

To See as God Sees...

Looking at Missions with Fresh Eyes



2012 Global Mission Conference

February 8 – 15, 2012

**First Presbyterian Church
Columbus, Georgia**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

Matthew 28:19

Global Mission Conference 2012

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, February 8

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper*

Global Mission Program

FPC Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Mr. Tom Rawlings
*Guatemala Field Office Director
International Justice Mission*

Thursday, February 9

7:15 a.m.

Prayer Breakfast

FPC Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Mr. Tom Rawlings
*Guatemala Field Office Director
International Justice Mission*

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Prayer Vigil for the World

FPC Chapel

6:00 p.m.

Global Mission Dinner*

FPC Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Dr. Rodger Nishioka
*Associate Professor, Christian Education
Columbia Seminary*

(Children 5th grade and below will have dinner
and Mission Activities with Ms. Jami.)

Sunday, February 12

8:45, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Worship Services*

Special Adult Sunday School*

Luncheon*

Preaching at all three services, speaking at the Special Sunday
School class and luncheon: Dr. Michael Parker
*Coordinator
PCUSA International Evangelism*

6:30 p.m.

Youth SNL

FPC Lodge

Speaker: Rev. Jason Micheli
Campus Pastor, Abbey Fellowship

Wednesday, February 15

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper*

Global Mission Program

FPC Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Report from Flint River Presbytery
Guatemala Mission Team

*Childcare available at the church for this event.

Conference Speakers



Tom Rawlings is the Guatemala Field Office Director for International Justice Mission, a Christian human rights agency that brings rescue to victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators, psychologists, and social workers collaborate with local officials to secure immediate victim rescue and aftercare, to prosecute perpetrators and to ensure that public justice systems effectively protect the poor.

Prior to joining IJM as its Director in Guatemala, Tom spent a decade working on behalf of abused children in Georgia, first as a circuit juvenile court judge and later as Governor Perdue's appointed State Child Advocate for the Protection of Children. His first experience practicing law was here in Columbus and it was in here that Tom met his wife, Kay Illges Rawlings. The two married at First Presbyterian and were active members for many years.

Rodger Nishioka holds the Benton Family chair in Christian Education as an associate professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. While he teaches in the area of Christian education and practical theology, he specializes in ministry with youth and young adults.



Prior to his joining the faculty at Columbia, Rodger served for 12 years as denominational staff in Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Presbyterian Church (USA). Rodger received his undergraduate degree from Seattle Pacific University, his master's degree in theological studies from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, a Doctor of Divinity degree from Austin College and his Ph.D. from Georgia State University in Atlanta.

He has published several articles, chapters, and books largely focused on ministry with youth and young adults.



Michael Parker is the Coordinator for International Evangelism for Presbyterian World Mission. He has traveled through much of Asia, Central Asia, Africa and Europe, visiting our Presbyterian partners and mission co-workers in these mission fields. His office supports mission personnel and projects devoted to evangelistic outreach all over the globe.

Michael joined World Mission in 1995 after completing a M.Div. at Fuller Theological Seminary and a M.A. and Ph.D. in American culture and religion at the University of Maryland. He served as a mission co-worker between 1995 and 2006, working as a professor of church history at non-denominational seminaries in Sudan and Rwanda. He then served as an interim pastor of a church in Bowie, Maryland. He has written two books.

Jason Micheli, originally from Colorado, is the pastor at The Abbey Fellowship, a Presbyterian campus ministry in Columbus, GA. He has been involved in global missions in Mexico, British Columbia, Guatemala and Brazil.



Jason joined The Abbey in 2010 after completing a B. S. in Finance at the University of Colorado - Boulder, an M. Div. and M. Th. at Princeton Theological Seminary, and an M. A. in Hebrew and Semitics at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Jason is working to complete a dissertation entitled "The Translation Technique Evident in Peshitta Zechariah" to fulfill the requirements for a Ph.D. in Old Testament at the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

One of Jason's passions is to see the church act creatively as a community that lives out of God's redeeming grace, witnesses to the new life given by God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, and actively seeks to welcome others into that community.

Our Global Mission Projects 2012

Russia

Good News Baptist Church, Moscow

\$7500

The Good News Church, our sister church for over 13 years, ministers to orphanages and the unchurched and has embarked on a new outreach to families of handicapped children. **Our funds will help them replace the poorly constructed flat roof of their church, which snow and ice have damaged.**

Narnia Center

\$2300

The principal mission of the Narnia Center is to publish and distribute Christian fiction for Russian children and youth. It also provides leadership training for pastors, educators, and those who work with special-needs children. **Our funds will help provide leadership training workshops for these Christian educators.**

Al and Ellen Smith

\$4000

The Smiths are PC(USA) co-workers based in Berlin, but working extensively in Russia and other Eastern European countries. Ellen primarily facilitates partnerships between PC(USA) and Russian churches. Al primarily works with ministries to the Roma (gypsy) people who experience widespread discrimination. **Our funds will support their work and travel.**

Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship

\$2500

This Fellowship helps establish and support indigenous churches in unchurched communities and regions worldwide. An important arena has been remote parts of Siberia. **Our funds will support the ministry to spread the Gospel in Siberia.**

Gary Payton

\$500

Gary Payton is PC(USA) Regional Liaison for Russia, Belarus, Poland, Ukraine, and Armenia, serving as a bridge between church partners and PC(USA) mission co-workers. He also places, funds, and trains mission co-workers in these countries. **Our funds will support his extensive travel in the region and to Russia.**

