

**DEACONS' CORNER:** TODAY and NEXT WEEK the offerings are for the ministries of our Hope congregation. Also please consider giving an extra gift for **benevolence**. As we, the deacons, shared a few Sundays ago one of our congregation's families is in serious need. They are also looking for housing (a one or two bedroom apartment). During the next number of weeks if you can help with this benevolence need please designate your gift on the offering envelope. Through the generous offerings of everyone we are able to bring **Glory to God and be Christ in the world**.

**HOPE NEWS:** Pastors Sid & Adriana are leaving for their vacation in Canada and Michigan tomorrow. They will be visiting with their families and their children. They will be back on August 9. If you have pastoral needs please contact Randy Boer, our associate pastor or one of the elders (Jim Van Hulzen, Ryan White, or Hector Carrera).

**AUGUST BIBLE READINGS:** The congregations in Hope International Church are studying some of the great passages in the Bible. This month we will study Habakkuk 2,3; Job 1-3 & 40-42; Philipians 2,3; and John 14:1- 15:17. Do you want to experience the presence and power of God in your life? Do you want to live in the will of God and for his glory? Then let the Word be a lamp to your feet and a light for your path (Psalm 119: 105).

**PASTORS' NOTES:** It has been almost a year now that we have shared our campus with a number of ethnic congregations under a multi-congregational partnership. In the past year we have had the privilege to meeting many new people in our services and our hallways, and seen new ways of reaching out to the community. Worship services now happen from 9:30 AM to 6 PM in Mandarin, English, Korean, Indonesian and Spanish. We believe this is all part of God's all nations family plan. Participating in a multi ethnic church like we do takes a Christ-like level of spiritual maturity. It requires a humble spirit, one that considers the interests of others over their own, it requires a special graciousness in the midst of misunderstanding and confusion, it takes a love of neighbor that is practical and out of the ordinary. Jesus said is takes a perfection like God the Father is perfect. In our interactions with our brothers and sisters of our sister congregations we encourage you to continue going out of your way to be friendly, hospitable, and gracious in our interactions with our new friends. There have been and there will continue to be times when things don't go according to plan – things that inconvenience us. Please show that we are Christians by our love. The best proof of a Christ-like love is when it is tested in a stressful situation or to practice what we preach when the circumstance urge us to do the opposite. We commend everyone who is making a conscientious effort in building good relations with our new friends. In the next number of months the council will be evaluating how it is going and try to understanding what we need to do to improve our multi congregational relations. If you have some ideas, insights, or comments about this multi congregational arrangement please share them with one of the elders (preferably in writing). We thank everyone for their cooperation.

**HOPE INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP:** Do you like to travel? Are you interested in discovering what God is doing in other countries of the world? This fall a number of people from Hope International Church hope to travel to China to see first hand the amazing work that God is doing in the Beijing area. We hope to visit the ministries of Tim Park and John Gates, visit the International Church Vicky and Dennis Tang belong to, meet some CRC missionaries, and see the sights of China. Think about it, pray about it.

**INSTALATION SERVICE:** Next Sunday, August 1, Pastors Lambert and Lily Lee will be installed as pastors in the Home of Christians Chinese Congregation in their 9:30 AM service in the fellowship hall. If you would like to attend that service please do, or make it a point to greet and welcome them after the service.

**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH information on the web at [www. CRCNA.org](http://www.CRCNA.org).**

**BACK TO GOD HOUR:** Check KTIE Pasadena 590 AM Sundays at 8 AM, or listen on your computer at [www.BacktoGod.net](http://www.BacktoGod.net) and/or [www.chinese-goodnews.org/](http://www.chinese-goodnews.org/) any time.

**CRC PRAYER LINE:** Take a couple of minutes each week to check the prayer requests on the Christian Reformed denominational Prayer Line. Each Wednesday new items come up requesting you to join the intercession for the Lord's needed blessings. Contact by phone: 800-CRC-PRAY, or by internet: <http://www.crcna.org/devotion/prayerrequests.asp?DevotionMenu>

**WORLD MISSIONS - Club Membership:** Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the Ivory Coast are part of a club that no one would want to be a member of - they all have experienced violent upheaval. It doesn't make front-page news every day, but the trauma suffered by the people of these countries is tremendous. Let's not forget. Please pray for lasting peace and for a blessing upon World Mission's efforts in these countries.

**CRWRC Sudan Aid:** CRWRC's international relief coordinator, Jacob Kramer, is travelling to the conflict-ridden region of Darfur, Sudan as part of a Canadian Foodgrains Bank delegation seeking ways to help feed more than one million people in need. Please pray for the people of Sudan, for safety of the assessment team, and for answers that allow aid efforts to go forward. To help send aid to Darfur, please contact CRWRC at 1-800-55-CRWRC or visit [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org).

**Volunteer with CRWRC in the Dominican Republic:** This past May severe flooding killed over 2000 people and devastated numerous communities in the Dominican Republic. CRWRC, who will soon begin a housing rehabilitation project in the country, is recruiting for a couple to manage and facilitate volunteer work teams that will be coming this winter to assist in the reconstruction. Qualifications include people skills, some construction knowledge, cross cultural experience, organizational and problem solving abilities. Spanish language skills would be a definite asset. Must be able to travel to the DR by end of September. If interested in this position, please contact the ServiceLink office at 1-800-552-7972.