

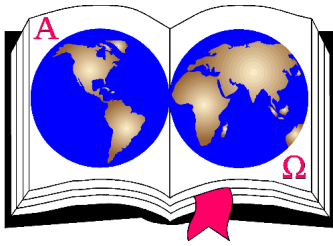
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News and Prayer Letter*

Pastor (from West Timor) & Elder (from Sabu Island) meet at Kupang Reformed Church and greet each other in the Lord





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...for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know...how to be abased, and ...how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. ... no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity... But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Philippians 4:11-19)

God's Faithfulness amid trials

What a great joy it is to finally get to this newsletter and report how faithful God has been in the midst of numerous trials and challenges since our last one. It is so heartening to report that despite a nearly 70% drop in giving, that RCM continues on due to the faithful provision of the Lord through a remnant of His people and churches as well as extensive cost-cutting on our part. We thank the Lord for the faithful core who assist through prayer and gifts and pray God's provision for you.

The delay in newsletters is due to many things, but mostly due to limited resources, personnel, some time-consuming medical therapy treatments for myself, the need to reduce stress levels, and putting outreach responsibilities before reporting. Nevertheless, this lack of reporting has weighed heavily upon us and certainly has affected support for our work. Each month as we have received letters or calls from long-time supporting individuals and churches explaining that their giving is down or will cease due to their own economic issues, we have thanked our Sovereign God for His faithfulness in supplying what has been necessary to carry on even with these many limitations.

I will add that one of our greatest concerns is for the financial needs of Rev. Rudy Poettcker. Like the rest of us at RCM, he is not salaried and depends upon designated donations along with a portion of student fees. Your prayers are coveted for all our needs, but especially his. We are all having to make major adjustments and are learning how to be further abased according to the Lord's good providence and we know nothing transpires without the superintending approval of our abundance providing God. Having said that, we still wish to convey these needs for your prayerful consideration.

See coupon on page 3.

 *Geoffrey Donnan*

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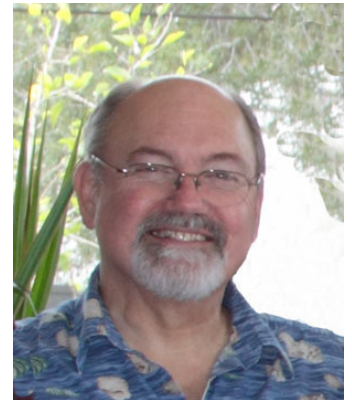
Two Appointments to RCM

Over the past several months, the RCM board has made two appointments of note. The first is that of **Rev. Dr. Richard Knodel Jr.**, to the position of Doctoral Chair for our seminary doctoral committee. Dr. Knodel was an Orthodox Presbyterian Church pastor for many years in Lynchburg, VA and has worked with RCM since 2006, first as a missionary to Scotland, and then later on the doctoral committee. Upon his return from Scotland in 2009 (due to lack of reliable funding), he took on responsibilities with RITS in college course development and now has succeeded Dr. Westcott.



Rev. Dan Gibson was recently approved by the Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church to be oversight of King's Reformed

a home missionary under the Presbyterian Church (our local church) to do church planting in the Wisconsin-Illinois area and also to develop the **Good News Bible Study** as a church planting aid in conjunction with RCM. He has extensive marketing background and plans to develop an advertising system to bring students into the Bible courses and then seek to involve them in Bible studies. Once established, the plan is to share this with churches both in North America and abroad.



Good News Bible Study Coming soon in Chinese, Italian and Russian

The Good News Bible Study is now available on-line in English and Albanian. Translation is completed in Chinese, Italian and Urdu and in the process of going on-line. The Russian translation is being revised. Once on-line, you may feel free to send anyone who is interested in taking the courses in these languages to our website. Your prayers are coveted for the many people working with us in this project. Pray especially for the tireless efforts of Justin Wishart, Brian McRae, Nardi Doka and our Chinese workers Peter & Jenny.

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Trip to Philippines & Indonesia

In April and May of this year, Rev. Donnan was able to make a long-anticipated trip to the Philippines and Indonesia in order to establish a relationship with several denominations and establish a seminary committee of local officers to assist in providing oversight of local students. A more extensive report will be provided soon on the web, but below are a few picture highlights in the two countries visited.



National Synod of the UCRCP (United Covenant Reformed Church of the Philippines) meeting at San Carlos April 2011. Several of the men in this picture hope to become students. Three local pastors serve on our local seminary committee for the Philippines.



Rev. Donnan (driving motorcycle) and locals traveling on Sabu Island (NTT), Indonesia to visit several GGRC (Calvinist Reformed Churches in Indonesia).



Rev. Donnan stands at the center of four of the five members of the seminary committee in Indonesia from the GGRC. Local students will first apply to this committee which will then make recommendations to the seminary and evaluate any financial needs.

Update on Suriname



Christian Liberty Academy grads for the 2010-2011 school year.

Rev. Rudy Poettcker serves as the Headmaster for the school and still spends about 25% of his time in Suriname each year in four different trips. Rev. Asgar Hamid is the Administrator. The school opened this school year with 375 students. This continues to be a huge ministry consuming a large portion of Rev. Poettcker's time. Below is a breakdown of the countries from which the students originate and their various religious backgrounds.

