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*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the
gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

Romans 10:15

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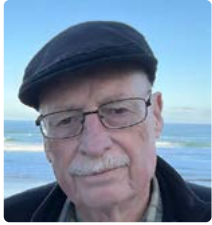
The purpose of the Heritage Reformed Congregations missions' program is to glorify the Triune God, by proclaiming the message of salvation alone in Jesus Christ throughout the world, in order that lost sinners might be reconciled to God in Christ by the Holy Spirit.



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THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL

DR. ARTHUR MISKIN



The mystery ... made known to all the nations.
Rom. 16:26

The mystery of the gospel had its origin in the eternal counsel of God and was made known at exactly the right moment in the history of mankind (Gal. 4:4,5). The sheer majesty of the gospel message could never have originated in man; it had to be revealed. The mystery has now been made known through the prophetic Scriptures of which Christians are the recipients in the New Testament. We of all people, who have received “grace upon grace” in Jesus Christ should, with Paul, be overflowing with praise for God’s revelation to His church.

But Paul goes on to say that this revelation should not be kept to ourselves but be taken to all nations, Jew and Gentile alike. This reference to the “everlasting (eternal) God” in this verse is interesting – it hints at the changeless purposes of God. An eternal God works out an eternal purpose – the extension of salvation to the Gentiles had always been a part of His plan. Evangelisation of the nations is what the eternal God has decreed.

Is this not what Paul was doing in Athens? Having exposed their idolatry in the worship of images, Paul goes on to say, for “the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30). There is no more an excuse for idolatry. The way of salvation has been made known, the mystery hidden for ages has been unveiled, and ALL men are called to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus. Before our Lord Jesus Christ returned to the Father, He commissioned His disciples to “go and teach all nations ... baptizing them ... and teaching them to observe all things” that He had commanded them (Matt. 28:18–20). This command still stands today.

This is what gave Paul such joy in preaching the gospel – he had been caught up in God’s saving purpose which was to bring the word of salvation to a lost world. It must have given him a thrill to know that what he was doing was right at the centre of God’s purpose for mankind. Many ministers have so often prayed that the church would catch something of this; that we would see the church as a body and not a group of individuals, eager to partake in the God’s mission to the nations. This is what it means to be a real Christian. God through His gospel is able to produce this in you as he says in this very verse: the mystery has been made known by “the everlasting God ... for the obedience of faith.” This not only means the faith response upon hearing the gospel but also the obedience which flows from regenerating faith. The gospel is the “power of God unto salvation” because the message itself is the revelation of God’s power – power to save and power to serve.

It’s a sad thing when the church does not recognize this and treats the Christian message as a trivial and a manageable thing instead of an overwhelming, life transforming and all-encompassing thing, a sacrifice producing a going-forth missionary way of life. Evangelism and the work of the church are inseparable from this mission. The more the church is involved in spreading this message, the more the church of Jesus Christ is strengthened spiritually. Failure to do this usually ends in a watered-down witness and increasing irrelevance. •

WITHOUT PARTIALITY

CORNEY LES



In Acts 10:34-48 we read Peter’s sermon to the Gentiles in Caesarea. The Lord had clearly shown Peter that he was to respond to the call to go to Caesarea to preach the good news to the Gentiles. This was a remarkable, enlightening experience for Peter, as the Lord showed him that no one is common or unclean, contrary to what many Jews taught. His point was that the Gentiles are also included in the call to repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. No one is excluded because of their national or tribal heritage. This was completely contrary to what the Jews believed. They believed that God was partial to the Jews and against the Gentiles. In Peter’s day, the Jews thought that God actually hated the Gentiles. Is our thinking also coloured in this way? Do we also think that God is partial to us and not to other tribes and nations? Already in the Old Testament books in Deuteronomy 10:17 and 2 Chronicles 19:7 the Lord clearly states, “For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.” He is Lord of all.

Peter’s sermon goes on to tell Cornelius and the Gentiles who were with him about Jesus Christ, explaining His Person and work. He emphasizes the resurrection of Jesus and man’s responsibility before God. Peter preached the same gospel to them as he had to the Jews. This truth is still true today: All people everywhere need to be saved by coming in faith to the living Christ! Have you done so? Have you heard the proclamation of the gospel many times and responded in faith? If you have not, do not delay, but repent and believe today!

Peter preached the same gospel message to the Gentiles at Caesarea as he had to the Jews. Jesus Christ was baptized to identify with humanity (v. 37). He was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, He went about doing good, healing the sick, and delivering people from the oppression of the devil in the power of God (v. 38). He did all His wonderful work in the presence of many witnesses (v. 39). But then He was wrongly accused and crucified! However, He arose from the dead, for the grave could not hold Him, and there were many witnesses of His resurrected body (v. 41). Then He commanded His followers to preach the gospel message throughout the entire world, the message of who He is and what He did for sinners and that He is the Judge of the living and the dead (v. 42).

This message is still applicable to us. The Word of God is to be preached both at home and abroad. The HRC Mission Committee (MC) supports ministers and evangelists in South Sudan who go forth and preach this same gospel. An update on the work of these evangelists is covered in this issue. Support is provided for Mukhanyo Theological College in South Africa where professors train men for the ministry so that they may preach the gospel throughout much of Africa.

The MC also supports Reformed conferences in Egypt, Pakistan, and the Philippines where the same gospel is preached, and men are equipped to go and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. In the following pages you can read a report on the recent conferences held in Alexandria, Egypt and in Pakistan. We send lecturers to Covenant College in Zambia, and sponsor the translation of Bible Doctrine books into various languages for use in schools and universities so that children and young adults will hear the message of our Lord and Saviour.

We are closely involved in the formation of a Reformed Denomination in a restricted-access country in Asia, helping to ensure that the message of the Gospel goes forth. One of our ministers recently visited churches there to administer the sacraments and encourage people in the faith. We have received several additional requests for conference speakers, for sound biblical material in foreign languages, for support of professors who teach at Reformed Seminaries, and other worthwhile endeavors.

We seek to be instruments in fulfilling the command of our Saviour and therefore we solicit your support. We ask for your support in prayer and to financially cover the costs of providing for the various needs around the world. We can be confident that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts of those who hear the gospel both at home and abroad, just as when Peter preached his sermon to Cornelius and his friends so that many were saved. The name of God will be magnified, and we will be astonished at the conversion of many souls, just like the Jews who witnessed the conversion of many in Caesarea. •

Corney Les is the HRC Mission Committee Chairman

NOTE OF THANKSGIVING

Leneke Fintelman has served as a very helpful and efficient Subscription Manager for Glad Tidings since August 2018. For many more years she has also coordinated and packaged the magazines and also brought them for distribution from Jordan, Ontario to Canada Post as well as to a transportation company in Woodstock, Ontario.

We are thankful to the Lord for you and that we were so privileged to serve with you, Leneke. We wish you God's guiding hand and care in your future endeavours.

– JK

MISSION UPDATES

EGYPT - EL-SOORA MINISTRIES SHERIF A. FAHIM

More than ever before, this year's annual conference of El-Soora Ministries served as a vivid reminder of the Lord's ongoing work in Egypt and the surrounding region. Held in Alexandria under the theme "I Will

Build My Church," the gathering focused on the biblical doctrine of the church and brought together believers, pastors, and ministry leaders from across the country. Our featured guest this year was Dr. Guy Waters, Academic Dean of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi.

