

# mission crossroads

## Addressing the root causes of **POVERTY**

*"I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and  
upholds the cause of the needy." (Psalm 140:12)*



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Cameroonian farmer Pierre Youpa rented some land to plant papayas, but a transnational fruit company acquired a lease for the property and forced him from those fields in 1992. So he moved to another plot of land. The same company forced him off in 1997. The same thing happened in 2007. Pierre's daughter was sent home from school because he couldn't afford the school fees. He was ready to give up hope.

Today, however, Pierre has a successful farm and a steady income. His 14-year-old daughter is back in school and wants to be a journalist. He plants his crops in a rural village far away from where that transnational company operates, and commutes to his farm on a motorcycle.

What turned things around for Pierre and his family? Pierre, and others like him, have benefited from a fair trade dried fruit project called "Fair Fruit," begun by the Cameroonian Joining Hands network.

Joining Hands is a ministry of the Presbyterian Hunger Program that creates networks to focus on the root causes of hunger. It links churches, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and community groups overseas with Presbyterians in the United States. The network gives farmers consistent, reasonable prices for their fruit and markets it to consumers overseas, including many U.S. Presbyterians.

Christi Boyd, a Presbyterian mission co-worker who also serves as the Joining Hands companionship facilitator in Cameroon, says Fair Fruit isn't the only way Joining Hands helps farmers. It stands by them as they pursue their rights in court, and provides loans for start-up costs as well as for medical and educational needs of their families. Pierre's daughter was one of about 600 students Joining Hands helped.

This is just one example of how World Mission is addressing the root causes of global poverty.

Presbyterians are in a position to work for a fairer and more just world and to empower people who are vulnerable. Modest funding and simple training can transform the lives of families like Pierre's. World Mission is also committed to transforming the lives of U.S. Christians by encouraging them to lead simpler lives, which has an effect on global poverty.

Around the world, mission personnel like Christi Boyd are working with our partners on solutions to poverty that move people like Pierre and his family from dependency to dignity. "Through the words of Jesus and the prophets, God consistently defends the cause of the poor, vulnerable, and oppressed," Christi says. "The Scriptures call us to follow in their footsteps."

Together, we seek to make a difference that will endure, but in order to keep mission co-workers like Christi Boyd in Cameroon working alongside our partners and helping transform the lives of people like Pierre, Presbyterian World Mission must invite individuals and congregations to answer God's call to make a difference in the world through engagement, including prayer and financial gifts. Funding sources have changed dramatically in the past 40 years, and without your designated support, we will be unable to send and support mission co-workers. We are only able to send as many mission co-workers as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will support. To give specifically to the work that World Mission is doing to address the root causes of poverty, visit [www.pcusa.org/give](http://www.pcusa.org/give) and direct your offering to E200101. Or call (800) 728-7228, x5611.

Grace and peace,  
Hunter Farrell  
Director, Presbyterian World Mission

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# Welcoming a new General Manager

World Mission calls young leader with broad experience to key role

By Judson Taylor

Gregory Allen-Pickett has joined Presbyterian World Mission to serve as General Manager. Allen-Pickett will be responsible for implementing World Mission's strategic direction and empowering Louisville-based staff and mission personnel to connect global partners with Presbyterians in the United States.

"We are thrilled to welcome Greg to the team," said Hunter Farrell, Director of Presbyterian World Mission. "Greg brings a pastor's heart, a keen business sense, an understanding of international development, and cross-cultural experience to this important role."

Allen-Pickett will oversee the day-to-day operations of World Mission, mentor and manage staff, oversee financial operations, and work alongside other ministry areas in the Presbyterian Mission Agency to enhance effectiveness and ensure alignment.

Farrell will continue to lead Presbyterian World Mission, shaping the mission organization's vision, developing and strengthening strategic alliances, and connecting Presbyterian World Mission more closely with global partners, PC(USA) mission leaders, donors, and congregations.

Allen-Pickett did his undergraduate work in Political Science and Spanish at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, and earned a Masters in International Studies with a focus in Sustainable Development from the University of Denver. He worked for Alaska Airlines as a manager in Juneau, Alaska and Denver,



Colorado, and was part of their Management Development Program. Following that, he worked as Field Operations Manager for Healing Waters International, a faith-based non-profit, in Denver and Guatemala. He is currently completing studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and has been a pulpit supply preacher and worship lay leader in various churches in Texas, leading English and bilingual worship. He also served as Youth Programs Director at Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver and he was a Rotary Goodwill Ambassador scholar in Ecuador in 2001.

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*Greg Allen-Pickett's perspective from a faith-based non-profit organization will strengthen World Mission as it continues to serve alongside global partners and U.S. Presbyterians.*

## New YAV Coordinator

Richard Williams will be the new Coordinator of the Young Adult Volunteer program. He previously served as an international Young Adult Volunteer in the Philippines, as well as a national Young Adult Volunteer at Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville. He received his Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary and served as a pastoral resident at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Since 2009, Richard and his wife Mamie Broadhurst (shown with their daughter Nora Elena Broadhurst Williams) have served as mission co-workers with the Presbyterian Church of Colombia in South America through preaching, teaching, providing



pastoral care, accompanying the church in their human rights work, and by interpreting the reality of Colombia and the church there to U.S. Presbyterians.

*Richard Williams will help triple the number of young adult volunteers over the next five years by building on the YAV program's considerable strengths and listening to the passion and calling of young adults to serve Christ in the world.*

# World Roundup

By Catherine Cottingham

Presbyterian World Mission brings God's global family together to heal the wounds of poverty and violence, and proclaim God's saving love in Jesus Christ.

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

(Acts 1:8)

## God's mission in Latin America COLOMBIA

Sarah Henken, regional liaison for the Andes region of South America, writes: "In Ibagué, Colombia, Belén church meets in a house that formerly sold drugs. Neighbors are profoundly grateful to now have a positive presence claiming that space, offering life instead of death. The congregation uses its facility not only for its own worship but also for community celebrations. Ibagué is Colombia's "music city," and the congregation reflects that heritage in vibrant musical ensembles and classes. The Wednesday evening prayer service we attended abounded with music in a variety of styles. The youth led praise music and the choir shared beloved hymns, mostly sung a cappella. The new pastor at Belén, the Rev. Heriberto González, is a great fit in the community because he is a musician too. When we returned to the church the following morning to converse with members of the session and deacons, Heriberto gifted us by sharing one of his own compositions. "I Want to Be Free" is a song about Christlike freedom and active, transformative discipleship." Read more: [www.pcusa.org/henken-june2012](http://www.pcusa.org/henken-june2012).



## NICARAGUA

CIEETS (Interchurch Center for Theological and Social Studies) in Nicaragua, a PC(USA) international partner, is both a theological seminary and a community development organization. Tracey King-Ortega, regional liaison for Central America, says CIEETS knows that real community development is about preparing hearts and minds to embrace the fact that God wants something better for us. She tells the moving story of Yami, a mother at 15 in an abusive relationship, who participated in one of CIEETS' women's theology courses and "gained a deep sense of gratitude for understanding God's presence in her daily life and in her own country." Yami is now joyfully seeking a master's degree in women's theology with CIEETS. Read more: [www.pcusa.org/king-ortega-mar2012](http://www.pcusa.org/king-ortega-mar2012).





