



Our Executive Director:

Rev. Jon DeBruyn has been a pastor in the Christian Reformed Church of North America for over thirty years. Pastor Jon has ministered in many nations including Peru, Haiti, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Guam, Philippines, South Korea, England and South Africa.

He is the national trainer for Learning to Love to Pray seminars and has led retreats and taught on prayer and spiritual disciplines in many churches. Pastor Jon has been a teacher and leader with Presbyterian and Reformed Ministries International in the Dunamis Leadership Training Program and Ignite, a Congregational Renewal ministry.

Pastor Jon and his wife Mae live in Traverse City, Michigan where they enjoy cross country skiing and the four seasons of the year. Their three grown children have seven grandchildren. Mae is a 6-8 grade teacher in Woodland School, a local charter school in Traverse City.

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SHORT TERM PRAYER MISSIONS



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Don't know how to clean teeth or give shots? Not very good at laying bricks or pounding nails? But do you love to pray and believe that prayer makes a difference?

If so, a short term Prayer Mission Team is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a difference in the Great Commission work of the Church! A short term Prayer Mission Team focuses upon on-site prayer for missionaries, mission ministries and partnerships, community needs and evangelism opportunities in various sites around the world.

Just Prayer?

Sometimes people ask, "Is that all you are going to do? Just pray?" The response is not so simple.

Prayer teams pray for people, places and communities. Some time is spent in prayer for the missionaries and church workers. Some time is spent in prayer for the churches - the building and ministries of the church. Some time is spent praying in the community around the church - the neighborhoods, businesses and government. Sometimes on Prayer Mission Trips we get involved in handing out literature or we get involved in teaching and worship services. But we certainly do not just "sit around" and pray!

Can't we pray as well from where we are?

While it is certainly true that we can pray from wherever we are, it is also true that praying on site increases the prayers' focus and power. Even Jesus usually went to the people to pray for their healing. It was only the occasional situation that Jesus accomplished his miracle from a distance. And in those instances, Jesus marveled at the faith of the individual requesting the healing.



In the same way, praying with people, laying our hands of blessing upon them, allows the Holy Spirit to bring the ministry of encouragement and blessing in powerful ways.

People of Faith Needed

Crucial however, is the faith that believes our prayers make a difference. Prayer Mission Teams tend to be comprised of men and women with strong faith and mature spiritual gifts. Teams are usually made up of men and women from a variety of churches who have a common interest in blessing the particular ministry area and missionaries.

The Team

Teams will consist of between 4 and 10 people, including the leader. The teams typically will come from a variety of churches though a team from one church is certainly possible. Prayer Missions International will provide a team leader, usually our Director, Rev. Jon DeBruyn. The team will also be expected to complete the on-line training for

Prayer Mission Teams and for the culture orientation to the ministry field. Each team member will also be given materials to aid in their fund raising efforts as well as materials to report to their churches or supporters as they return home.

Costs

Costs consist of transportation to the field and around the ministry area, housing, food, and some administration costs. Fees obviously

vary with the locations of the missions and the costs within the community. Costs tend to be less than many construction team costs because there is not a need to purchase construction materials.

Application

Application can be made on-line at www.prayermissions.org. All applicants will need to have a pastor/church endorsement and be willing to have a background check.

Contact us

For more information you may contact us at www.prayermissions.org or by telephone at 231-947-3526.

Team Members say:

"On my previous prayer mission trips, I have witnessed in new ways God's all-encompassing sovereignty and grace at work in our world. Our trip itinerary brought us face-to-face with dedicated servants in God's world, at their own places, and we together saw how our risen Lord directs and guides by his Spirit the building and perfecting of his Kingdom." — R.H.

"I love prayer mission trips! They fulfill a longing within me to do something significant, yet paradoxically, much of it can be ministry that is behind the scenes. I enjoy these trips because they can encompass teaching on prayer as well as intercession for the region - for businesses, government, education and the Church. The trips I have been on also included prayer ministry over spiritual leaders which always brought them encouragement and refreshing." — M.L.

Missionaries say:

Here in Guadalajara, Mexico we have enjoyed and benefited from having three teams of prayer warriors over the past 6 years. These teams have visited most of the 15 sites where we carry on ministry. Their focus was praying for the lay pastors, and evangelists who we work along side of and for us. This ministry has had a powerful effect on these leaders and on the new church projects where they minister. I believe that this is the best work team design for international missions. Prayer doesn't require a translator. Prayer is the first job of missions. The rest of ministry can only be fruitful if God has moved hearts and changed lives.

- Rev. Wayne DeYoung, Missionary in Mexico