One of the greatest encouragements came even before the conference began. In response to requests from many attendees in previous years for a longer event, we expanded the conference schedule by adding an additional day. We wondered whether the increased time commitment and higher cost might discourage participation. Instead, registration reached capacity within twenty-four hours of opening.

By the time the conference began on Wednesday afternoon, more than 500 attendees had arrived from various parts of Egypt and neighboring countries, making this our largest gathering to date. Particularly encouraging was the presence of 75 pastors and elders, the highest number of church leaders we have hosted at any conference so far.

The expanded format allowed for a richer program than in previous years. In addition to the usual plenary sessions, the conference opened with a special devotional gathering on Wednesday evening from Psalm 133. Breakout sessions were also increased from eight to twelve, giving attendees more opportunities for focused teaching and discussion.

Dr. Waters delivered four plenary sessions and three breakout sessions. Two Egyptian speakers (Mark Abdo and myself) gave the remaining plenary talks, and six of the breakout sessions were led by Egyptian teachers. By God's grace, the sessions were very well received and proved both challenging and encouraging to attendees. The congregational singing was heartfelt and God-glorifying.

The conference also provided an opportunity to introduce several new Arabic publications. Among the newly released titles were *How Jesus Runs the Church* by Guy Waters and *On Being a Pastor* by Alistair Begg and Derek Prime. We also distributed free copies of *Men and Women in the Church* by Kevin DeYoung. Other ministries contributed generously by providing additional books for attendees, including *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves.

We remain deeply thankful for the Lord's kindness through this conference and for the generous assistance of the HRC Mission Committee. We ask for prayer that its impact will continue long after the final session ended. May God use the teaching, fellowship, and resources shared during these days to strengthen and encourage His church throughout Egypt and beyond. •

Sherif A. Fahim is the General Director of El-Soora Ministries



Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.
Ps. 119:9-12

Whether you have followed the happenings at Sumba Mission since the start, or just over the past few years, you will have noticed a progression regarding the leadership overseeing the Mission. The first years started with Mr. Sommer as primary administrator and decision maker. When Mr. Sommer departed from Sumba, Christina along with her husband Yandrus took over most of the responsibilities. However, recently you have read that Christina is now away from the Mission post for longer periods of time, and you may wonder who is in charge, particularly when daily decisions need to be made. Succession planning is essential to any organization, including mission posts and projects, in order to have long term sustainability.

Sumba Mission has been proactive in succession planning and over the past number of years has put together a team to oversee various areas, such as health, primary school, secondary school, food preparation, medical inventory, food inventory, grounds upkeep, etc. The leader of this team, when Christina is not around, is Yustina Denga.

Before I returned to Canada in March 2026, I sat down with Yustina (accompanied by Vivi as translator) and asked her several questions in order to introduce her to the supporters of the Sumba Mission. For those that follow the ‘Sumba Mission Outreach’ Facebook page, you will be familiar with her name as she posts regularly about the Mission. Please allow me to use this article as an opportunity to introduce her to you all, our Sumba Mission supporters.

Q: Can you tell me about your early years?

A: Yustina shared she is the youngest of nine children, born to a poor farmer and his wife that did not believe in God. Her parents allowed her uncle to take all of the children to church, which she fondly remembers. As a child, after school she loved to garden and credits this as a practical way to learn that life can be full of struggles.

Q: What education did you receive?

A: Yustina commented that she went to a Catholic elementary school. She lived with distant relatives during her high school studies as the school she attended was far from home. She graduated from high school in 2007, and had achieved good grades allowing her access to higher education; however, there were problems with her registration and therefore she did not get that opportunity. Instead, she returned home and taught elementary school in the local village. While teaching, she met Mr. Sommer and Christina via Yustina’s older sister (Idi) who was the main cook at Sumba Mission. Mr. Sommer invited Yustina to come to Sumba Mission to help at the Home, which she did for a year. With the help and encouragement of Mr. Sommer, she went on to further her education in 2009 and after obtaining her teaching certificate for elementary school, returned to work at Sumba Mission.

Q: How many years have you been at the Mission now?

A: Yustina worked at the Home for 1 year prior to attending teacher’s college and since her return has been there for another 10 years.

Q: What impact did the Mission have on you?

A: Yustina feels that the whole Mission is one big family and in the same sense recounts that when there are problems, they are faced together as in a family.

Q: How is teaching at Sumba Mission different than when you taught in your hometown (after her high school education and before coming to Sumba Mission)?

A: Yustina declares that the spiritual difference in teaching in her hometown and being at Sumba Mission is very notable and positive, having the assurance that they as teachers/staff know that they do not face the situation alone, but God is there to help them.

Q: You have quite a responsibility here at the Mission. You are the principal of the elementary school and have also taken on a senior role on the leadership team. Tell me about some of the challenges, and some of the frustrations you have experienced.

A: Yustina acknowledged there are many challenges and frustrations; however, at the same time she declares that she understands the need to be an example in handling the challenges and frustrations, not only for the students, but also for the other teachers. She identifies an area she needs to work on is anger management. She identified that she is quick to anger but now strategizes to control this. Challenges need to be approached as a team and it takes discipline to try to not just handle things by oneself. She clearly states that we need to look to the Lord to show us the way.

Q: How helpful are the leadership courses currently being introduced here to all the teachers?

A: Yustina shares that they are very helpful as they demonstrate that the proper approach to leadership needs to be focused and biblically driven. Leadership also includes shared experiences and seeing how God directs all things. She says that the courses are good encouragement to continue and face the next challenge.

Q: Over the past several years, you have been involved in serving and evangelizing the elderly. Can you tell me a bit about that?

A: Yustina explained that a part of her college studies was focused on compassion for others, especially the elderly. During these studies, as part of hands-on training, they went into the community and evangelized and helped the elderly. She has developed a “soft spot” for the elderly. When she sees the many elderly people living close to Sumba Mission with very little, she feels her heart “tug” and therefore helps and shares the gospel as opportunities arise. She feels one area in which the church could do more is for the elderly.

Q: Tell me about your involvement with the local church.

A: Yustina explains that when the Pastor comes and speaks, he focuses on the church members only. She feels that the church is more than the local members and that God’s Word needs to go out to everyone in the community. By involving herself in various church activities, her goal is to bring attention to others (in the church) that the church needs to have a wider reach in the community. This can be done by example as she takes them to visit those in need; again, the elderly are a large focus of this work. The church does home visitation for official church members only and not for those that attend and are not members. In short, she thinks the church has an internal focus.

Q: How do you keep going? What makes you get up in the morning ready to face each new day?

A: Yustina answers that each morning when she wakes up, she knows that her day is not about her, but what God desires for the community. Her role is to serve Him as a teacher and leader and show those around her what God can do for them. This is what keeps her going.

Q: Is there anything you would like to say to those that support the mission?

A: Yustina replies by saying “Thank you for all the support, not only by the material things that are provided, but especially the prayers and spiritual support we clearly feel that comes from our supporters.”

After the interview, as I reflected on all that I learned, Psalter 322:1-2 from Psalm 119 came to mind.

How shall the young direct their way?
What light shall be their perfect guide?
Thy Word O Lord, will safely lead,
If in its wisdom they confide.

