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PMI Ministry Update
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As I get older, I am struck with how fast everything seems to change. The years come and go. Yesterday's headlines are forgotten quickly, as something new captures our attention. But as I write these words at the beginning of this new year of 2008, I am reminded of things that never change—the lostness of multitudes without Christ, the amazing grace of God, our Lord's "great commission" which commands us to take the Gospel into all the world, and our PMI missionaries who are faithfully and sacrificially doing just that.

PMI began twenty years ago in 1988 when Dr. Robert G. Rayburn founded the mission to provide financial and prayer support to enable a Covenant Seminary student, Khen Tombing, to return to his native Manipur, India, as a full-time missionary to his own people. For five years Khen and his wife, Rith, were the only PMI missionaries, until 1993 when Paul Billy Arnold was accepted by the PMI board to plant a church in Bangalore (India) and Koji and Marcia Esaki went to Japan. These missionaries have through the years been joined by twenty-six others (serving in Europe, South America, Africa, Asia, and New Zealand). They are engaged in evangelism, church planting, teaching and training, translating Christian books, and a variety of mercy ministries. In addition there are a number of PMI scholars, studying at Covenant Seminary, with financial support from PMI.

PMI is served by a faithful board of pastors, professors, and laymen. Five are faculty members at Covenant, one is missions pastor of a St. Louis church, and two are laymen who have experience in missions. Jean Lehmkuhl, Covenant Seminary Controller, provides valuable assistant as treasurer. PMI president, Dr. Nelson Jennings, who served as a missionary in Japan for thirteen years, recently published *God The Real Superpower: Rethinking Our Role in Missions* and has been selected as editor of the prestigious journal *Missiology: An International Review*.

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