## God's mission in Africa ETHIOPIA

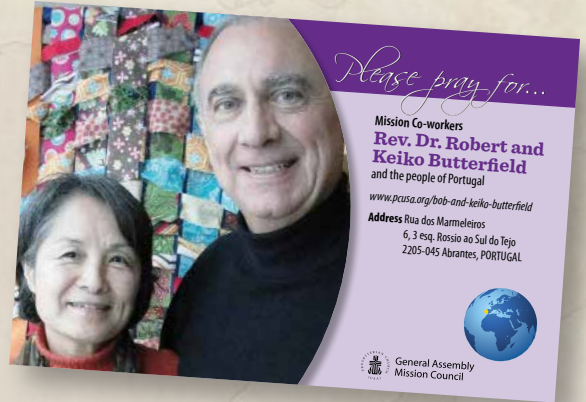
Rich Hansen is involved in a new approach to evangelism: rather than just holding workshops on discipleship, a different model is being tried. Protestant and Ethiopian Orthodox leaders are sought who are willing to make a commitment to an accountability/mentoring

process. The goal is to introduce significant discipleship into their congregations step by step. Seven church leaders—five men and two women—are participating in this intentional disciple-making process called “Leadership Discipleship Partners.” The group was asked to commit to meeting together every other week for a year—instead, they immediately accepted a commitment to two years. One example Rich gives of the arenas in which the

partners are focusing on making disciples: a young woman has a soccer team ministry with 25 kids, including 11 Muslims and several Orthodox. She shares her faith with them, talks with them about their issues, and is slowly meeting their families. Many are very poor. Read more: [www.pcusa.org/hansen-april2012](http://www.pcusa.org/hansen-april2012).

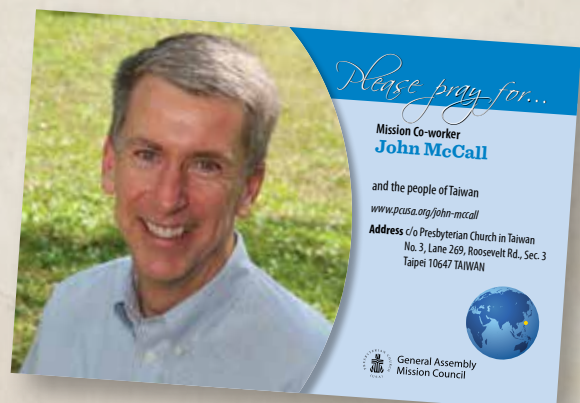
## God's mission in Asia TAIWAN

Two of John McCall's former students at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Taipei are serving a church in a rural area of southern Taiwan. When they arrived three years ago, there were only about eight older folks who would come to worship. There did not seem to be much hope for the future of the church—John says it was “on life support.” Today, however, because of this couple, 40 to 50 youth are involved in the church. “God is at work,” John says, “in huge cities and small towns, in the churches pastors serve on the highways and byways of Taiwan.” Read more: [www.pcusa.org/mccall-march2012](http://www.pcusa.org/mccall-march2012).



## God's mission in Europe PORTUGAL

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal (IEPP) is training lay leaders through an extensive program, in which mission co-worker Bob Butterfield is one of the instructors. Following an initial course on equipping congregation members for evangelism, the second course in the series focuses on Bible study leadership skills and has seen a significant increase in enrollment. Fifty people committed to understanding the group dynamics involved in a Bible study group and are gaining practical experience opening God's Word. The goal of this training program is twofold: (1) to improve the theological understanding and leadership skills of as many lay people as possible, in the hope that their influence will positively impact their congregations; and (2) to identify and train future pastors, which the IEPP needs in order to open new churches and spread the gospel in Portugal. “All of us involved with this program feel that the jump in enrollment is a very positive sign and surely shows that students who went through the first course were able to influence other folks to enroll,” Bob says. “If this trend continues, the net effect on the IEPP and its ability to evangelize will be substantial.” Read more: [www.pcusa.org/butterfield-feb2012](http://www.pcusa.org/butterfield-feb2012).



# Getting at the root of poverty's grip

By Judson Taylor, Pat Cole, Ruth Brown, Rebecca Young, and Jan Heckler

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."* (Matthew 22:37-40)

One of the three critical global issues Presbyterian World Mission, its global partners, and U.S. Presbyterians have pledged to address is identifying and addressing the root causes of poverty, particularly as it impacts women and children.

The biblical mandate for this comes from Jesus Christ, who, through the Great Commandment, calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. In addition, the Bible is clear about God's particular concern for "the widow and the orphan" (Exodus 22:22, Deuteronomy 27:19, Psalm 68:5, James 1:27), that is, the most vulnerable members of society.

In today's globalized world, the gap between the rich and the poor continues to increase and millions of people lack access to food, clean water, basic education, and jobs. Among the poor, women and children bear a disproportionate burden of poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition, violence, and the diseases of poverty (TB, HIV/AIDS, malaria), making them the most vulnerable people of our day. While women have made important gains in some societies, unfair treatment of women remains a major concern to which we as Christians are called to respond.

Some specific ways of addressing the root causes of poverty include:

- Working to ensure access for women and children to a quality education and health services
- Advocating just economic and trade policies that affect the poor
- Supporting an increased role for women in church and society, including within the PC(USA), prioritizing women for leadership development opportunities
- Encouraging consumer, investment, economic and political choices that are life-giving toward "the least of these"
- Prayerfully examining our personal and communal practices regarding our use of wealth.

Mission co-workers around the world are collaborating with global partners and U.S. Presbyterians to identify and address the root causes of poverty, especially as they impact women and children. Here are some examples.

## In Indonesia

The Javanese village of Ngrajek is 13 miles from one of the world's most active volcanoes, Mount Merapi, which in 2010 began its biggest eruption since the 1870s. On October 24, a flow of cold lava took away many of the Ngrajek villagers' homes.

The increasing number of disasters and the global economic crisis have made funds for aid hard to come by, especially for a village like Ngrajek. Seeing few other options, the villagers formed their own response team. Bang Med, the team leader, said that the government offered the villagers a place in makeshift barracks, but on seeing their conditions, Bang said, "We are serving survivors who have already suffered. Why make them suffer more?"

Instead, the community built their own temporary shelters. The village leader provided a small slice of land between rice paddies. Using bamboo, which grows abundantly in the area, the people built twelve houses, a worship room, a library and a village meeting space. Their houses were so much admired that they were copied in two other neighboring villages.

Today the people proudly give visitors a tour of their home-grown village. They brag about how, in a speech at the dedication of the houses, a government official admitted that the government's barracks cost much more but were far less successful than what the people built themselves.