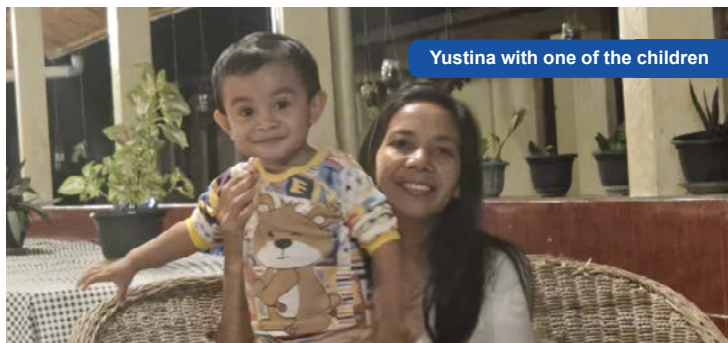
Sincerely I have sought thee Lord.
O let me not from thee depart;
To know thy will and keep from sin
Thy word I cherish in my heart.

This is a reminder that the Lord works in the hearts of His people, even in the hearts of children of parents who do not know or claim Jesus as their Saviour, as evidenced by Yustina. Sumba Mission is not about us or what we can do. It is solely based on the work that He has begun on this remote island. Praise be to God.

For more information on Sumba Mission visit www.sumbamission.com or on Facebook Sumba Mission Outreach.

Save the date for a presentation near you later this year with Christina and Yandrus as guest speakers, the Lord willing

- Oxford Reformed Christian School: Dinner and presentation Friday, October 16th
- Dundas Free Reformed Church: Dinner & Presentation Friday, October 23rd
- Jordan Christian School: Dinner & Presentation: Friday, November 6th •



Yustina with one of the children



Overseeing gardening activities

PAKISTAN - REFORMED CHURCH OF PAKISTAN SUMMER CONFERENCE PASTOR ARSLAN UL HAQ

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am thankful to share a report on the Reformed Church of Pakistan (RCofP) Summer Conference 2026, held from May 20–23 at the Retreat and Renewal Centre in Murree, Pakistan. Believers from various congregations gathered for several days of biblical teaching, Christian fellowship, worship, and encouragement in the Lord. The RCofP Summer Conference is the annual Trinity Conference of the Reformed Church of Pakistan, celebrating our shared Christian faith once delivered to the saints and affirming the confession of the Triune God set forth in the Nicene Creed of AD 325. Through sound biblical instruction and meaningful fellowship, the conference seeks to strengthen God's people in the truth of His Word.

In previous years, the conference was held in southern Pakistan. However, because of the extreme summer heat in that region, the Conference Organizing Committee decided to now hold this gathering in northern Pakistan.

The theme of the conference was “**The Doctrine of God.**”

We were delighted to welcome Rev. Angus Stewart and Mrs. Mary Stewart from Northern Ireland. Through Rev. Stewart's preaching and teaching ministry, attendees were encouraged to behold the majesty and glory of God. The conference opened with the sermon “Behold Your God!” (Isaiah 40:9) and concluded with “God with Us” (Matthew 1). The teaching sessions focused on foundational truths concerning God, including His existence, knowability, communicable and incommunicable attributes, the doctrine of the Trinity, and His providential rule over all things. I had the privilege of serving as interpreter throughout the conference, helping participants engage more fully with the teaching and discussions.

In addition to the teaching sessions, the conference provided a valuable opportunity for believers from different congregations to enjoy Christian fellowship together. Gathering with like-minded believers, sharing meals, discussing biblical truths, and worshiping together proved to be a great encouragement and blessing to all who attended.

One of the most meaningful moments of the conference was the celebration of Holy Communion during the closing worship service. As we gathered around the Lord's Table, we were reminded of the saving work of Christ and of the spiritual unity we share as members of His body. The sacrament provided a fitting conclusion to several days devoted to the study and worship of our great God.

Accommodation, meals, refreshments, and travel assistance were provided for participants. Due to rising fuel prices, increasing transportation costs, and ongoing economic challenges in Pakistan, many believers struggle to afford long-distance travel. While financial assistance enabled many to attend, others were unable to participate because of inflation and financial hardship. We remain thankful to the Lord for providing the resources necessary to make the conference accessible to many who otherwise could not have attended.

I am deeply grateful to the HRC Mission Committee and to all who prayed for and supported this conference. Your partnership in the gospel is a great encouragement to the Reformed Church of Pakistan and contributes significantly to the spiritual growth of believers through sound biblical teaching.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we look forward to our next conference in November 2026, which will focus on “**The Doctrine of Christ**”. We pray that the Lord will provide a biblically sound speaker and

use these gatherings to strengthen His church, deepen our understanding of His truth, and glorify His name throughout Pakistan.

Thank you once again for your faithful support and partnership in the gospel. May the Lord abundantly bless you as you labor for the advancement of His kingdom. Soli Deo Gloria! •



SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN - IMPACT OF HRC-SRC PARTNERSHIP

REV. PATRICK JOK

The Sudanese Reformed Church (SRC) is a young Reformed denomination that started in the displaced camp at a suburb of Khartoum, Sudan in 1992. With Jesus Christ growing His Church, the SRC was reorganized in 2005 as the SRC. Currently, she has 21 instituted congregations, 13 church plants, two Classes, three proposed Classes and five primary and secondary schools.

In God's divine plan, the SRC connected with the HRC in 2007 through Rev. Dr. Brian DeVries, an HRC missionary in South Africa. Subsequently, the connection was fully realized and fostered by the historical visit of Dr. Brian DeVries to SRC congregations in Khartoum in 2008. It was an era in which Christians were being persecuted by the Islamic government in Sudan. In this visitation, Dr. DeVries was accompanied by Dr. Flip Buys, a pastor from the Reformed Churches of South Africa. They are indeed the first Reformed pastors to visit the SRC. This historical visit by Rev. Brian made a huge and unprecedented impact on the ministry of the SRC. The SRC at this time was much in need of moral and pastoral support from a Reformed perspective so that she might entrench her faith in Christ and His Word. Realistically, it is true that the SRC started as an orphan and isolated fellowship with no clear Reformed identity but, with the coming in of the HRC, the SRC has been full of hope and comfort in advancing the Reformed faith in the midst of the hardship and difficulties in Sudan and South Sudan.

As the connection evolved and developed, in 2008 Dr. Brian sponsored and facilitated a pastoral leadership training in both Khartoum and Malakal. Malakal is the capital city of Upper Nile State, South Sudan and the first SRC mission site in South Sudan. The leadership training was attended by 108 SRC and Sudan Evangelical Presbyterian pastors/evangelists. Some of those who attended still remember that awakening and enlightening biblical and Christ-centered training.

In response to the SRC church plant in Malakal, Dr. Brian generously raised some funds to help in constructing the first SRC church building in Malakal, South Sudan. This building still stands today in Malakal as a Reformed testimony although some of the church building and walls were destroyed during the conflict of 2014/2016.

To incorporate the SRC into the global Reformed family, in 2011 the HRC with mutual consent of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church recommended SRC to the membership of the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC). With this recommendation and introduction, the SRC was admitted to full membership during ICRC proceedings in Cardiff, Wales in 2013.

In March 2020 a week before the outbreak of COVID-19, Elder Corney Les together with a Word & Deed team came to Juba, South Sudan to visit the SRC congregations in Juba and some Internal Displaced persons (IDPs) camps.

