

Care & Share



THE BLESSINGS OF SPRING

*There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.*

*With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.*

*As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He gives to us the assurance
grace in our hearts will grow.*

*He sends us the robin's song,
with the promise to provide
a shelter under His mighty wing
where in His love we can abide.*

*He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His mercies
to heal winter's ache and pain.
God's given to all His Son,*

*to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of Spring . . .
is keeping Jesus in our sight!*

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*Song of Solomon 2: 11-12  
King James Version*

*"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and  
gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the  
time of the singing of birds is come, and the  
voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"*

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

When I first read the saying, “the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world” (which was in a reader in the school we attended when we came to Canada), it made an impression on me. We all must have read or heard of men and women who will give credit to their mother for the influence they had on their lives. But not only mothers; I believe it was Winston Churchill who held his governess in high esteem and he certainly was the right man at the right time in the history of the world. How about brutal men like Hitler? It may be interesting to know what made them what they are. Being a mother certainly is a great responsibility. May we always be aware of the seriousness of this task. We wish all mothers a Happy Mother’s Day and pray God will give them what they need, to do well in their role of motherhood.

Another saying I learned is “April snow is the poor man’s fertilizer.” I must have heard the rational behind these words, but can’t remember what it is. But seeing the fresh snow last Monday morning was not all bad if this is true and we can expect more to come.

(In last month’s Care & Share a sentence was left out in what I wrote about the book, *The Mystery of Marsaba*, [not Jeannette’s error]. What I meant to say about that story was that some authentic looking ancient manuscripts were discovered, proving that the resurrection of Jesus was a hoax and the devastating effect that had on the world and the jubilation that followed when it was proven that those manuscripts were a hoax.)

The Sunrise Easter Service certainly was a much appreciated and well attended event. I believe it was Ralph Fluit and God’s Great Outdoors who were the initiating force behind this service. It was so good to begin the Easter celebration with so many others from our community. Our own Easter Day service was also very meaningful and rich.

The pancake breakfast at our church during Spring Fever days seemed to have a larger attendance than usual. I think the community enjoys the getting together at events like this. It was neat to see the young boys and girls who were so eager to serve and help out in other ways. Thank you, Helen, for your part in organizing this event.

I believe that the news that Nick Schryvershof was able to come back to the Emo hospital after a short stay at Rainycrest was one of the highlights of our church family and a cause for thankfulness.

It was good to see Henrietta Verhoef at the Spring Fever Pancake Breakfast. She looked so well and in her own words, “I wouldn’t know I am sick if I was not told so.” May we continue to pray for her.

May we also continue to pray for Kim Van Rozen who is facing different procedures to improve her ability to get around again. Some complications prevented the doctors from continuing the treatments she had been receiving so far.

We also think of Cathie Sinninghe who continues to deal with health issues. The cardiologist believes that not all these issues are heart related, so further tests will be done so the doctors can get at what is happening and give her the treatments needed. Cathie is thankful for the prayers of our congregation and the concerns shown.

We pray for Thea Kaemingh who is dealing with an infection after her knee surgery which is always a serious concern.

We hope that Marie Sinninghe is recovering well after her hip surgery. I believe she will be going back to Thunder Bay for a check up on the 11th of May.

Our condolences go out to Jan & Sietske Van Zwol and their family with the sudden passing away of Jan’s brother-in-law, Haiko Geertsema, on April 19th, in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Haiko was married to Jan’s sister, Pat. Jan & Sietske travelled to Medicine Hat for the funeral as well as Arjen, Feitze, Remco and Mindy.

A huge thank-you goes out to Isabella Foster and Dax Laplante for raising an amazing amount of money for cancer patients. They were willing to make a difference in the lives of others by giving up their hair. We congratulate Bethany Sinninghe and Jackson Arpin for representing their high school very well at the NORWOSSA championships.

As a church family, we enjoy reading about and cheering on our students. May God's blessing rest on each one of you.

Gerald and Cora Vansmeerdyk have moved from their home in Edmonton. Their new address is:  
10410 98th Street, Morinville AB T8R 0B7

Students or parents of students who are graduating from elementary school, high school or college/university, are asked to please notify Jeannette or Gertie so that your/your children's names can be listed in the June Care & Share.

Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.  
The only senior among us celebrating a birthday is Ynske Kaemigh on the 5th.  
We wish all of you a special blessing on your birthday and anniversary.

From World Renew:

*To the congregation of Emo CRC:*

*We are grateful for your gifts of \$2,545.00 for World Renew programs received from January to March 2017. Emo CRC's contributions are changing lives through our Canadian Foodgrains Bank projects and program fund (where needed most). Thank you for being the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-14). Through God's grace, World Renew is providing food, good health, fruitful work, peace and justice for those who need it most around the globe. To learn more about how lives are being transformed, please visit [worldrenew.net/changingthestory](http://worldrenew.net/changingthestory).*

*Easter blessings, Maria*

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***Emo Christian Reformed Church  
Policy Handbook***

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1. **MANDATE:**

- 1.01 The Committee shall maintain and review all related social media accounts.
- 1.02 The Committee will form and regularly review a guidance document on the proper use of the social media accounts.
- 1.04 The Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings.

2. **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:**

- 2.01 The Committee shall consist of at least four members including a member from Consistory and Church secretary.
- 2.02 Members shall serve a term of three years.
- 2.03 The Committee shall appoint its own officers.
- 2.04 The Secretary shall keep minutes and forward a copy to the Clerk of Council.
- 2.05 A minimum of two members of the committee will be administrators on each social media account. A member may be an administrator on more than one social media account.
- 2.06 The Committee shall meet a minimum of twice a year to review the guidance document and as needed.
- 2.07 The Committee shall submit a budget to the COA.

3. **SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

This document is intended to be used to guide and direct how and when social media outlets are used by the Emo Christian Reformed Church.

- 1. Purpose
  - a. The purpose of the church using social media outlets is to better engage with our congregation about related events and information.
  - b. To provide information to general public about our church
- 2. Approved media outlets currently
  - a. Facebook
  - b. Church website, emocrc.ca

- c. Other outlets may be approved by social media committee upon request
- 3. Privacy
  - a. Any posting on any social media website regarding a specified person will be discussed with that person to ensure they are aware and provide approval
  - b. There will be a members only section that only church members will be provided access.
- 4. Facebook specific guidelines
  - a. To be used for event reminders (such as church picnic, Sunday service message) as well as to share relevant information as deemed fit by social media committee.
  - b. Not to include any personal information unless approved by that person/people
  - c. Can be used to share events/pictures etc as long as respectful and approved by administrator of site.
  - d. Members only may post to Facebook page but will need to be approved by administrators of site prior to being visible.
- 5. Website specific guidelines
  - a. There are two aspects to the website: public access and a member's only section.
  - b. The public section will include general information including but not limited to events schedule, contact information, sermons, information on different programs and committees, and links to denominational information/resources.
  - c. The private section will be login only. It can include but not limited to: the bulletin, elder/deacon list, care and share, etc.
    - i. Personal information that is included as part of documents (such as bulletin and care and share) will remain as part of the document unless otherwise requested. Please submit such requests to the Secretary.

## 2017 January to March Highlights

**LIFE:** As I begin each year I am always reminded of “how many years” since I was born and since I began my time with AIM and in Africa. Anniversaries are a time to reflect on God’s provision, His care and blessings over the years and into the future. It is a time to evaluate what is important in life and to look at growth and seek direction. Some dear friends have gone to be with the Lord this year. Time is moving on.

**WORK:** We are having an audit for the 2016 financial books. Rhona and I carry on with our daily work--email, input into Quick Books, bank transfers, payroll and whatever comes up that needs doing. We work together and both keep busy with the various requests that come from all over Central Region. It is really quite a job co-ordinating all of the reports and information coming to and from 6 African countries and other places. When everyone does their part it all comes together.



Peter, a Pastor from South Sudan is helping our missionaries there with administrative tasks. He spent some time in our office to learn more about how to report and work together with our Kampala Office while in South Sudan. Peter’s help will be a great asset—he seemed to understand very well. The security there is not good so his wife and children are here in Uganda. Pray for his young children in boarding school for the first time in a new country.