—Rebecca Young, PC(USA) mission co-worker, Jakarta, Indonesia

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*Bang Med, head of the disaster response team for the Ngrajek village in Indonesia, proudly gives a tour of the bamboo village that the disaster survivors designed and built for themselves.*





*Rebecca Young integrates two aspects of her ministry: overseeing Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's tsunami response and teaching at Jakarta Theological Seminary. Over the past year, she worked with two students who were writing their senior year thesis. One student, Nancy, wrote about domestic violence and how Jesus can be an example for the respectful treatment of women. Another student, Adrian, wrote about how a better understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit can help the church be more effective in doing its three main tasks: worship, service, and witness.*



## In the Congo

Several times every year, women from a small church in West Kasai, Democratic Republic of the Congo, carry cassava and corn flour, dried fish, cassava leaves, pots, pans, and small metal stoves to their churchyard to make 450 “loaves” of bidia (soft, putty-like balls of grain) and a sauce of fish and greens. Other church members meet the women and help carry the food, by foot, several miles to the local prison to provide a worship service and meal for 400 prisoners. The meals are part of an ongoing prison ministry. With members of the session, Pastor Tshibuabua regularly visits, counsels, and prays with prisoners.

The average income of the church members is less than \$50 per month in a land where the price of corn triples every year between the rainy and dry seasons. The pastor and his wife are parents of six children, adoptive parents of one orphan, and they provide a home to three young adults. How can this church afford all this food for others? When asked, each member simply smiles and responds, “It’s the joy of the Lord!”

With additional plans to serve the community, the church is constructing an elementary school in partnership with First Presbyterian Church, Newark, Del. Christian education is part of the planned curricula and Pastor Tshibuabua also hopes to provide school jobs for his parishioners.

—*Ruth Brown, PC(USA) mission co-worker*



Photo by Ruth Brown

*The Rev. Pasteur Lazare Tshibuabua serves as Executive Secretary of Kananga presbytery in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where the PC(USA) has served for more than a century, including ministry through mission personnel and our partner church relationships, education and leadership development, health ministries, community development, evangelism, and new church development.*

*“World Mission allows us to walk with those less fortunate and when we share what we have with people throughout the world, we truly feel that we are sharing the bread and wine with God’s other children.”*

—*Jane and David Boxell, Western Springs, Illinois*



## In Madagascar

Fara is a hopeful fifth grade student in her rural village in Madagascar, but she is reduced to tears when her parents decide she cannot continue school because it is almost 40 miles away and they cannot afford the journey. Each year thousands like Fara learn there is no future for them in school. This means their lives will be spent doing whatever they can find in their home villages. Although boys' exclusion is also quite naturally a concern, girls most often experience a disproportionate share of abuse, rape, oppression, and sex trafficking, as a result of early departure from school, especially when they are in a larger city without their families.

I serve as an associate for planning, training and development with the Church of Jesus Christ, our partner in Madagascar, whose women's guild is trying to make a difference. These indigenous visionaries, named Dorkasy or "Dorcas"—for the female minister brought back to life by the apostle Peter—equip women to be leaders in church and society and faithful witnesses to the gospel of Jesus

Christ. They offer seminars and workshops, prayer, and organizational meetings, Bible study, and longer-term service projects at both regional and national levels. For Fara, they will open a pioneering boarding home called Gazela so she can continue school. This vision is a reality in part because of the partnership with Presbyterian Women of the PC(USA).

But Dorkasy still needs more support to bring these girls a new life. They plan to establish these boarding homes throughout Madagascar so rural secondary school girls can live and finish their secondary education. Girls' education is said to be vital to development and yields some of the highest returns of all investments, including:

- Reducing child and maternal mortality
- Improving child nutrition and health
- Improving economic growth and productivity
- Protecting girls from abuse, exploitation, and HIV/AIDS.

Read more: [www.pcusa.org/heckler-jul2012](http://www.pcusa.org/heckler-jul2012)

—Jan Heckler, PC(USA) mission co-worker



*As part of its commitment to prepare young women for life, Dorkasy has resolved to establish boarding homes throughout Madagascar in which rural secondary school girls can live while finishing their secondary education. Gazela, being built in Moramanga, is the flagship for this program.*



*According to Dorkasy president the Rev. Veromalala Anariamose, the Gazela boarding home is short of funds needed for the first year's operation by \$46,729. Still, they are praying for a miracle—that people will hear about them and this pivotal flagship effort that has such important national implications for school-age girls and find a way to help.*

## Dallas II consultation to create collective impact for mission

This October, mission leaders from across the PC(USA) will gather in the Dallas area for an important mission consultation that seeks to shape concrete, measurable strategies for addressing life-and-death issues of poverty, reconciliation among cultures of violence, and witnessing to the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

The consultation, called Dallas II—Better Together: Collective Impact for God's Mission, will take place in Dallas, October 5–7, 2012. Learn more about Dallas II by visiting [www.pcusa.org/dallas2](http://www.pcusa.org/dallas2). Please join Presbyterian World Mission and Presbyterians across the country and around the globe by praying for the consultation and committing to become part of our vision to work together to make a collective impact in God's world. Mission Crossroads will publish the results of Dallas II in a future issue.



*An exciting history of Presbyterian witness for basic human rights began in the 1890s with William Sheppard, Presbyterian missionary to Congo. The church continues to grow and provide a vibrant ministry through leaders like Dr. Mulumba, who says the PC(USA) is a valuable partner to the Presbyterian University of Congo, Sheppards and Lapsely and to the various hospitals, schools, and departments, which are part of the Congolese Presbyterian Church's overall ministry to the Congolese people.*

## Saying yes to God

### Partner Profile: Dr. Mulumba, General Secretary of the Congolese Presbyterian Church

By Bob Rice

Our story begins with a teacher. This teacher challenges his pupils to pray about serving God. One boy, Mulumba, went home to pray. He placed two pieces of paper under his bed, marking one “no,” the other “yes.” On two consecutive mornings, he reached under his bed and found the paper marked “yes.” He returned to tell his teacher he wanted to serve God.

Mulumba Musumbu Mukundi was born in 1945 in the small Congolese village of Luvungula. He was the third of eight children. He grew up singing in church. He enjoyed playing soccer and basketball. His mother was a deacon, and his father was a committed Christian and businessman. After finishing high school, Mulumba left his family to attend the School of Preachers. He finished first in his class every year. His family was pleased, and Mulumba’s good results confirmed his call.

Our story continues with faithful persons who nurtured Mulumba. “Early on, my mother and teacher had great influence,” he says. “At the

School of Preachers, missionary Charles Ross encouraged me forward. Later, at Union School of Theology, missionary Walter Davis took an interest in me.” Professor Davis offered Mulumba a full scholarship to study in Cameroon. Once there, Mulumba earned two master’s degrees in Theology and Sociology. He returned to Congo where he served as a local pastor and teacher/chaplain at the Union School of Theology. Professor Elizabeth Dunlap, a colleague and mentor, asked Mulumba if he wanted to continue advanced studies. Through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Mulumba received a scholarship to study at Fuller Theological Seminary. Presbyterian World Mission Director Hunter Farrell, who was serving in Congo at the time, helped Mulumba fill out the application.