Wars, continuous displacement, and worsening economies have made life difficult in South Sudan/ Sudan. Thus in 2023 as the partnership deepened, the HRC through her Mission Committee discussed and approved a plan to provide some monthly support to active pastors and evangelists who are laboring and promoting the Reformed faith in Sudan/South Sudan. Now the HRC provides a monthly loving gift to support 41 SRC pastors and evangelists.

Since 2007 the HRC and SRC have been specifically partnering in three areas of mission: Leadership training and building of SRC Reformed capacity; Church planting; and Support of SRC pastors and evangelists who are planting and pastoring churches.



Rev. Philip Gease, Pastor of Faith SRC Tongoli Nuba Mountains, Sudan

It is worth mentioning that the HRC has been playing an instrumental role in SRC life by providing meaningful spiritual encouragement, leadership training, and physical support, and by incorporating the SRC into the global Reformed family. This fraternal relation has helped and strengthened the SRC to advance Reformed witness in the midst of better-resourced denominations and to overcome challenges caused by local protracted conflicts. Regarding the support of pastors/evangelist, one of the beneficiaries said, “the monthly support always comes at the perfect time. I am deeply thankful to our brethren who pray, think and extend to us a helping hand”. Rev. Philip Gease, Pastor of Faith SRC Tongoli, Nuba Mountains.

The SRC is grateful to God our heavenly Father for the fraternal relation that the SRC has with the HRC and thankful to the loving kindness that the HRC has been showing to the SRC in her mission in Sudan/South Sudan. It is the SRC’s prayer that the good Lord who has redeemed us and connected the SRC and HRC in gospel ministry will continue to bless this partnership to the greater glory of His Name. Alleluia! •



Dr. Flip Buys and Dr. Brian DeVries with SRC leaders in a historical visit to Khartoum, Sudan in February 2008.



Immanuel SRC, Malakal built in 2011 with local contribution and assistance from HRC



Elder Corney Les together with Word & Deed team visiting SRC congregation in Juba



Pastoral leadership training in Khartoum facilitated by Dr. Brian DeVries in 2008.

SUPPORT FOR PASTORS AND EVANGELISTS

REV. PATRICK JOK

The protracted conflicts in South Sudan/Sudan have left an unprecedented impact, leading to widespread displacement, worsening economy, human rights abuse and lack of essential education, health services, safe water and sanitation. The prolonged conflicts have exacerbated pre-existing challenges like poverty, communal conflicts, cattle raiding, corruption and illiteracy. Likewise, the current context has also prevented SRC congregations from raising the necessary support for their pastors and evangelists who are laboring among them.

Therefore, SRC has proposed a 2026 SRC Pastors/Evangelists Support Project to assist those who are promoting Reformed faith in South Sudan/Sudan. The HRC Mission Committee has graciously responded to SRC’s dire need and has approved and donated USD \$16,500 for support of active SRC pastors/evangelists for a period of one year from January to December 2026. The sum of USD \$8250 has already been wired and received by SRC in January 2026.

Number of SRC pastors/evangelists being supported

	Area of labor
21	Juba, Central Equatoria State
2	Port-Sudan, Transitional capital of Sudan
2	Nuba Mountains
3	Malakal, Upper Nile State
4	Bentiu, Unity State
1	Wau, Western Bhar El Ghazal State
1	Yei, Central Equatoria State
2	Aweil, Northern Bhar el Ghazal
2	Bor, Jongeli State
2	Fashala, Pibor Administrative Area
1	Terekaka, Central Equatoria State
41	Total Beneficiaries

Each SRC pastor received USD \$47 per month while an evangelist received USD \$27 per month between January-June 2026.

SRC General Synod: By God’s grace, the SRC was able to convene its 4th SRC General Synod this year at Ebenezer SRC in Juba. The 3rd and the last SRC General Synod was held in 2013 in Malakal, a few months before the conflict erupted in Juba, South Sudan. In spite of SRC’s limited resources the SRC was able to bring synod delegates from Khartoum, Nuba Mountains, Malakal, Wau, Aweil, Bentiu and Juba together. It was a great ecclesiastical reunion. Synod and congregational reports were heard, discussed and accepted. Five new church plants were constituted as congregations bringing the number of SRC congregations to 21 churches. To ease the general oversight of the congregations, three new Classes groups have been proposed, namely Wau, Malakal and Kadugli.

At the same time, the opportunity for the beneficiaries of HRC support to meet together was an occasion of great fellowship and blessing.



Delegates of SRC General Synod 2026



Some SRC beneficiaries in Juba



Three pastors from Sudan



Three pastors from Malakal, Bentiu, & Awiel

Beneficiaries' Testimonies:

- "I appreciate your generosity. Your assistance has given me hope in the midst of the challenging situations that we face here in South Sudan. It has also reminded me that we are not alone in the ministry of the gospel". Rev. Benjamin Dout and Pastor of Immanuel SRC Malakal.
- "With a heart full of joy, I want to say thanks you very much for your assistance. It has eased my financial struggle. Indeed, I will never forget the love that you have been showing to me". Rev. Bustrus Aguer and Pastor of Rock of Life SRC Awiel.

On behalf of the entire SRC family, we would like to convey our thankfulness, gratitude and appreciation for HRC support. Your generosity has reduced some of our financial burden and has helped SRC pastors and evangelists to

serve God with thankful hearts in their respective areas of labor. Thank you very much! •

CHURCH EVANGELISM

EVANGELISM IN BURGESSVILLE, ONTARIO WOUTER KOSTER

The Evangelism Committee in Burgessville has been active with various efforts in the community over the last year. To provide you with a year-in-review snapshot, let's go back to September 13, 2025, when we hosted a community barbeque at the baseball diamond just down the road. The aim of this initiative was to invite neighbours in Burgessville for a free supper and to also share with them the good news of Jesus. Pastor David Van Brugge



opened with a short gospel message. After supper, people could play pickle ball, enjoy the park, or play a game of baseball. Around a dozen members of the community came out, for which we were thankful.

In an effort to build these relationships with our neighbours and invite them to church, we once again printed invitation cards for the Christmas music program and asked the local post office to place them in all the mailboxes in Burgessville. Even though we did not see any neighbours show up, each month we invite them to our Sunday evening hymn sing with a newly purchased road sign dedicated to this purpose. At Christmas time, members of our committee also put together fruit baskets to hand out to families with varying needs in the community; we do this together with the youth group.

Another ongoing initiative that we engage in is welcoming new residents to Burgessville by giving them a small gift basket or flower as well as a welcome card with church contact information on it. One of our committee members who lives directly in Burgessville oversees this means of outreach and also informs the committee of any new or ongoing needs in the community. This also informs us as to who might need an extra hand with the annual fall clean-up that we do in early November.

During the last week of May we held our 4th annual community garage sale at the church. We gave neighbours the option of setting up their own tables or donate items towards raising proceeds for Dayspring Pregnancy & Family Support Centre. We were thankful for the many donated items. Besides the actual sale, we sold baked goods and hot dogs and had a craft table and a



bouncy castle for the kids. Christian tracts and reading material were available as usual in our church foyer where some of the items were also staged. We were thankful to raise a total of \$1,700 for Dayspring.

By hosting similar events like the garage sale as well as doing the fall yard-clean up initiative, we hope to bridge some of the divides that exist in our community and demonstrate the love of God through acts of service. Our hope and prayer are that these efforts will be blessed, create opportunities for conversation and sharing the gospel, and incline people's hearts to attending church.