**GETTING “KIDS” OFF TO SCHOOL:** Shakur John went off to his Senior 6 (final year of secondary school) year at boarding school. Joel Amani is a S5 student, also in boarding, from a Congolese refugee family. Does very well and is a nice lad. Boarding school life is a bit tough but both have done their best. Please remember them in prayer for health, studies and school life, faith—the year ends in December. Pray also for Raymond who is has started S 1 in day school.

**CENTRAL REGION:** 5 teams have begun ministry over the past weeks and months; Languages need to be learned in order to better communicate the good news. And there has been fruit! Pray for the team in CAR as by the end of April they may need to relocate out of the country due to security issues. PRAY that in the time remaining the Lord will use them to make an impact for His Kingdom in among the people they are focusing on. Also pray for direction and wisdom for those making big decisions for these difficult areas.

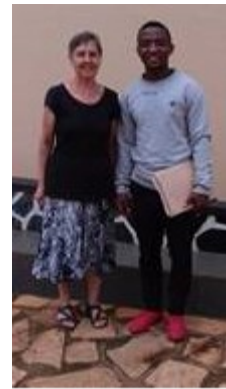
**EASTER:** *Philippians 2:8,9* "he (Jesus) humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. It is our prayer people throughout Central Region and around the world will come to know Jesus and follow Him.



Laura & Rhona



Shakur John



Amani Joel

Love and best wishes!

Laura

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April 2017



# Missions Advocate

## **BOT Recommends King as Director for New Mission Agency**

The Board of Trustees of the Christian Reformed Church has recommended Rev. Zachary King to head its new mission agency. This recommendation will go to synod for ratification in June.



At Synod 2015 delegates approved joining Home Missions and World Missions into one agency. If approved by Synod 2017 as director of the new, unified mission agency, Dr. King will begin his leadership role as Rev. Gary Bekker, current director of World Missions, and Rev. Moses Chung, current director of Home Missions, take on other leadership positions with the new agency and the denomination.

At 40 years of age, King said that he has seen God working in a variety of ways to prepare him for this position. It started in university, he said. Though he had grown up in a Pentecostal Assemblies of God church, he decided to go to Calvin College for his undergraduate education.

"I went to Calvin because I was interested in geology. I took a couple of religion courses, and it really opened my eyes to another type of theology," he explained. "I got hooked."

King added a religion and theology degree to his geology degree at Calvin. He also went on to earn a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Theology degree from Calvin Theological Seminary, and he recently completed his Ph.D. in New Testament missiology at the Free University of Amsterdam.

"I love to drink deeply of the wells of Reformed teaching and tradition," he said about his extensive educational background.

King has also worked in other settings that have prepared him for this role. He has served as a pastor in a North American church in Allendale, Michigan, and as a missionary, most recently serving as the field leader and church and leadership developer for World Missions in Haiti for the past 12 years.

*Read the full update at [crcna.org/hm-nwm](http://crcna.org/hm-nwm).*

## **Pentecost Reminder**

Many Christian Reformed churches use Pentecost Sunday to take an offering for Christian Reformed World Missions. If your church still wants to receive CRWM materials for Pentecost Sunday, June 4, visit [crwm.org/Pentecost](http://crwm.org/Pentecost) to see samples of the materials and links to order them from Faith Alive. This year the materials are centered around the theme "Led by the Spirit."



## **Teach Overseas**

Do you want to use your gifts for teaching and education to serve abroad? CRWM partner schools in Nicaragua, Japan, Ukraine, and in other countries have several open positions that you can learn more about and apply for at [crwm.org/teaching](http://crwm.org/teaching).

## **NMA Update**

At the new mission agency board meeting taking place in May, board members are expected to approve a name for the new mission agency. This will be shared at Synod 2017.



## Visiting the Field: Jan and Calvin Davies

Jan and Calvin Davies sat closely together in the back of a three-wheeled taxi known as a tuk tuk on the bustling streets of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Up front, they listened as Ly Chhay, a CRWM missionary in Cambodia, began talking to the driver with passion in his voice. He stopped his conversation only for a minute to talk to the Davies. “I’m sharing the Gospel!” he told them, before quickly returning to his conversation.

When Jan and Calvin share this story along with the other highlights of their recent visit to Cambodia, anyone who has met Ly is a little surprised—it just doesn’t match up with the timid Ly they see back in North America.