In 1985, Mulumba completed an MA in Missiology, and in 1990 he was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Missiology from Fuller. He also received the “Folk Religion Award”



for his well-documented and researched thesis on witchcraft in the Kasai of Congo.

Upon his return to Congo, Mulumba served as a delegate to the General Assembly of the Congolese Presbyterian Church (CPC). “At this meeting, the decision was made to elect a new General Secretary,” he says. “A small group of wise men gathered. They felt the church needed someone with a theologically astute mind. They approached me, asking me if I was willing. As I answered yes as a child, I once again answered yes to God’s call.”

Four years later Mulumba was also asked to serve as rector of the school now known as the Presbyterian University of Congo, Sheppards and Lapsely (UPRECO). Mulumba has faithfully served in these roles over the last 18 years as the CPC continues to thrive and expand.

A lasting legacy is Mulumba’s commitment to persons caught in witchcraft. “In my studies in Congo and in Cameroon, my professors told me not to worry about witchcraft,” he says. “They told me that witchcraft doesn’t exist, it is superstition, and that I should forget about it. I wasn’t able to forget about it, however, when I returned to Congo after my studies in Cameroon.” Serving in a local parish in the city center of Kananga, he observed that 85 percent of his pastoral work related to witchcraft. “Telling people that witchcraft was superstition was not helpful,” he says. “Witchcraft is real in the minds of the people. It is a central part of their worldview and culture. To deny it is pastorally irresponsible. For this reason, I chose to focus my doctoral studies on the topic of witchcraft.”

After completing his doctoral work, Mulumba began to tackle this issue. “I tried to affirm people’s beliefs, finding culturally sensitive ways to set them free by the power of Christ,” he says. He published booklets and manuals. He led seminars. He helped people speak openly about witchcraft. He began teaching a class at UPRECO called “African Religions and Christianity.” In this class, through theory and practice, he teaches his students how to help people trust in Jesus’ power over witchcraft. “These students, now pastors serving in different parts of Congo, are setting people free in the all-powerful name of Jesus,” he says. Mulumba’s ministry to those caught in witchcraft has grown exponentially as he has trained others to carry on this vital, life-giving work.

Mulumba expresses a rousing “thank you” to the PC(USA). Our denomination, through missionaries and resources, has nurtured him and helped him fulfill the various roles to which God has called him. “I am thankful for the scholarships

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the PC(USA) provides,” he says. “I am thankful for the various mission grants that have helped the manifold ministries of the CPC. The PC(USA) is a valuable partner to UPRECO and to the various hospitals, schools, and departments which are part of the CPC’s overall ministry to the Congolese people. I pray for the PC(USA), and covet your prayers as well. The presence of PC(USA) mission co-workers is a big help, and I hope that more missionaries will come. Because Congo is such a poor country, I hope that the PC(USA) can continue its financial commitments to Congo. One of my dreams, however, is that the CPC will become self-supporting.”

Mulumba is married to Helen Kapinga. They have five children and three grandchildren. He is pleased that all of his children are Christians serving in their local churches. In October 2012 Mulumba will attend the Congo Mission Network in Newark, Delaware, hosted by Newcastle Presbytery. He is also itinerating this fall in the U.S. Perhaps you will have the special privilege of meeting him in person. If not, please pray for him as he visits our congregations and blesses us with his presence.

Presbyterian World Mission has several mission workers serving the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Visit [www.pcusa.org/missionconnections](http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections) to search for them and learn more about their ministries, as well as how you can pray for them and support their work.

# House churches multiplying in Vietnam

By Roger Dermody

**Editor's note:** In May, 2012, a delegation from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and two members of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan visited the United Presbyterian Church of Vietnam. During the weeklong visit, the representatives from the three churches shared ideas, vision, meals, and fellowship. It is hoped that the churches might enter into a mission partnership together, a "triangle" partnership. See photos from the visit at [www.pcusa.org/vietnamese-church](http://www.pcusa.org/vietnamese-church).

Flying into Ho Chi Minh City on a warm, clear day last spring, I was not sure what to expect. I was greeted by Ho Tan Khoa, the head of the United Presbyterian Church of Vietnam (UPCV), and by Michael Parker, Presbyterian World Mission's coordinator for international evangelism. Together we drove to my hotel by tall, modern buildings, down streets teeming with motorcycles, through business districts alive with bright billboards and bustling people.

I had come to meet Pastor Khoa and the leaders of the UPCV and to visit a number of the house churches that they oversee. Christianity, Khoa explained, came to Vietnam in the early part of the 19th century with the arrival of Roman Catholic missionaries. Today, about eight to ten percent of Vietnam's population of 90 million is Catholic. The Protestants arrived in 1911 with the Church Missionary Alliance (CMA). Since then many other denominations have also come, and the total number of Protestants is somewhere between one-half and two percent of the population.

Khoa is a third-generation Christian who was raised in a CMA congregation and became a deacon in the church. When the communists seized the South in 1975, life became very difficult, and

the church, being associated with the U.S., was often harassed or persecuted. In 1988 Khoa joined with a number of others in a seven-day period of fasting and prayer. Toward the end of this week, he explained, the Holy Spirit visited them with power, and the result was a charismatic revival of signs and wonders. The CMA began to grow rapidly, producing a number of house churches.

The house church movement quickly spread outside of the CMA and soon extended beyond Ho Chi Minh City to the surrounding provinces. People came from abroad at this time to provide training for the new house church leaders. There were also overseas Vietnamese pastors who quietly returned to help the new church movement. Binh Nguyen of the Mercer Island Presbyterian Church, in Seattle, came to Vietnam in 2000. Many different denominations arrived in Vietnam at this time and offered to adopt Khoa's growing house church movement, but he and his fellow leaders decided to become Presbyterians.

In 2002 Binh returned to Vietnam with others from his church; they provided leadership training and eventually ordained fourteen pastors. In 2007 twelve more were ordained into the ministry. "Government officials know about us," said Khoa. "When they learned that we had been ordained by the PC(USA), things got easier."

The UPCV has 124 churches with a total membership of about 7,500. This is an inspiring young church. Though small in numbers and less than two decades old, it already has the vision to reach the entire nation of Vietnam. It would like to see Presbyterian churches from the Mekong Delta in the south to the highlands in the north.

Not content merely to evangelize its own people,

*Philip Lotspeich (left) and Roger Dermody (center) of the Presbyterian Mission Agency meet with a house church leader of the United Presbyterian Church of Vietnam. The denomination has 124 churches, ranging from 20 members to over 200. There are 24 ordained pastors, 33 evangelists who are also pastoring churches, and 16 elders.*



Photo by Erin Dunigan





the Kinh (or Viet) people who constitute about 86 percent of the population, the UPCV has also decided to reach out cross-culturally. There are 54 ethnic minority groups in Vietnam. The UPCV has selected seven of them in which to establish churches, including the Eastern Cham and Khmer, and others in the Central and Southern Highland regions. Mission is also being conducted in the north where many Vietnamese who traveled to Malaysia for work and have returned as Christians now lack a church home.