Besides our local outreach, a few members of our committee also engage in street evangelism in downtown Woodstock. Whether walking the sidewalks, speaking to people waiting by the bus stop or at the laundromat, or engaging people at a nearby park, members of our committee speak to people about the need for salvation in Christ. We are always humbled by the wonderful conversations we get to have and how many people are willing to listen and even pray with us. God truly has been placing people on our path that are hungry for the gospel. Soli Deo Gloria. •

DOMESTIC OUTREACH

PRAYING FOR LOCAL EVANGELISM EFFORTS REV. DON OVERBEEK

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Eph. 6:18.

When Paul concludes his teaching on the whole armour of God (Eph. 6:11-17), he emphasizes the absolute necessity of prayer. Prayer is not merely an addition to the Christian life; it is the means by which believers depend upon God's strength and make use of the armour He provides. Paul calls Christians to pray always, to persevere in prayer, and to remember fellow believers before the throne of grace. As the quote attributed to John Bunyan states, "You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed."

As we serve in local congregational outreach, it is easy to become occupied with meetings/tasks, calendars, and responsibilities. Yet Paul reminds us that the work of God's kingdom advances not by human effort alone, but through the power of God. Before we engage with people, we must first seek the Lord in prayer. We pray because God alone can open hearts, create opportunities for follow-up discipleship, and bring lasting spiritual fruit from our labours.

Paul also asks the Ephesian believers to pray for him, "that utterance may be given unto me" (v. 19). Though he was an apostle, he recognized his need for God's help in proclaiming the gospel faithfully and boldly. If Paul needed prayer, how much more do we? As we serve together, we should pray for one another, asking that God would grant wisdom in conversations, compassion toward those we meet, and courage to speak of Christ whenever opportunities arise. This strengthens faith as the Spirit enlarges our hearts to speak of Christ, the One, believers love most!

Paul describes himself as "an ambassador in bonds" (v. 20). Even while imprisoned, he understood that his circumstances did not change his calling. In the same way, our circumstances, limitations, or fears do not remove our responsibility to bear witness to Christ (read Philippians 1:13-20 for Paul's rejoicing in Gospel proclamation in prison). Wherever God places us, He calls us to represent His kingdom. The Lord is pleased to use ordinary believers who depend upon Him, and He often works most powerfully through those who recognize their own weakness and seek His strength.

As we begin new efforts, change approaches, and continue local church evangelism, let us remember that prayer is not preparation for the work—it is part of the work itself. Through prayer we express our dependence upon God, our love for those we serve, and our confidence that Christ is building His church. May we labour diligently, but may we pray even more diligently, trusting that the Lord will accomplish His purposes through the faithful proclamation of His gospel. •

OUTREACH IN THE BRADFORD, ONTARIO AREA REV. DON OVERBEEK

The Bradford HRC is grateful for the denomination's continued support as we seek to serve the Lord in our community and pray for the growth of His church. We especially ask for prayer for the Greater Toronto Area. Within an hour's drive of our congregation live millions of people from many ethnic backgrounds, yet the vast majority remain strangers to the hope found in Christ. The harvest field around us is immense, and we pray that the Lord would open doors for the gospel throughout our region.

The heartbeat of our congregational life continues to be the Lord's Day worship services, with a fellowship meal between services. Because our members are spread across a wide geographical area, gathering during the week for Bible studies and other activities remains a challenge. Nevertheless, we are thankful for our experiential Reformed heritage, reverent worship, and rich doctrinal foundation. By God's grace, we seek to hold firmly to these cherished distinctives while warmly welcoming those whom the Lord brings through our doors.

We desire to grow in evangelistic outreach and to bring the precious gospel to those in Newmarket, Bradford, and throughout York Region. To help us think more intentionally about this work, we sought counsel from Sycamore Tree Mission, an organization devoted to assisting congregations in fulfilling their evangelistic calling. Through meetings and discussions, we have gained helpful insights into developing greater focus and purpose in our outreach efforts. The opportunities before us are many, but they require prayerful commitment and a willingness to pursue others with the message of salvation.

One area of opportunity is the development of introductory classes on the Reformed faith, along with Bible studies and discussion groups for those seeking to learn more about Christianity. Such efforts allow us to share one of the congregation's strengths—a rich and robust theology grounded in the Reformed confessions. At the same time, our congregation has demonstrated a sincere willingness to serve others, often giving generously of time, energy, and resources to those facing difficulties. Though this work can be demanding, it reflects the spirit of our Savior, who taught that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Strengthening the congregation itself is also a vital part of local outreach, and we thank God for the welcoming spirit found among our members. This past Lord's Day, a visiting couple joined us for worship, and it was encouraging to see members warmly greeting them, engaging them in conversation, and helping them feel at home. Whether or not they return, we pray they left with a clear impression that our congregation seeks to love others and faithfully serve the Lord. One area in which we desire growth is united prayer for evangelism. We need to pray together—as families, as individuals, and as a congregation—that the Lord would provide opportunities to share the gospel and bless the preaching of His Word.

Finally, personal relationships remain one of the most fruitful avenues for outreach. A simple invitation to attend worship, a Bible study, or a fellowship

meal can often open doors that organized programs cannot. At present, we are interacting with several individuals, each with unique circumstances and spiritual questions, seeking to encourage them in faithful living before God. While this type of ministry is not always the most efficient, it is often among the most effective. Personal conversations build trust, foster meaningful connections, and frequently bear fruit over the long term.

Many challenges can arise as individuals and families consider becoming part of a congregation. Struggles with sin, emotional wounds from the past, differing views on baptism, and questions about God's leading can all create obstacles. These realities remind us that true church growth is ultimately the



The consistory: Deacon Mark Brouwer, Pastor Don Overbeek, Elder Rick Fintelman, Deacon Ryan Bronsveld



Packing the furniture after the service



Lord's work. Only He can change hearts, draw sinners to Himself, and establish His people in the faith. Therefore, while we labour diligently, we look above all to the Lord, trusting Him to bless His Word and build His church in His own time and way. •

A GOSPEL WITNESS IN CHELSEA, MANHATTAN

ANDY GRUSWITZ

The Building

Chelsea in the 1850s was not a neighborhood anyone with options chose. The Hudson River Railroad had driven its tracks up the west side of Manhattan, and the industries that followed (ironworks, slaughterhouses, coal yards), had

settled the question of what kind of place this would be. Irish and German immigrants crowded the tenements. Saloons and gambling dens occupied the ground floors. One observer surveyed the district and called it "a destitute field, the most neglected of any upon the island."

That observer was Richard Gay Pardee, and in 1855 he did something about it. With support from Madison Square Presbyterian Church and the South Reformed Dutch Church, he opened a Sunday school mission in the upper floor of a dilapidated building at Ninth Avenue and 25th Street. The ground floor was a saloon, gambling house, and bowling alley. Fourteen children came the first Sunday.

The work grew. The 1857 revival swept New York, and the Manor Mission grew with it – from fourteen children to hundreds, then to a thousand pupils enrolled in the Sunday school by 1880. In 1874, South Reformed built a permanent chapel on West 26th Street, debt-free the day it opened. In 1908, after a building campaign that began with a dollar forty collected at a men's meeting, a new and enlarged church was dedicated which was made possible largely by a \$20,000 gift, revealed at the dedication to be from a woman whose family had been connected to the mission since its founding. The building that stands at 350 West 26th Street today is that building.

