

The Heart of Missions:

First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's Missions Magazine

July Missions Events and Meetings

Sundays: English as a Second Language Bible Study

10:30am in Room 204

Mondays-Thursdays: English as a Second Language Classes

9-11am on Second Floor of Education Building

July 9: Adopt A Highway

8am in Alley near CE building

July 9: Story Garden Walk

10am outside CE building at Story Garden

July 17: Lunch with Drs. Adeney-Risakotta

11:45am in Centennial

July 17, 24, and 31: The Raindrop Project

July 17-31: School Supply Drive

Table in Westminster Hall

July 18: World Mission

5:30pm in Westminster Hall

July 11: Compassion Peace and Justice

4pm in Westminster Hall

July 12: Mission Team

Noon in Westminster Hall

July 18: Environmental Stewardship Committee

3:30pm in the Parlor

July 28: Cuba Steering Committee

5:30pm in the Parlor

Community Mission Deacons

Will not meet in July or August

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Mission Possible 2016 Worktrip

Submitted by Harry Bremer and Gene Morgan

Mission Possible (MP) went on its **25th** trip May 22-28, 2016. We went to Camp Wyoming, Wyoming, Iowa. It was the first time that we went back to a camp that we had been to previously (were there in 2005).

Participants included: David Bauer, Mary Lou Bauer, Charlene Bremer, Harry Bremer, Pastor Chuck Carlson, Tracy Dace, Tanya Deckert, Scott Dukes, Barbara Fuller-Curry, William Gamble, Mary Gritten, Steve Gritten, David Herron, Paul (Chi Ming) Huang, Itch Jones, Sue Jones, Byron Kemper, David McNattin, Carol Miles, Gene Morgan, Gloria Read, Kathleen Schoeffmann, Mark Schoeffmann, Jeff Smith, Dale Tutje, Ginny Tutje, Linda Wynn, and Wally Wynn. Two of our members are residents of Men's S.A.F.E. House.

The group worked approximately 760 total hours of labor during our week at the camp and, as usual, it was a very successful adventure. This represents a great deal of dollar savings to these under funded camps. There is always more jobs waiting to be done than the time allotted but the camp is very appreciate for our efforts. It's a better place when we left than when we arrived. All of the people deserve a word of praise for their splendid effort.

Much work was accomplished. The sewing group made outfits for Christ Walk Service and Romans and Christians program. The construction group replaced twenty-four windows and several doors in three cabins. They also built ten firewood shelters for six cookout circles and four campfire circles. The general labor group cleaned windows in Owl's Nest, and five other buildings, and painted exterior of four cabins.

On our half day off, some toured and some rested. We met at a Springville, Iowa restaurant for dinner. For our morning devotions, we studied the book of James, using LifeGuide Bible Study guide.

At Friday night's dinner, we had a 25th anniversary cake (see below) to celebrate the work accomplished over the years. Rev. Dale Tutje was honored for his foresight to start an adult work trip. The cake was shared with the staff (it was their first week of training). MP participants each received a small gift from the camp.



Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta to Visit

Submitted by: Steve Gritten

A significant and worrisome topic in the United States is how to create better relations with Muslims in view of the growing popularity of the followers of ISIS. One couple has figured a way, and they will be here on July 16th and 17th to share with us some of their secrets. **Drs. Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta** are PC(USA) Mission Co-workers whom we have been supporting since 2008. We added them to our list of supported missionaries because of their abilities and unique ways in solving very large problems.

They are working separately and as a couple in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, toward their goals. Bernie, born in China to missionaries and educated in the states and other countries, received his Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union/University of California in Berkley. Since 2003, he has served as the director of the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies at the state-run Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, the oldest and largest national university in Indonesia, which has 56,000 (mostly Muslim) students.