The UPCV planted ten new churches this year. The cost is \$100 per month per church. The national organization will fund them for two years, and then they must be self sufficient. One of the highlights of the trip was to visit house churches in and around Ho Chi Minh City and those near the border with Cambodia. We saw small, well-built houses with rooms set aside for worshiping communities of about 20 or so. The pastors were amiable men, deeply committed to evangelism and pastoring, and all working second jobs to make ends meet. Many had experienced persecution, being harassed by the police, spending time in jail, and enduring beatings. Few had more than a rudimentary education, but, so far as we could tell, they were orthodox in their theology, committed to the Scriptures, and looked to God for daily provisions, miracles, and church growth.

Also present on this trip was the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan, Chang Te-Chien (Andrew). In a meeting of the three Presbyterian churches, Khoa explained the

UPCV's strategy for church growth. Andrew then described to the Vietnamese the PCT's current efforts to add 70,000 new Christians to the church through the One-Leads-One movement. Finally, I related the PC(USA)'s current efforts to establish 1,001 new worshiping communities in the next 10 years.

Andrew said that it was not enough for each denomination to reach out only to its own people. Rather, we should also be helping each other. Putting his thumbs and forefingers together to form a triangle, he urged us to embrace what he called "triangular mission." Each side of the triangle is connected to and supports the other sides, and Jesus is in the middle.

It was encouraging to be with brothers and sisters in Christ who are committed to growing their churches and to introducing people to Jesus Christ who have never heard of him before.

The PC(USA) is currently recruiting to fill a mission co-worker position in Vietnam. This person would work half-time teaching in the UPCV's Bible school, and half-time working with the church's mission team to plant new churches throughout the country. Please help fund the Office of International Evangelism in its support of the UPCV by giving to the Extra Commitment Opportunity account for Vietnam, ECO E040079. Funds in this account may be designated for a future mission co-worker.

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*Roger Dermody is the Deputy Executive Director for Mission at the Presbyterian Mission Agency.*

*Though small in numbers and less than two decades old, the United Presbyterian Church of Vietnam already has the vision to reach the entire nation of Vietnam. It would like to see Presbyterian churches from the Mekong Delta in the south to the highlands in the north.*

# Growing the church in Taiwan

By Michael Parker

The Presbyterian Church of Taiwan (PCT) undertook an ambitious church growth plan in 2010 that aimed to increase its membership from 230,000 to 300,000 by the year 2015, when the church celebrates its 150th anniversary.

The plan is based on energizing the members in each congregation to do the work of evangelism. Chang Te-Chien (Andrew), the General Secretary of the PCT remarks, “In the past, people thought that church growth was the responsibility of the church, especially the pastors and elders. But now they are coming to see that it is every member’s responsibility.”

PC(USA) mission co-worker Jonathan Seitz, who teaches missiology at Taiwan Theological College and Seminary in Taipei, has observed the growing evangelical fervor of the island’s Christians: “Taiwanese Christians have left a deep impression on me because they are willing to share their faith enthusiastically and non-defensively. Sharing faith is at the heart of the Christian community in Taiwan.”

## One-Leads-One, new doubling mission movement

Meeting in 2010, the 55th General Assembly of the PCT adopted a resolution that launched the effort known as the “One-leads-One, New Doubling Mission Movement.” “One-leads-One” is a play on words in Mandarin Chinese. It is a reference to the tallest building in Taiwan, known

as the “101 building” because of its 101 stories. The Mandarin pronunciation of 101 is a homophone for “One-Leads-One.” The slogan, of course, also alludes to the need for every Christian to lead another person to faith in Jesus Christ.

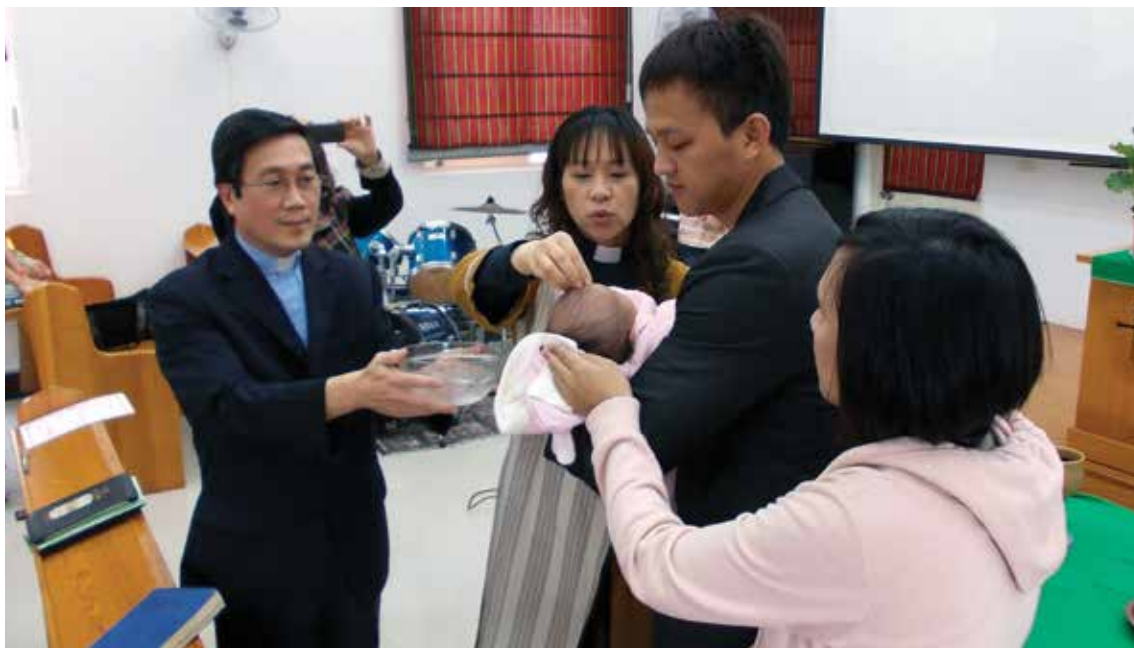
It is a new “Doubling Movement” in that it harkens back to a church growth movement of 1954–1964 that was held in anticipation of the centennial of the church in 1965. During this decade, the PCT succeeded in doubling the number of its churches from 233 to 466, and in increasing its membership from 59,471 to 102,943.

The current effort is also intended to be a “mission movement” in that it is not simply an effort to induce merely quantitative growth of the church, but to increase the qualitative growth of every member. The church plans to send out an additional 15 missionaries and 150 short-term mission teams by 2015.