Manor's congregation became convinced their denomination was drifting from the gospel and separated from it. The denomination claimed the building, and Manor's congregation could not afford to buy it. It was nearly sold to a utility company before a man named Thomas Little intervened. In the 1960s, New York City designated the entire surrounding six blocks for demolition under federal urban renewal authority. The plan preserved the Catholic and Episcopal churches on the site. It did not preserve Manor or the Greek Orthodox church. Community advocates fought to preserve the tenement homes, and lost. Little fought City Hall to preserve Manor and won. Hundreds who called these blocks their home were displaced and most of the buildings of this area were demolished. Ten twenty-two-story towers rose around the church on every side. In 1973, arsonists firebombed the Greek Orthodox church and Manor. The fire department saved Manor's walls. That Sunday morning, a dozen people stood in puddles of water beneath a hole in the roof and sang "Jesus Never Fails." Developers came with offers of twenty million dollars for the land alone, with additional money offered under the table to the officers of the board. They refused.

New York Gospel Ministries

Bill Jones was pastoring in Hendersonville, North Carolina, when a man named A.J. Overton told him he believed Jones was his replacement in New York City. Jones moved his family to New York in the months after September 11, 2001, carrying a conviction simple enough to state and large enough to spend a life on: the nations of the world come to New York. A walk around a single block in Manhattan is a walk around the world.

For the first decade he worked out of the East Village – open-air preaching and distributing gospel literature. He also equipped and sent out mission teams from churches willing to learn what fishing for men looks like in an unfathomably well-stocked pond of fish skeptical of the hook of the gospel. He built an internship program for young men studying for ministry. He carried scale models of the tabernacle furniture to parks and street corners and used them to walk Jewish New Yorkers from Moses to Christ.

In 2011, someone told Jones that thousands of elderly and working-poor New Yorkers couldn't afford food. He was skeptical. Then on the first day of the new food ministry, two and a half hours before the noon distribution was scheduled to begin, he walked across the street to the park. Elderly people

were already there. A man in a wheelchair. A woman with a walker. Waiting in the January cold.

The partnership with Trader Joe's that began that winter eventually grew to multiple stores donating food that would otherwise go to waste. By 2019, five distributions ran every week, each connected to an evangelistic chapel service. In the preceding twelve months, three thousand different individuals had received help through the ministry. More than ninety-seven percent of them sat in the chapel and heard the gospel.

In 2012, Jones moved the ministry from the East Village to 350 West 26th Street. The sanctuary was still damaged by water and fire. Volunteer teams came from churches willing to pick up tools. The chapel services multiplied. When it became clear that people were attending who couldn't understand the English sermons, services in Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese were added. By 2025, six evangelistic chapels were running every week in four languages, several using AI-assisted technology that allows English speaking preachers to be heard in the language of the people in the pews. That same year, twenty-six mission teams visited. One of the fruits of the food distribution ministry is that roughly seventy percent of the people who came to make up present day Manor Community Church first walked through the door because they needed food.

New York Gospel Ministries and the Heritage Reformed Denomination

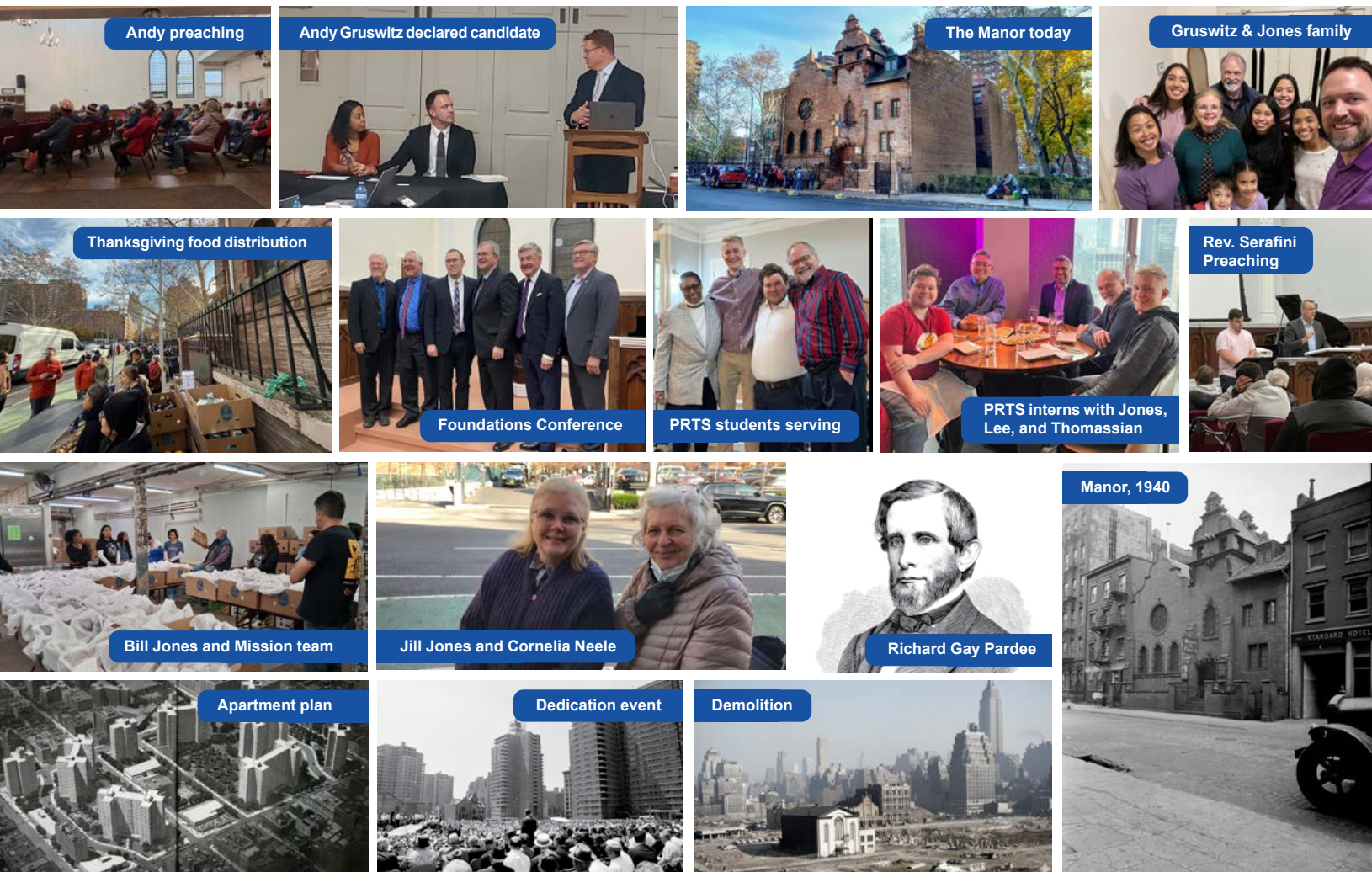
Since approximately 2012, groups from HRC of Kinnelon, New Jersey have made the trip into the city to help with building repairs, food distribution, and street evangelism. I was among those who made those trips over the years.

The relationship between the HRC and NYGM runs deeper than those visits: former Kinnelon pastor Johnny Serafini serves on the NYGM board, multiple PRTS students have worked at the ministry, and HRC leaders including Dr. Beeke and Dr. Neele have participated in ministry there.