Pakistan

Forman Christian College in Lahore

\$6000

Founded by Presbyterian missionaries in 1864, Forman College is a light of tolerance and center of academic excellence for Christian and Muslim men and women. The resurgence of Forman Christian College and its transformation over the last decade in one of the most troubled regions of the world exemplify hope, progress, and stability. **Our funds will provide scholarships for five students who might become tomorrow's leaders in Pakistan.**

North Korea

Bong Su Church Mission to the Hungry

\$700

Bong Su Church Noodle Factory, a project of one of the few Christian churches in the capital city, Pyongyang (population > 3 million), is still viable and necessary. The factory makes noodles that the church cooks, then serves, to thousands of hungry children and senior citizens. **Our funds purchase wheat flour for the noodles.**

Witness Season Goal – \$45,000

Kenya

Kenya Partnership

\$6000

Rev. Bernard Ondiek teaches and trains lay leaders for the pastorate at Ahero Bible Training Center and founded two Friends of Christ schools (now known as God's Little Ones, Inc.), which feed and educate hundreds of orphans in western Kenya. Rev. Chuck Hasty and Dick Olson visited the mission in 2007 and still are impressed with the vision and progress of Rev. Ondiek. **Our funds will help train pastors, purchase food and supplies, and to build a small dormitory for children who have no one with whom to stay.**

Bible Training Center

\$2500

The Bible Training Center for Pastors (BTCP) provides theological education to partners and church leaders in 82 countries worldwide. The BTCP currently has 650 students receiving theological training in Kenya. **Our funding provides materials needed for their instruction as leaders in the service of Christ.**

Middle East

PC(USA) Mission Co-workers

\$1700

Christian minorities in many areas of the Middle East often face violence and persecution. Some have left homes and livelihoods for other areas that offer relative safety. But fear and isolation are common throughout the region. **Our funds will support mission co-workers who minister to both those who are able to remain in their native areas and those who have been uprooted.**

Brazil

Amazon Medical Mission Trips

\$3500

The Independent Presbyterian church in Brazil, partners with other Christian agencies to share the Gospel by delivering healthcare assistance and training via an Amazon riverboat. These Brazilian volunteer health teams provide health, medical, and dental care; lead Vacation Bible Schools for children; and conduct worship services in these remote communities. This past year they successfully planted their first church. They also provide school materials for children and adolescents. **Our funds will purchase medical and educational supplies needed on the riverboats.**

Haiti

Covenant Hospital in Mombin Crochu

\$4300

This hospital in the remote area of Haiti has been without any means of transportation for the villagers for several months. A vehicle is desperately needed to transport food and supplies to the village and serve as an ambulance in times of need. The distance is great and the road unbelievably rough to the nearest city where more advanced health-care and supplies can be obtained. Lives have already been lost for the lack of reliable transportation. **Our funds will go toward the purchase of a much needed vehicle.**

Our Global Mission Projects 2012

Guatemala

Amanda Craft

\$1000

Amanda is a PC(USA) mission co-worker based in Guatemala, working primarily with the women of the Guatemalan Presbyterian Church and serving as liaison for the partnership between the Union Sinodica Femina (the church's Presbyterian Women's organization and Flint River Presbytery (FRP)). **Our funds will support her work and travel in Guatemala.**

Union Sinodica Femina

(Presbyterian Women) of the Guatemalan Presbyterian Church

\$500

A committee of the Sinodica administers a scholarship fund which provides approximately \$200 each to women students to study at the Guatemalan Presbyterian Seminary in San Felipe or another approved theological institution near where they live. The stipend covers approximately half of their annual tuition and the students are responsible for the remainder along with their books and other supplies. **Our funds will provide scholarships funds for three women students to obtain an theological education.**

International Justice Mission

\$1000

IJM Guatemala seeks justice for and supports the emotional restoration of victims of child sexual abuse. Each year, IJM Guatemala pursues justice in the criminal courts for child victims, prosecuting the offenders and ensuring these children and their families receive accompaniment through the legal process, safe housing, medical and educational assistance, and the psychological therapy necessary to recover from the trauma they have experienced. **Our gift will allow IJM to create within their offices a special child-friendly interview room that will allow their staff to help children explain, in a comfortable and non-threatening setting, the trauma they have experienced.**

Worldwide Projects

Global Mission Outreach

\$1000

Daily, thousands of people visiting the mission's more than 90 websites indicate decisions for Christ. Based on site, language, and interest, an online response system distributes their emails to 4,200 trained, volunteer, on-site missionaries who address each one and minister to those who seek to know Jesus. Our funds support this far-reaching international ministry.



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Meal Reservations

Please use the form below to preregister for the **Thursday Global Mission Dinner** and the **Sunday Lunch**. Your check is your reservation; please specify that it is to pay for the dinner (rather than a donation) and the number of the number of adults and children for whom payment is made.

Reservations are also required for the Wednesday Night Suppers and Thursday Prayer Breakfast and can be made by calling Kimberly Moseley, 706.322.4523, or by email to kmoseley@columbusfpc.org.

Please prepay for the Thursday Global Mission Dinner and Sunday Lunch no later than Monday, February 6.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Global Mission Dinner Thursday, February 9, 2012	Price Per Person	Number attending	Amount to be paid
Adults	\$12.00		
Middle & High School Youth	\$ 8.00		
Children (up to 5th Grade)	\$ 4.00		
Family Maximum	\$32.00		
SUBTOTAL			
Sunday Lunch Sunday, February 12, 2012	Price Per Person	Number attending	Amount to be paid
Adults	7.00		
Children & Youth	\$ 3.00		
Family Maximum	\$25.00		
TOTAL			

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Our 2012 Global Mission Conference is dedicated to the children and youth, both here and around the world, who bring fresh eyes to mission both now and in the future.