The Davies’ visit to Cambodia helped them see Ly and Navy in their element, on their ministry field. Here are a few more ways that their visit helped them better understand the ministry.

### **A better understanding of the culture.**

While it was emotional, one of the most meaningful experiences of being in Cambodia for the Davies was visiting the killing fields of Cambodia’s Khmer Rouge era. Not only did it make the horror stories of the genocide that Navy and Ly lived through more real, it helped them see the need for leadership training ministries.

“We could feel the repressive presence of what it was like there 30 years ago,” said Calvin and Jan. “They [Navy and Ly] know how important it is to engage and empower future leaders of Cambodia because the Khmer Rouge wiped out a whole generation of leaders.”

### **A better understanding of the Chann-Chhay’s ministry...**

The Davies had the opportunity to meet some of the leaders who took part in Timothy Leadership Training with Navy and Ly, hearing their stories and witnessing



Navy and Ly’s role in helping them reach their goals.

“Seeing the Christians coming together to learn from each other and seeing the work it takes was just amazing,” they said. “The Spirit just moved in us because of what it was doing in them...the commitment in traveling there from their villages, and hearing them share their vision made the ministry seem so much more impactful.”

### **A renewed fervor for ministry with others back home.**

When the Davies returned to their home church (Good News Church in London, Ontario), they shared their trip highlights with members of their church as well as with another church in the area. Their firsthand experience helped them share the impact members are making as they support this ministry with their prayers and finances.



“We see our role not just in visiting them, but also advocating on their behalf, in a way, and now we are doing that with a better understanding. Experientially, you can’t get it any other way.”

### **April Challenge**

This month, consider what it might look like to send someone from your church or missions committee to visit missionaries on the field. Would someone be available to visit the field and share about their experiences afterwards?

CRWM can help you with many of the logistical challenges that might come up with this visit. Contact Trish De Jong (in Canada at [tdejong@crcna.org](mailto:tdejong@crcna.org) or Marcea Holtrop in the United States at [marceaholtrop@crcna.org](mailto:marceaholtrop@crcna.org)).

# May 2017

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| <b>7</b> *Arnold & Cindy Kaemingh (34th)<br><br>10:00 WORSHIP                                                                        | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>9</b> *Dan & Elaine Mack (30th)                 | <b>10</b> Kristen Strydhorst                                                 | <b>11</b><br><br>7:00 WORSHIP COMMITTEE<br>7:00 PRAYER MEETING | <b>12</b> Laura Dykstra                                                  | <b>13</b> Lori Wilson                                                    |
| <b>14</b><br><br>10:00 WORSHIP<br>Gr 9/10 CATECHISM | <b>15</b> Kacia Veldhuisen                                                                                                                                                      | <b>16</b> Albert Strydhorst<br><br>7:00 CONSISTORY | <b>17</b>                                                                    | <b>18</b> Arnold H Kaemingh<br>Cheryl Ramsey<br><br>7:00 GEMS  | <b>19</b> Carolyn Stang<br>Gerald Wielinga                               | <b>20</b>                                                                |
| <b>21</b> Harold Kelly<br>Joel Veldhuisen<br><br>10:00 WORSHIP<br>Gr 11/12 CATECHISM                                                 | <b>22</b> Taylor Hettinga<br>Maddysan Redford<br>Diane Veldhuisen<br>Eric Veldhuisen<br><br> | <b>23</b> Tammy Wielinga                           | <b>24</b> Patrick deGroot<br>Colin Kaemingh                                  | <b>25</b> Bethany Sinninghe                                    | <b>26</b> Sydney Beck<br>Chantel Kelly<br>*Joel & Kaity Veldhuisen (5th) | <b>27</b> Kelsey Comley<br>Peter Veldhuisen                              |
| <b>28</b> Bev Arpin<br><br>10:00 WORSHIP<br>Gr 9/10 CATECHISM                                                                        | <b>29</b> Ethan Esselink<br>*John & Kay Redford (24th)                                                                                                                          | <b>30</b> Kali Wieringa                            | <b>31</b> *Ryan & Sarah McInerney (9th)<br>*Gerald & Diane Veldhuisen (31st) |                                                                |                                                                          |                                                                          |