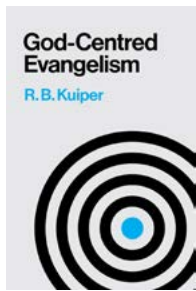
At the 2025 Synod, informal discussions began between a New Jersey delegate and me about the potential of NYGM as a future ministry path. In August 2025, I visited and stepped into the work for several days. I returned with my family for Thanksgiving week in November. In January 2026, members of the Kinnelon Consistory met with Jones directly. Housing was confirmed – my family would live on-site in the Manor Church building. The NYGM board met and agreed.

The Kinnelon HRC Consistory brought a proposal to the 2026 Synod to send me to serve as a part of the leadership of NYGM. Part of the rationale was that several HRC congregations in North America are within reasonable travel distance of Manhattan – close enough for a youth group or congregational mission trip to participate in gospel work among people from every corner of the earth without the cost and logistical complexity of an overseas mission. Discipling our own people in evangelism is as much my passion in ministry as engaging in evangelism myself. I also have a passion for bringing a Reformed witness to a city with a Dutch Reformed heritage, but which has become a world capital of secularism. It would be a tremendous privilege to do this with the mentoring help of Rev. Jones, as well as Rev. Paul Murphy of the URC who labors just a few blocks away.

My family and I are humbled that the HRC Synod of 2026 approved the proposal. We plan to relocate to 350 West 26th Street in the coming winter. We



will take some time to acclimate to life and ministry in New York City, and then HRC churches can expect invitations to come and participate in week-long mission trips and grow in faithfulness to the Great Commission. Our family covets your prayers as we prepare, move, and find our place in this ministry. •



BOOKS TO ADVANCE YOUR MISSION & EVANGELISM SKILLS

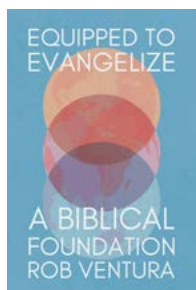
FRASER JONES

God-Centred Evangelism R. B. Kuiper

Since 1961, when R. B. Kuiper's classic treatise on evangelism was first published, the world population has nearly tripled—from 3 billion to 8.3 billion. Not only is the size of the world's population unprecedented, but so is the population of those who have never heard the gospel or even the name of Jesus. The urgency of evangelism is as pressing as ever. In our day, when man-centered, seeker-sensitive evangelism is in vogue, our dire need is for a distinctly Reformed view of the Great Commission that does justice to the theocentric origins, message, motives, and methods of biblical evangelism. With skill and precision, Dr. Kuiper does just that. Framing evangelism in its theological milieu, he shows how evangelism finds its foundation in divine election, its fountain in trinitarian love, its context in the biblical covenants, its charge in the Great Commission, its impetus in sovereign grace, its scope in the global mission field, and its confidence in the overflowing mercy of God. He answers questions like these—perennial as they are to those who challenge the Reformed worldview—“If God is sovereign, why do we evangelize?” “Can we offer the gospel freely to unbelievers?” “How should we handle the doctrine of election with unbelievers?” “What is the place of the doctrines of common grace and general revelation in evangelism?” And “what is the value of indigenous missions and leadership?”

Kuiper likewise considers the role of simple, foundational means in the pursuit of the Great Commission—the Word, prayer, and the Spirit; the benefits of personal evangelism and mass evangelism; and the church as both organization and organism in the pursuit of evangelism. He helpfully describes the gospel as story, doctrine, invitation, promise, appeal, demand, and command. He then ends on a victorious note, with a reflection on the promised eschatological triumph of the gospel. If Reformed theology is richly theocentric, trinitarian, covenantal theology that focuses on the glory and sovereignty of God, then this is one of the most vintage books on Reformed evangelism ever written. Kuiper's work is as relevant in our day as it was in the mid-twentieth century.

(Banner of Truth, 1966; paperback; 248 pages) \$12.00 | \$10.80



Equipped to Evangelize: A Biblical Foundation - Rob Ventura

With decades of experience in evangelism—both in his home state of Rhode Island and beyond—Pastor Rob Ventura has an ardent heart of love for the lost. Aware of the tendency among many believers to laxness and unbelief in sharing the gospel, Ventura shows how the divine authority, sovereign assignment, and comforting assurance of Jesus in the Great

Commission provide the framework for biblical evangelism. Writing in the same Reformed and evangelistic tradition as R.B. Kuiper, Ventura deals with many of the same issues as *God-Centred Evangelism*—the nature and scope

of evangelism, as well as its motives and methods, means and agents, and results and power.

The message of evangelism is simple, says Ventura: God is righteous, man is rebellious, Jesus is the only Redeemer, and our response should be one of repentance and faith. Like Kuiper, he frames the primary motive for evangelism in the “vertical” element (the glory of God), even above the “horizontal” element of love to neighbor. In the evangelistic task, the author writes, we should expect a dual response of salvation to the elect and opposition from the reprobate. Resistance is inevitable and should be expected as the result of faithful, Spirit-empowered proclamation. Above all, he shows the importance of radical dependence on the Holy Spirit for regenerating, illuminating, empowering, and fruit-giving grace. Also beneficial is the author's emphasis on the centrality of the local church in the evangelistic task. By the Spirit's grace, the result of faithful evangelism will be the expansion of Christ's kingdom and the redemption of the elect among all nations. Written with clarity, with conviction, and from personal experience, *Equipped to Evangelize* is, as Paul Washer puts it, “all that the Christian and the church need to know to go forth and preach the gospel.” (Christian Focus, 2025; paperback; 104 pages) \$12.99 | \$9.50

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YOUTH EVANGELISM

THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH HENRIETTA VAN WOERDEN

Do you think you are not enough? What's enough? Who are you depending on? Do you think everything depends on you, what you do or don't do? God is enough for you.

Every morning you will do battle with the world, self and Satan. But God is in the battle with you. Pick up your Bible, read it and pray. His Word is your sword and shield for the day. God speaks through His Word, giving comfort and encouragement. You may experience things in life you had never expected ... “but God” ...

2 Corinthians 12:9: And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

God's grace is enough. Depending on Him fully is life at its best. You will always fail but God never fails. He promises, “*I will never leave thee nor forsake thee*” Hebrews 13:5b.

School will soon start again. Maybe that gives you a certain amount of stress: the unknown, a new teacher, a new school. God is enough for your every need. Pray and bring your needs to God, big or small.

In 2 Kings 4:1-7 we read: *Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow*

not a few. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

The widow came to Elisha pleading for her need. She was obedient to Elisha's instructions, fully trusting his words. Her needs were met and there was enough to pay her debt but also enough for her personal needs. God's provisions for the widow were more than enough; she didn't appear to doubt that her needs would be met.

God is enough for you and will provide for your needs. Trust God to know what's best for you. What if a temporary discomfort is the greatest blessing given by God? Surrender your will for God's will. Trust Him and pray He will provide for your needs. •

Questions

1. What is the meaning of enough?
2. What did Elisha tell the widow to do?
3. The words of Elisha to the widow: do they sound realistic?
4. Can you find other verses in the Bible where God did the impossible?

BURGESSVILLE YOUTH GROUP CALEB KOPPERT

Welcome to Burgessville HRC Youth! We are a group of approximately 16 regular attendees who meet biweekly throughout the school year for either a topic evening or a social event.