A brief story of his background begins in 1979. While on a sabbatical leave from teaching in Berkeley, California, a Christian university in Java invited him to help them establish a graduate program in religion and society. In 1991, he returned as a PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker helping establish a graduate program to study how Christianity, Islam and other religions affect Indonesian society. As part of his current role at the state-run university, he teaches graduate courses in these areas. Being part of the national system provides him greater opportunity for a positive influence in the resolutions of a serious social issue. Bernie will be the first to say that the issues he addresses are far from resolved, but his influence has generated many clerics and academics in his country who teach and guide churches and mosques.

He founded ICRS-Yogya, which has quickly become an internationally acclaimed, interreligious program and is the only known cooperation of its kind between secular, Muslim and Christian universities. This joint program with the local Muslim and Christian Universities features Muslim Ph.D. students taking classes in Christian Theology taught by Christian professors, and Christian Ph.D. students taking classes in Muslim Theology. The object is not to change the students' religion, but to provide them with an understanding of each other. Graduates of this program are now professors and religious leaders spread throughout Indonesia.

Farsijana is a product of many institutes and colleges, plus a university in Amsterdam. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Theology and a Master of Arts degree in Religion and Society from universities in Indonesia. She has a Ph.D. in Anthropology and Indonesian studies from a university in the Netherlands. She met and married Bernie in Indonesia. She is currently Director of the Center for Research and Community Development at Duta Wacana Christian University, also in Yogyakarta. In that capacity and outside of that position, she has developed programs to help those victimized by a tsunami rebuild their lives. She also has started programs to help local poor farmers find ways to process their crops into a marketable product, thereby bypassing merchants who purchase grain from them at a very low price and sell them for a high profit. She has formed women's groups where they learn marketable skills and then develop small businesses through microfinancing.

She also leads a foundation and cooperative called House of Authentic Sense (HAS) which draws on the resources of the Economics and Biology Departments of DWCU to get students involved in working alongside villagers from various parts of Indonesia. Farsijana is a bridge person, not only between Christians and Muslims, but also between professors, government officials, and poor villagers. Her vision and hard work give hope to many people.

During Bernie and Farsijana's visit with us on July 17th, we are asking them to share some of the many stories regarding their bridging peoples of different religions, social and economic backgrounds to provide a positive future for the country of Indonesia. **You will not want to miss this extremely informative presentation at 11:45 am on Sunday the 17th.**



World Mission has voted that one of Farsijana's projects will receive the proceeds for this year's Raindrop Project.

The project is a microfinance project that is managed by the new research center formed by Faculty Business of Duta Wacana Christian University. It is called the Center for Study of Development and Transformation of Society.



This project helps co-op participants with management, marketing, and quality assurance for their businesses.

The 2016 Raindrop Project supporting microfinance in Indonesia will run the **last three Sundays in July**.

The program being supported is associated with Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta, one of our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers this church regularly supports.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this worthy cause, helping villagers in Indonesia to lift themselves out of poverty by managing their own businesses.



FPCC's Story Garden planted by our Environmental Stewardship Committee. At 10a.m. on July 9th, there will be a Story Garden Walk with Faith in Place. There are eight churches participating and First Presbyterian Church of Champaign will be the first to show off their garden.

Environmental Stewardship Committee will also be doing an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Saturday, July 9th, at 8:15am.

Church Funding Streams Beyond Typical Expenses

If your missions committee desires to use church funds for any reason and there is not a pre-existing expense account or restricted account under your committee's control to be used for your purpose, the next step is to use the *Request for Funds* form. This form should be turned into the Finance Committee for the application to be reviewed. The Finance Committee will review the request at its normal monthly meeting and vote to determine the outcome. The form is easily available now on our [website](#). *It is recommended that the form be submitted as early as possible in any planning processes.*

Another source of possible funding is the Forward 150 Mission Fund. **This fund was set up with specific purposes in mind, and completed applications must meet the intentions of the fund.** The fund specifically is used to **fund events or programs which help lift individuals out of poverty, with specific focus on women, children and education.** It can also be used for educating individuals within and outside of our congregation about **mission work and issues related to poverty.**

