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PMI Ministry Update
J. Nelson Jennings, President

"Growth and Challenges"

When PMI began in the late 1980s, it was impossible to envision how PMI might develop over the coming years. The purpose of PMI's establishment was to facilitate the growth of Presbyterian and Reformed ministries in Manipur, Northeast India. It was several years later when PMI's focus slowly began to expand to southern India, Japan, Hungary, and elsewhere.

As you will see from our website (www.pmiweb.org). PMI has experienced a surge in new missionaries in recent months. Macklann and Rose Basse are back in Togo, Guille and Debbie MacKenzie have just returned to Argentina, Seima and Naoko Aoyagi are a little more support away from returning to Japan, Rory and Val McClure are raising support to return to the U.K., and SungJong Yoon and Eunyoung Kim Yoon are preparing to join the Aoyagis and others in a new church-planting work in Tokyo. Yoji Takahashi – Costa Rican and Japanese by lineage – has just joined the PMI Scholar ranks. Visit these friends' individual web pages to become better acquainted with them and to learn their latest news.

Because PMI places a high importance on personal relationships and low organizational overhead, we on the PMI Board regularly face the challenge of administrative responsibility with respect to our ongoing growth. Managing the financial partnerships and communications between over 20 missionaries and their supporters pushes us greatly – and we do not always succeed in keeping all communication lines open. Email and websites help tremendously, but they do not operate by themselves. Thank you to those of you who help us keep communication going effectively, either through asking questions or proactively contacting the PMI Office and PMI missionaries.

Many PMI Missionaries are also facing challenges of financial support. That's a common tune over the past couple of years, and we are seeing more of our Missionaries facing very tight financial situations than ever before. Three families are seeking to gather enough support to go serve in their respective ministry locales. Others who have been serving for years need replenished support. Pray with us for the needs to be supplied, and feel free to contact the PMI Office (pmi@covenantseminary.edu) for further information of where the most acute needs lie.

Finally, PMI Missionaries around the world are facing challenges of gospel ministries in a wide variety of contexts. We on the Board have the privilege of receiving reports from all of our Missionaries, and we are aware of their encouragements and frustrations. People are coming to faith, churches are growing, leaders are being trained, and holistic needs are being met. But there are also situations of political upheaval, opposing unbelief, slowness of growth, and financial hardship. Thank you for your financial and prayerful partnership with PMI Missionaries as they serve in challenging situations in various spots around the world.

Yours in Christ,

J. Nelson Jennings
President