## A multi-pronged strategy

The General Assembly Office of the church has a team dedicated to implementing One-Leads-One. “There are three ways to do this work,” says Andrew. “Sermons, literature and music.” The first concerns sharing the vision, convincing congregations and presbyteries that this is a valuable movement. Andrew and other members of the team spend much of their time in churches and before presbytery meetings presenting their vision, convincing the skeptical, and answering questions

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about the movement.

The second way to promote the work is through publishing educational books. The church Sunday school curriculum includes a how-to book on introducing Christ to non-believers, as well as books for discipleship training.

In addition to this curriculum, the church is also promoting the study of four books on prayer. In the past the church has emphasized prayer for the church, for others, and for society. These new books give instruction on how to pray for personal needs, such as prayer for a new child, healing, people in mourning, work-related issues, and family needs. "All of this," explains Andrew, "is to help people have an active prayer life and not rely so heavily on pastors. It also serves to prepare people to participate in the One-Leads-One movement, in that they will be better equipped to reach out to friends and neighbors with the love of God in all aspects of their lives."

To provide motivation on an entirely different level, the church hired popular Taiwan singer Mr. Huang Kuo-Lun to write the theme song for the movement, "One-Leads One," which is based on the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 and the Great Commandments of Jesus given in Matthew 22:37-39. "Come, come, come," the chorus bids, "We must go together to proclaim the gospel..."

## Emphasizing local congregations

Though the national church has developed new approaches and new literature for the movement, it is the local churches that are being encouraged to implement the One-Leads-One movement.

"The General Assembly," Seitz explains, "provides resources and educational opportunities, but because the PCT is so diverse, local churches adapt these to their own contexts and ministries." Congregations are not being asked to develop new programs, but to put greater energy into their existing evangelism efforts. There are a number of effective programs already in place, such as outreach efforts to elementary and middle schools, after-school assistance for poor families, camping outings in which seekers are invited, prayer ministries, and outreach to indigenous peoples.



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*Michael Parker has served as the Coordinator of International Evangelism. He recently traveled to Vietnam with PCT General Secretary Chang Te-Chien, PCT Evangelism Program Secretary Tsai Nan-Hsin, and others to investigate mission efforts with the United Presbyterian Church of Vietnam.*



*Taiwanese Christians live as a minority in a non-Christian land and seek to be the fragrance of Christ to their neighbors, says Presbyterian mission co-worker John McCall. According to some estimates, the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan might surpass 300,000 members by 2015.*

# An agent of generosity

## Colorado minister donates \$500,000 to Presbyterian World Mission to empower women and children around the globe

By Pat Cole

The Rev. Jane Hays, one of the earliest women to be ordained to the ministry in Denver Presbytery, has given \$500,000 to Presbyterian World Mission to help empower poverty-stricken women and children around the world.

Hays' gift will fund the ministries of Presbyterian mission co-workers who serve alongside global partners to help women and children living in poverty. Addressing issues of poverty, with a special focus on women and children, is one of three critical global issues identified as priorities by Presbyterian World Mission. The other two critical global issues are sharing Christ's good news and working for reconciliation.

The gift comes from proceeds from the sale of appreciated stock that had been given to Hays by her recently deceased husband, Bill. "I did not earn this," she said. "I am just God's agent."

The road to ministry for Hays began in the 1970s when she entered Illiff School of Theology in Denver at age 55. At the time, the modern feminist movement in America was in its beginning stages. The quest for women's equality resonated with Hays, who had long been interested in women's empowerment.

After Hays graduated, she became parish associate at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, Colo. She served there until her retirement in 1995 and continues to attend the congregation.

When Jane and Bill Hays were married, Jane was a widow living in Winter Park, Florida. Jane's first husband, James Huff, a pastor of a small church in Princeton, Kentucky, died five years earlier. Bill was an elder in the congregation.

While a widow, Jane struggled to provide for her three children. When the tires wore out on her "wood-sided station wagon," she had to opt for retreads rather than new tires. Her passion for helping women around the world stems in part from the challenges she confronted as a female minister and as a single mother.

"Because she had suffered discrimination as a woman in the church and in society throughout her life, Jane determined to turn her own suffering into joy for many," said Hunter Farrell, director of Presbyterian World Mission. "She made her gift to bring blessing to women and children and their communities around the world. We give thanks to God for this pastor's generosity."

### Give today to meet pressing needs worldwide

Jane Hays allowed her story to be shared because she hoped that her story would inspire others to give.

Her gift is already at work supporting mission co-workers who serve alongside global partners to meet urgent needs. Around the world, partners continue to ask Presbyterian World Mission for additional mission co-workers. World Mission will send as

*Frank Dimmock is a health consultant who works with partners in nine African countries to establish and maintain community- or congregation-based programs that support children.*





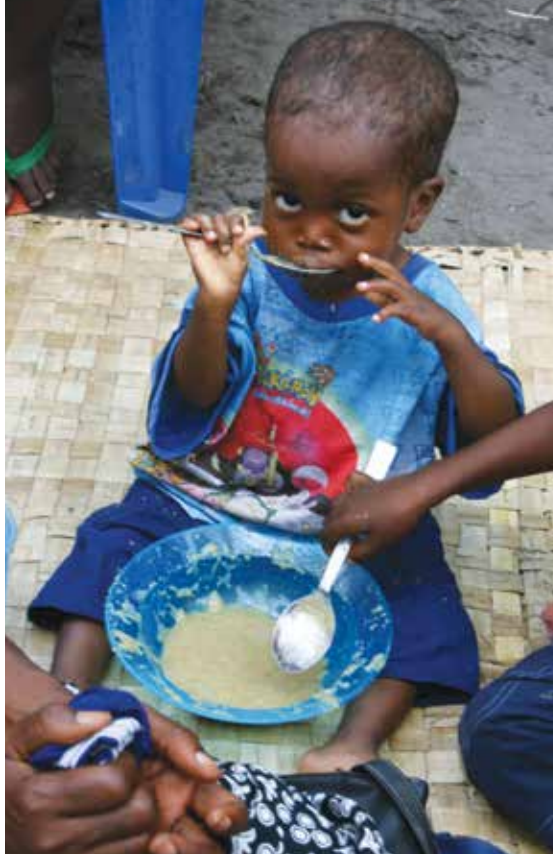
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## “We need missionaries who will come die with us”

*By David Dawson*

Recently when I participated in a Presbyterian World Mission Webinar on the current situation in Sudan and South Sudan, I was asked why I think it is important to have mission co-workers serving in South Sudan. The question applies to all of the nearly 200 mission workers serving in more than 50 countries around the world.

I have become convinced that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) got into a period several decades ago when we were embarrassed to have “missionaries.” Mission work had become associated with paternalism and colonialism. Now, surely that had been a part of our mission history, but it is important to remember that another part of our history is that missionaries have often been among the most culturally sensitive and engaged people out of western culture. So the popular myth that we hear about paternalism is really very inadequate.

