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PMI Ministry Update
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"A Network of Triangular Partnerships"

PMI missionaries are serving in a dozen countries scattered throughout South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Rim. Depending on their context and gifts, the missionaries are giving special emphasis to evangelism, church-planting, leadership training, or holistic ministries. Of course, many PMI missionaries are actively involved in several of these areas of ministry focus, and in fact some missionaries' contexts demand vigorous attention to all of these categories of ministry. Please visit the individual missionaries' web pages for further details of their particular ministries.

All PMI missionaries also serve as connecting agents between the people among whom they minister and U.S. supporters. The PMI board enters the picture here as well, insofar as we serve to facilitate partnership relationships between PMI missionaries and supporters. In a nutshell, we on the PMI board do all we can to assist missionaries to steward well PMI prayer and financial support, and we do all we can to assist prayer and financial supporters to be challenged in their own lives through the partnerships they have with PMI missionaries.

PMI, therefore, consists of a whole network of triangular partnerships involving missionaries, supporters, and the board. As our operations manual puts it,

PMI's multi-faceted niche within the wider tapestry of World Mission today is to be a network of triangular partnerships between international Covenant graduates (and their home churches and ministry organizations), U.S. Christians and a governing board. One important purpose of these partnerships is to serve and equip each other for Christian living through mutual prayer and encouragement. Another purpose is to support the international graduates, as leaders in their home churches and ministry organizations, to conduct full-time gospel ministry outside the U.S., ordinarily in their countries of origin (where churches are relatively lacking in indigenous reformed-theological and financial resources).

All under God's guidance and blessing, each part of the triangle is vital to make PMI work. As for PMI financial supporters, during 2006 over 450 individuals and churches (in a 3:1 ratio) were involved; 50 new supporters joined the PMI network. Throughout PMI's history (since 1988) over 1,100 supporters have partnered financially, and God alone knows how many have prayed. All of these partnerships have made up the PMI network over the past two decades, and by God's grace we all will continue to serve the worldwide cause of the gospel through God's guidance and enablement.

Yours in Christ,

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