Once a month, we have a presentation given by a pastor or an individual from the community as we seek to cultivate the gifts we have been given. Pastor David opened the season by speaking about how we can expand our thinking, both critically and creatively, and use discernment in our daily lives.

This past year, we had the privilege of hearing and learning about several issues that impact our lives. Jonathan Van Maren spoke to us about pornography and its effects on both users and those around them. He challenged the youth to be accountable to one another and to God, as the consequences of this devastating sin are far-reaching. We know that Satan seeks to tempt and enslave each one of us, and we pray that the Spirit of God would uphold and strengthen us in the battle.

We also heard about the privilege of being part of a biblically Reformed church. This brings both blessings and responsibilities. We were reminded of God's faithfulness in working through His covenant and how He remains the same today, delighting to work through families. We thank Pastor Bartsch for his encouraging presentation.

Our final topic of the year was led by Pastor Brian Najapfour. It was based on the question, "What does it mean to be saved?" Using Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," he explained this truth through several simple and helpful illustrations.

Our youth are encouraged to interact with different generations within our church family. One way we do this is through an elders' panel, where questions are submitted by the youth on a wide range of topics. The elders answer these questions and offer biblical guidance and practical advice. Questions ranged from how life has changed since they were young, to whether cremation is

acceptable, to what it means to walk with the Lord. This evening is always enjoyed by everyone.

Throughout the year, various activities were organized to build relationships within our youth group and with others in the community. Some highlights included events with Hope Reformed Church and Oxford FRC. Together, we participated in a mall disguise event, a 70s-themed evening, and The Amazing Race.

Our youth also travelled on a three-day trip to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. This experience was eye-opening as we learned more about the Fall, God's plan of redemption, the intricate design of creation, and gained a greater appreciation for the vastness of God's universe.

We also sought opportunities to serve in our community. At Christmas, we delivered gift baskets to lonely and needy neighbours. A knock on the door, a gift basket, and some friendly interactions were greatly appreciated by those who received them. Another evening was spent serving at the local thrift store by stocking shelves, and we also dedicated time to do yard work at our church. It was encouraging to see everyone working together to clean flower beds and mulch the gardens.

We are thankful for the youth who take the time to learn, grow, and interact with their friends and community. We pray that the lessons learned throughout the year would be applied in their lives, that relationships would be strengthened, and above all, that each one would come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. •



MISSION FINANCES

PETER SCHENDERLING & MATT STAM



Dear HRC members and Mission supporters,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the foreign Mission Committee efforts. We continue to support the training of ministers and students, to assist evangelists who are active in planting churches, and to provide speakers and funding for Reformed conferences in several countries. We are encouraged

that donations from the churches have improved somewhat this year, however, the Mission Committee is seeking additional donations since requests for

support for other worthy causes continue to come to us. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is critical in the continued work of spreading the gospel message.

Please also remember the Domestic Outreach efforts in supporting the North American needy churches such as Bradford HRC and Plymouth HRC as well as Synod approved outreaches in Burns Lake, BC, the Chinese Outreach in Chilliwack, and the New York Gospel Mission.

Your prayers for the Holy Spirit to work through the efforts of both the MC and the DOC are sought. May the name of Jesus Christ be lifted up and glorified throughout North America and the world. •

On behalf of the HRC Mission Committee and the Domestic Outreach Committee

Please refer to the following financial reports:

HRC General Mission Financial Reports For the Nine Month Period Ending April 30, 2026 Actual and Budget figures presented in CAD

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Actual YTD	Budget 25/26	Act vs Bud Variance	Actual Prior YTD	CY vs PY Variance
Revenue					
HRC Church Donations	\$ 182,028	\$ 221,682	\$ (39,654)	\$ 110,776	\$ 71,252
Individual Donations	9,075	3,750	5,325	8,850	225
Total Revenue	191,103	225,432	(34,329)	119,626	71,477
Expenditures					
PRTS Student Tuition Support	8,344	6,642	1,702	-	8,344
Program support costs	142,432	150,450	(8,018)	57,624	84,808
Glad Tidings magazine	7,483	11,250	(3,767)	3,277	4,206
Professional fees	1,260	675	585	-	1,260
Bank service fees	443	450	(7)	152	291
Translation costs	25,405	51,840	(26,435)	28,800	(3,395)
Miscellaneous expenses	5,891	4,125	1,766	(3,984)	9,875
Potential Mission Opportunities	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	191,259	225,432	(34,173)	85,869	105,390
Excess of Revenue (Expenditures)	\$ (156)	\$ -	\$ (156)	\$ 33,757	\$ (33,913)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Actual YTD	Prior YTD	CY vs PY Variance
Assets			
Bank	\$ 97,102	\$ 126,932	\$ (29,830)
Due From DOC	5,917	-	5,917
Total Assets	\$ 103,019	\$ 126,932	\$ (23,913)
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total (Current) Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Assets			
Undesignated	103,019	126,932	(23,913)
Total Net Assets	103,019	126,932	(23,913)
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 103,019	\$ 126,932	\$ (23,913)

HRC Domestic Outreach Committee Financial Reports For the Nine Month Period Ending April 30, 2026 Actual and Budget figures presented in CAD

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Actual YTD	Budget 25/26	Act vs Bud Variance	Actual Prior YTD	CY vs PY Variance
Revenue					
HRC Church donations	\$ 59,984	\$ 106,812	\$ (46,828)	\$ 35,424	\$ 24,560
Other donations	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	\$ 59,984	\$ 106,812	\$ (46,828)	\$ 35,424	\$ 24,560
Expenditures					
DOC Support - Bradford	\$ 12,500	\$ 18,750	\$ (6,250)	\$ -	\$ 12,500
DOC Support - Plymouth	50,140	42,579	7,562	14,765	35,375
Other Outreach Support/Retirement Fund	-	4,922	(4,922)	-	-
Bank Charges	107	224	(117)	41	66
Delegate Travel	-	2,461	(2,461)	-	-
Contingency	-	37,500	(37,500)	-	-
Exchange Loss (Gain)	3,996	376	3,620	(909)	4,905
Total Expenses	\$ 66,743	\$ 106,812	\$ (40,068)	\$ 13,897	\$ 52,846
Excess of Revenue (Expenditures)	\$ (6,760)	\$ -	\$ (6,760)	\$ 21,527	\$ (28,287)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Actual YTD	Prior YTD	CY vs PY Variance
Assets			
Bank	\$ 54,288	\$ 48,970	\$ 5,318
Total Assets	\$ 54,288	\$ 48,970	\$ 5,318
Liabilities			
Due to General Mission	\$ 5,917	\$ -	\$ 5,917
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,917	\$ -	\$ 5,917
Net Assets	\$ 48,371	\$ 48,970	\$ (599)
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 54,288	\$ 48,970	\$ 5,318

PLEASE SHARE AND DONATE

Your contributions will help bring the gospel & spiritual encouragement to the areas where our missionaries are serving the Lord.

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 ___ HRC FOREIGN MISSIONS
 ___ HRC DOMESTIC OUTREACH

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___ Christian Ministry to Israel
 ___ Jason Fintelman – Mission Aviation Fellowship
 ___ OTHER: _____

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SINGING THY REDEEMING GRACE

ISAAC WATTS

How sweet and awe-full is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why was I a guest?

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
and enter while there's room,
when thousands make a wretched choice
and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send Thy victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing Thy redeeming grace.