The question is, can we reclaim that missionary vocation? Our partner brothers and sisters around the world don’t understand why we wouldn’t. So what do we do? And how else can we be in community together except through relationships? We can’t say to our friends in Sudan, “Well, we’re going to send money and pray for you, but we aren’t going to be coming to spend any time with you.” Debbie Braaksma, Presbyterian World Mission’s Area Coordinator for Africa, was previously a mission co-worker serving in Sudan for five years. Her presence on the ground made the Sudanese partnership real to us. If there aren’t mission workers who have invested their lives where our partners are, we don’t have any real investment in them either.

Years ago in Japan, someone said to me, “We need people who will come die with us.” They were referring to people who would commit their lives to them and their culture, learn their language, and truly be engaged with them.

I really think that if we Presbyterians don’t have mission personnel serving with our partners around the world, there is no way we can have a relationship with our Sudanese sisters and brothers or anyone else. That’s why at Shenango Presbytery we focus a lot of our work on sending and supporting mission personnel because we really believe what Jesus said: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” If you put your money into supporting mission co-workers, your heart might eventually follow, and then you might actually care about the mission workers and the global partners with whom they serve. We found this is absolutely essential to our partnership with the church in Sudan.

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*David Dawson has served as the Presbytery Executive of Shenango Presbytery in western Pennsylvania since 1992.*

# Tools for transformation

## Jean Lindsay's gift continues the mission legacy of her late father

Jean Lindsay still remembers the excitement on her father's face when he opened letters from Cameroon.

The letters came from former carpentry students of her father, the Rev. Charles Boppell, who had taught them while serving as a Presbyterian missionary in the 1890s. Though decades had passed since Boppell left Africa, his former students remembered him fondly and appreciated the craft they learned from him.

In memory of her father, Lindsay recently gave \$5,000 through Presbyterian World Mission for the purchase of equipment at the Elat Carpentry School. Elat is part of a technical high school supported by the Cameroon Presbyterian Church, a global partner of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Boppell's service in Cameroon was brief and laden with tragedy. His first wife, Sadie, caught malaria and died fewer than three months after their arrival. She was buried in a churchyard cemetery in Cameroon. Two seminary classmates who arrived in Africa with the Boppells died within a year, and deteriorating health sent Boppell home after 14 months in the country.

While in Cameroon, Boppell instructed the inquirers class at a church about 70 miles from the coast. He and his missionary colleagues had the distinction of being the people of European descent living the farthest inland on that part of the coast. In addition to giving spiritual direction, Boppell saw that the carpentry skills he had acquired as a teenager would be helpful to Cameroonians.

Despite the difficult times that Boppell experienced in Cameroon, Lindsay says he held a deep love for Africa. "He would have very much liked to go back," Lindsay says. "When he married

my mother, they intended to go, but she became pregnant and the [mission] board thought that it was too dangerous for them to go."

Instead, the Boppells found a Presbyterian mission experience closer to home, the Okanogan Indian Reservation in Washington State. Working with Native Americans was familiar to Boppell's new wife, Zilpha. She had been a physician in charge of all health care on the Oneida Indian Reservation in Wisconsin.

The social conventions of the day frowned upon married women, particularly women married to a minister, working, Lindsay says. While Zilpha Boppell's medical practice ended, her daughter says that care for people and concern for their health continued throughout her mother's life. After service on the reservation, Charles Boppell became secretary of the Inland Empire Sunday School Association and then spent many years as pastor of Presbyterian congregations in Washington and Idaho.

Hearing her father's stories about Africa stirred Lindsay's interest in Africa and international mission. "I went to seminary because I wanted to be a missionary to Africa," says Lindsay, the youngest of six children. "But I met my husband and we were engaged in three weeks."

Her marriage to a man destined to be a pastor was a completely unexpected turn of events for Lindsay. "I always said that I didn't want to marry a pastor because I would always have to listen to the same preacher every Sunday," she jokes.

Her husband, Bill, who died in 1999, spent many years as a pastor, retiring in 1984 from First Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon. Jean has been active in congregational and denominational service. She was on the national Executive Committee of Presbyterian Women and wrote Sunday school curriculum for Presbyterian churches.

At First Presbyterian, Portland, Jean started a literacy program for new immigrants that grew to serve students from 34 countries. "We had some students who had never picked up a pencil, but others had once held high government jobs and run their own businesses," she says. The program still exists.

More than a century after Charles Boppell returned from Cameroon, his passion for mission continues to influence a daughter who grew up hearing his stories. Jean Lindsay's gift of tools today, like her father's gift of teaching in the 1890s, empowers students to learn a craft and earn a livelihood.



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# The reshaping of World Mission

## Restructuring means greater responsiveness and support

By Judson Taylor

Presbyterian World Mission is reshaping itself to become more responsive to global partners and U.S. Presbyterians and more supportive of our mission personnel.

“During our time of strategic planning in 2010-2011, we listened carefully to our stakeholders,” said Hunter Farrell, Director of World Mission. “We listened to global partners, mission workers, and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission participants, including mission network members, presbytery mission advocates, congregational mission pastors and directors, former Young Adult volunteers, and congregational mission committee leaders. We were able, by God’s grace, to discern the new direction for Presbyterian World Mission. Our mission co-workers and Young Adult Volunteers were among the groups which provided us with the most ideas and feedback.”

“World Mission’s current role—connecting global partners and U.S. Presbyterians for more faithful involvement in God’s mission—has found strong support among global partners and U.S. Presbyterians because it represents a more effective way of doing mission and gives Presbyterians and global partners a deeper understanding of partnership,” said Farrell. “In addition, the Presbyterian Mission Agency has incorporated a number of World Mission’s

concepts and priorities in its overarching plan and many presbyteries and congregations invited World Mission to work more closely with them.”

Several individuals have been moved by the new direction and have made major financial gifts in support of World Mission’s focus on three critical global issues: addressing the root causes of poverty, especially as they affect women and children; sharing the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ; and being agents of reconciliation among cultures of violence.

But in order to implement World Mission’s strategic direction fully, Farrell said it has become necessary to restructure the organization. It will be more flexible and quicker to provide services needed by U.S. and global partners and our mission workers.

This has required changes in both staffing and organization:

- In order to increase the number of young adults whose lives will be transformed by mission experiences, World Mission will triple the number of young adult volunteers participating in the program by 2017. World Mission is restructuring the YAV Office to accomplish this goal and will lower the YAV

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program participation cost and commit the funding necessary to grow the program.

- World Mission is restructuring parts of the Equipping for Mission Involvement office to better connect with our congregations, mission networks, and presbyteries, especially through the Mission Connections letters program and two new positions that will serve as “coaches”: one to U.S. Presbyterians who are serious about engaging faithfully in God’s mission, and the other to support mission co-workers to more effectively communicate news of how God is working through partners and through their work.
- World Mission area coordinators will now form, with the general manager and director, World Mission’s leadership team, responsible for the direction of the overall ministry area.
- The area coordinators will supervise a full complement of regional liaisons who, after a transitional period of orientation and training, will (together with global partners) provide stronger support and clearer direction for and supervision of mission co-workers.