Forms to be filled out for the Forward 150 Mission Fund are available on the [website](#). **Please note that the entire process from application to a final decision often takes several weeks, depending on how well the applicant filled out the form, when it was received in relation to subcommittee availability and Mission Team meetings, etc.** It is very important to fill out an application thoroughly, to do so early in the planning process, and to try to ensure your application meets the fund's intentions. *I have been, and am happy to continue, providing consultation to individuals or groups who are in the first (or any) stages of filling out the application.* Once the Missions Coordinator receives the completed form, it is forwarded to a subcommittee. This subcommittee then meets to determine if the application is appropriate to forward to Mission Team. After any questions or concerns about the application have been addressed, the subcommittee deems the application is filled out properly, and deems that the application likely meets the goals of the fund, it is finally forwarded to Mission Team. When Mission Team meets at the normal monthly meeting, Mission Team then decides whether to release funds for the request. **Decisions for release of funds lie in the hands of Mission Team church members; no staff or pastoral member votes on the subcommittee or on Mission Team.**

I hope you have found this information to be helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Many blessings,

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The Heart of Christian Egypt Trip October 25 - November 2, 2016

A Presbyterian Church (USA) and Egypt Partnership Network Tour Study Trip

Join our PCUSA Liaison to the Synod of the Nile, Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman, for eight days of inspiring encounters and visits to the "heart of Egypt's Christian community." We begin with two days in Cairo, staying at Dawson Hall, the historic guesthouse of Presbyterian missionaries. From your own apartment with all the amenities we will visit the places and leaders at the Synod of the Nile, the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Cairo, the Bible Society of Egypt and a worksite of the Coptic Evangelical Organization of Social Services (CEOSS).

With this background, we head into Upper Egypt, visiting churches, leaders and living with Presbyterian families in Minya and Assiut. Here is the heart of the first missionary movement 160 years ago. Here, for 2,000 years, is the heart of Christian Egypt. We will also visit schools, clinics, orphanages and other ministries of social justice open to all Muslims and Christians.

It is, of course, the people who we will enjoy and be uplifted by the most. Living with families, attending worship, sharing in prayer, participating in program for children, youth (young adults), women and families will prove the truth of Ps. 34:3, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together. "

Schedule:

Leave the US on Monday, October 24, arriving in Cairo the evening of October 25.
(Unless you come for the pre-tour - see next page).

October 26-27 in Cairo
October 28, 29, 30 in Minya
October 31, November 1, 2 in Assuit
November 3 return to Cairo and flights home

Cost: \$700, includes transportation, housing and meals, tours, guide and tips. (You can exchange money at the airport or use ATMs for Egyptian pounds.)

Add-ons: four days in Cairo and/or three days in Luxor

CAIRO - four days of touring: Come early for a four-day pre-study trip of sightseeing in and around the vibrant megalopolis of Cairo, Egypt. Included in these four days are tours of the Great Pyramids and Solar Boat of Giza (camel rides available), Coptic Cairo, Islamic Cairo, Saqqara and Memphis and the Cairo Museum where you can stand nose-to-nose with King Tut. Shop in the great souq of Khan-al-Kalili and enjoy the foods of Egypt. Ramez Salama, Egyptologist and guide, will lead us all along the way with his excellent English and years of experience. All housing, meals, transportation, entrance fees and tips included.

LUXOR - three days in ancient Egypt: Over three busy days led by Ramez Salama, we visit both the great Karnak, Luxor and Dandara Temples; Hatsheut's Temple; the Valley of the Kings; the Colossi of Memnon; Tutankhamun's Tomb; ride down the Nile on a felucca and around Luxor in a horse drawn carriage. This tour includes our two night stay in a 5 Star Hotel, private van, all tours and entry fees, all meals and your domestic flight back to Cairo, as well as our excellent guide.