Country		Religion/ Denomination	
Suriname	101	Unknown/ undeclared"	90
China	85	"Catholic"	81
Guyana	58	Roman Catholic	65
Brazil	55	"Christian"	65
Holland	19	Hindu	31
United States	19	Pentecostal	24
Haiti	7	Assemblies of God	21
India	7	Buddhist	16
Indonesia	4	Reformed & Presb.	15
Argentina	4	Baptist	10
Canada	3	Moravian & Brethren	10
Sri Lanka	3	Muslim	7
Nigeria	3	Christian Miss. Alliance	5
Venezuela	2	Seventh Day Ad.	3
British	2	Nazarene	2
Peru	2		

RCM Briefs & Updates

A Technical Health Update on Rev. Donnan to answer various inquiries

As many of you know, Rev. Donnan has had heart issues since 1995, even though his heart is quite strong and he has never had a heart attack. Between 2007-2009 he had seven stents placed in heart arteries to clear blockages. His cardiologist says the primary cause behind these blockages is stress and heavy metal toxins (particularly mercury and lead in his system). He has taken extensive treatment to remove these toxins with the side-benefit that arterial plaque is also removed. As a result his arterial system is now nearly 100% clear of plaque and with the exception of aspirin, he took no prolonged medication.

However, during the last two years he began to have increased bouts of irregular heartbeat known as atrial fibrillation (afib). Tests again revealed raised levels of mercury and lead (not unusual). This time the attack by these toxins affected his eyes and his adrenal & thyroid glands. The eyes resulted in a form of glaucoma (damage to the optic nerve) affecting especially his peripheral vision.

The thyroid and adrenal impact substantially lowered his levels of cortisol with resulting fatigue. Any strenuous labor or exercise triggered adrenaline to compensate for the low cortisol and brought on the afib episodes. Standard remedies tried over the past two years have failed. A new therapy approach began in late November along with medication to cut down on the afib episodes. He is presently completing another extensive round of fatiguing therapy aimed at improving circulation and drastically removing these toxins. The primary therapy will be completed in January, but will continue by a number of additional life-style and diet changes.

What is the prognosis? Very good. Already the therapy is showing results, but there are more concentrated options should it be necessary.

How does this affect RCM? Keep in mind that there are others involved with RCM besides Rev. Donnan, and much work is decentralized. He has been slowed in doing some things and is cutting back unnecessary others to focus on the most important things dependent solely upon him. *Will RCM continue?* YES. *Is there anyone ready to take his place?* Not at present, but finances have been the major limiting factor there. *Does he plan on retiring from RCM?* Retirement is not in his vocabulary, but he is slowing down as God provides others to take over some of his responsibilities. Please keep him and the many others in prayer involved with RCM. Also note the following needs which would be a great help to him.

Pakistani Urdu Volunteer Needed

Wanted: solid, reformed Pakistani Urdu speaker familiar with computers to assist us in setting up the electronic Good News Bible Study on-line course (already translated) and then help in handling an electronic Grading Center for Urdu speakers.

Please have anyone interested contact us at gwd@reformation.edu

Web Site Assistance Urgently Needed

We have a number of websites for our different fields set up using a simple html system that are at various stages of completion. We can populate the website once the design is in place. Ideally we need a volunteer but otherwise someone who can assist us at a bargain rate to help us complete some design work. If you know of anyone who might be willing to assist, please have them contact us at gwd@reformation.edu.

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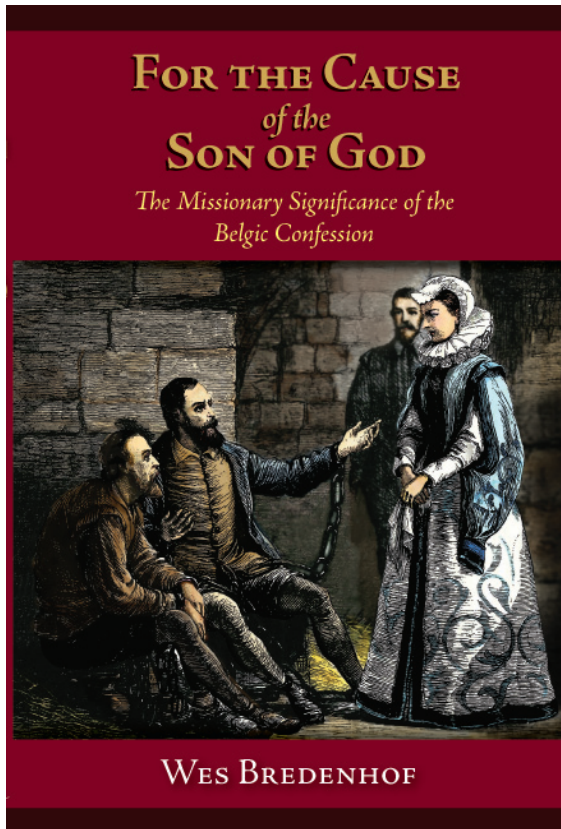
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