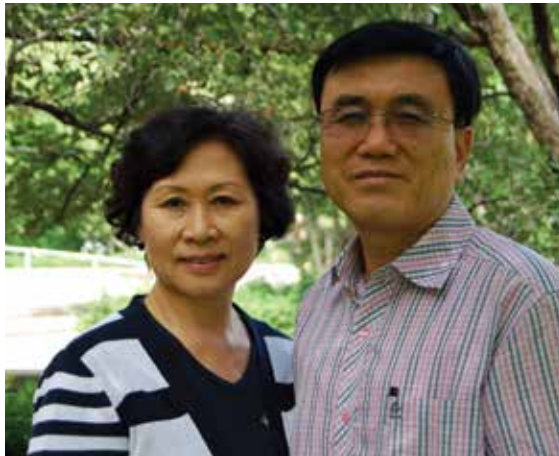
- The International Evangelism and the International Health and Development offices have performed vital service for decades in the PC(USA)’s mission history. Both offices, after a period of transition, will decrease their role as resource-granting offices, and will increasingly work to inspire, equip, and connect global partners and U.S. Presbyterians around the critical global issues of evangelism and poverty, respectively.
- The Mission Personnel team at the Presbyterian Mission Agency will serve as consultants in support of the area offices, providing them with the information they need to support mission personnel and make decisions.
- World Mission will continue the process of consulting with global partners and Presbyterian Mission Agency partner ministries as it reassesses how it will engage with ministries in more than 50 countries around the globe.

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# Meet new mission co-workers

## Presbyterian mission personnel get ready for new international assignments

Seven newly appointed or reassigned Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission co-workers will have completed orientation at the end of July in preparation for international assignments that will begin in coming weeks. They include:



**The Rev. Choon Lim and Yen Hee Lim** (above) have been reassigned after serving for more than a decade in campus ministry in Taiwan. Choon has been named regional liaison for East Asia and will work with partner churches and organizations in China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan. Yen Hee will assist Choon in this ministry.



**Dessa Palm** (above) will serve in a Christian theater ministry in the Philippines. She will coordinate the Theater for Evangelism and Advocacy, a ministry of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Dessa, a native of the Philippines, joins her husband Cobbie in mission service.

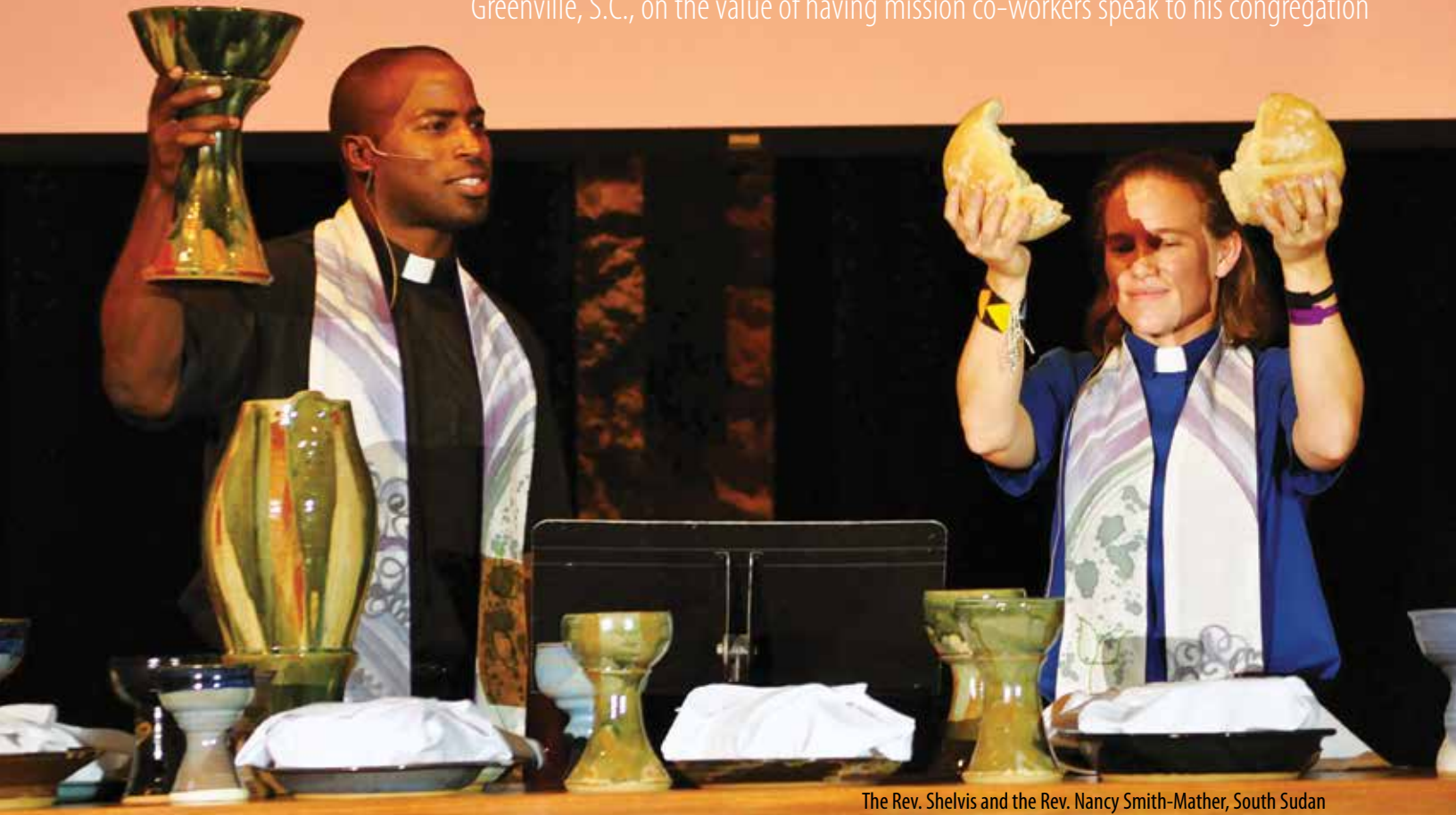
**The Rev. Kari Nicewander and Joel DeJong** (below) will work in a Community Health Evangelism program (CHE) in Zambia. CHE is a form of outreach that combines community health and development, evangelism, and discipleship. Her husband Joel worked as a graphic designer for the Ann Arbor Observer. The couple will be accompanied by two sons, Frankie and Johnny.

**The Rev. Timothy Stone and Rachel Stone** (below) will serve at Zomba Theological College in Malawi, an institution of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. Tim will be a professor of Old Testament and will be supported in this role by Rachel. They are the parents of two sons, Aidan and Graeme.





“It gives us a feeling in some senses that we are not just providing resources but we are there, that we are actually enabling the hands of Christ and we are part of what they are doing. It gives us a sense of partnership with them.” —The Rev. Ludwig L. Weaver, Jr., pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S.C., on the value of having mission co-workers speak to his congregation



The Rev. Shelvis and the Rev. Nancy Smith-Mather, South Sudan

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