Registration Schedule

If you choose to do pre- or post-tours you will need to register and pay by *Friday, September 2nd*. If you choose to participate only on the Study Trip your registration is due by *Friday, September 16*.

Travel Dates:

For the pre-tour of Cairo, leave from the US on Thursday, October 20, arriving the evening of October 21st. October 22 - 25 is our tour. For the study trip only, leave the US on Monday, October 24, arriving the evening of October 25. October 26 - Nov. 2 is the study trip. For those staying for the post Luxor Tour, you will fly back to Cairo on November 5, leaving the night of November 6 for the US, arriving home that same day.

Overall Costs

1. Your flights to/from the US.
2. Spending money for shopping. (We will give advice to those who sign up).
3. Cairo Tour (four days) - \$500
4. Study Trip (eight days) - \$700
5. Luxor Tour (three days) - \$700

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Restoration Urban Ministry
Work Week

**Volunteers Needed
For Work Week
July 5th-July 8th
Remodeling
Building B – 32 rooms**

**Starting time 9:00 to ?
Something for everyone**

1213 Parkland Court
Champaign, IL 61821
217-355-2662



**Starting time
9:00 to ?
Something for everyone to
do! Everyone can help!**



PLEASE, PLEASE SAVE THE
DATE
AUGUST 28, 2016
FROM 3:00 pm-7:00 pm
in the beautiful Hessel Park of
Champaign, Illinois.

This is our 19th consecutive fund raising effort for the Men and Women's S.A.F.E. Houses here in Champaign-Urbana. We solicit your prayers, ideas, etc. for making this a banner year spiritually and financially. August 28 is just around the corner. We are accepting additional volunteers to help in this year's effort. Please let us know of any successful grant writers to assist us in this great venture. Our phone is 217.344.7233.

Thank you for your faithfulness to this
County-wide effort.

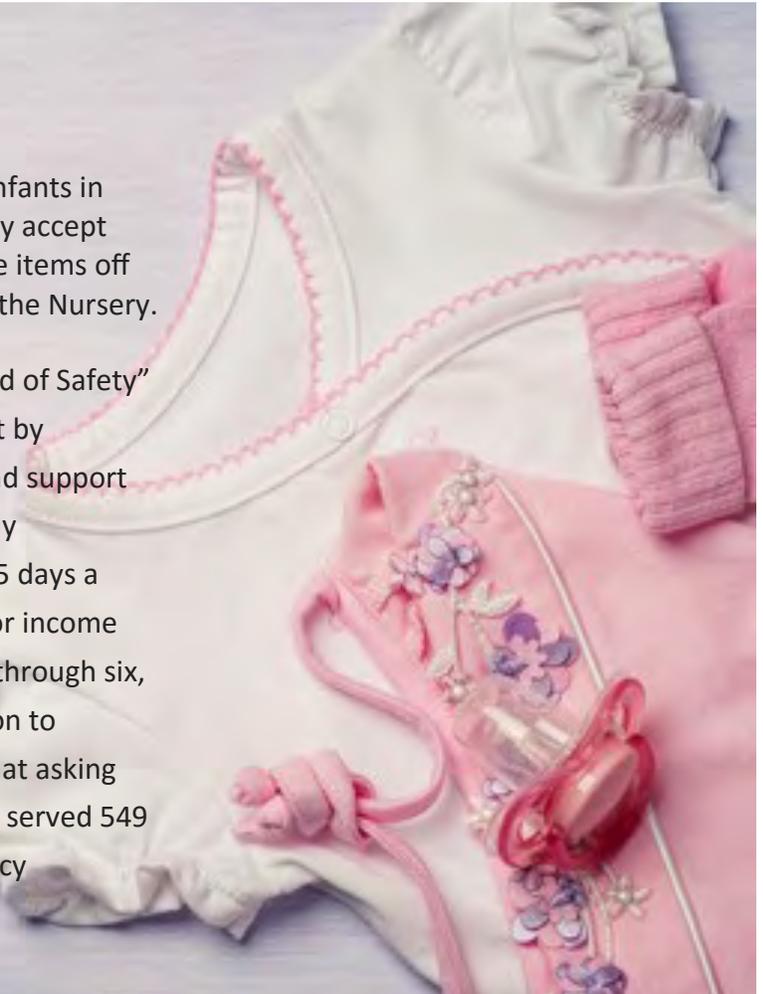


SUBSTANCE
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Crisis Nursery Needs Your Help

