed Church. The cost for this project is \$15,000 (USD).

**Huaca-Huasi, Peru** - RMS and URMA began raising funds for a church facility in the mountain village of Huaca-Huasi, Peru. With the money raised, the first and second-floor construction has been completed! Soli Deo Gloria! We are now raising funds so that the roof materials and windows can be purchased and installed. We need to raise \$10,000 (USD) to enclose this building.

**Nagua, Dominican Republic** – Land is being purchased for a church building to be constructed. RMS hopes to travel there with a team in January 2022 to work alongside the brothers and sisters to construct this building. The total cost for this project is \$12,500.00 (USD).

**Gonaives and Jeremie, Haiti** – 50 congregations are meeting outside through all types of weather conditions in these two regions of Haiti. Upon the recommendation of our partner Missionary, Dr. Neal Hegeman, RMS is beginning fundraising to build churches for these congregations. Each building costs \$20,000.00 to complete. This cost includes a concrete roof which is necessary to provide safety and stability during the hurricane seasons.

**Bhaktapur, Nepal** – RMS has partnered with two pastors affiliated with Mr. Norlan De Groot of MINTS Theological Seminary to construct the Bhaktapur Theological Seminary (BTS). BTS will be used to train pastors and elders for the growing reformed church in Nepal. The first phase of this project is \$80,000.00 (USD). Together we are working towards this goal with any help we can receive and are grateful for your prayerful consideration of this project.



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