Crisis Nursery is in need of an [infant swing](#) and two [Rock n' Play sleepers](#) to aid them when they care for infants in their facility. Due to licensing restrictions, they can only accept new items. If you'd like to assist, you can purchase the items off their [Amazon wish list](#) and it will be mailed directly to the Nursery.

What is Crisis Nursery? Crisis Nursery creates an "Island of Safety" dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing 24-hour emergency childcare for children and support to strengthen families in crisis. Crisis Nursery is the only emergency-based child care facility open 24 hours, 365 days a year for the entire community to access with no fees or income eligibility. Besides safe shelter for children, ages birth through six, we also provide family support and parenting education to strengthen parent skills and confidence. We believe that asking for help is a sign of strength. In FY2016, Crisis Nursery served 549 families and provided nearly 29,000 hours of emergency childcare.



The state budget situation has affected most of the local agencies that we support, in big ways and small ways. For example, the TIMES Center, which serves men experiencing homelessness, has had to cut all services except those for the 20 men in the residential program. Just this loss alone is very significant to our community.

Please join me in praying for this situation. Our community agencies are vital to providing basic needs and services for people in crisis and to helping people break out of the cycle of poverty.

May God protect and hold in God's hand, those clients who are most affected by the lack of funding to area agencies. To these children of God, may God grant courage, strength, wisdom, hope and creativity to deal with the repercussions on their lives. To those in authority in our government, may God grant vision and creativity for solutions. May God grant our leaders courage and wisdom to cross the political boundaries that separate them so they may walk together toward reconciliation. May those in power use their power for the greater good of all of God's people. May we as a congregation hear the Holy Spirit's leading in this time of crisis. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Kristi Corbin, Missions Coordinator



**ECIRMAC now has a
sponsorship program!**

Go to ecirmac.weebly.com/sponsorship.html to view stories of individuals and families who are real recipients of services at ECIRMAC.

Donors can now sponsor these individuals through donations to the center!



You could win a Ford Escape, and help support those in need right here in Champaign County! Salt & Light is teaming up with Bill Smith Auto, Service King, Women's Business Council, and Don's Towing for the 2016 Driving Dreams Car Raffle! Purchase your tickets today for a chance to win a 2009 Ford Escape!

Tickets are \$25 each, or you can purchase three for \$60! Only 1,100 tickets will be sold!

Tickets can be [purchased online](#), or during normal office hours at Salt & Light's building. 100% of the proceeds from tickets sold by Salt & Light will directly benefit the organization.

The drawing for the car will be held on July 16, 2016 at the Women's Business Council "Juice the Joint" event (Jupiter's at the Crossing). You do not need to be present to win. Must be 18 or older to enter. Winner will be responsible for proof of insurance, license, taxes, and fees to claim prize. License number BL-6577.

BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK August 1-6

Salt and Light is gearing up to help send kids back to school with the supplies they need at a great savings to parents. Salt and Light will be selling school supplies the week of August 1-6 at their Two Trees Store and here is how we all can help.

There will be a table in Westminster Hall with a donation box for supplies (or an envelope if you wish someone else to shop for you) beginning July 17.

Supply Lists will also be available then and maybe a little before.

Donations will be collected and delivered to Salt and Light on or before July 31.

You can also sign up to help in the store at www.saltandlightministry.org or call 217-355-5654 to volunteer. Thank you for helping to send kids back to school with the supplies they need to succeed.