

Presbyterian World

News about the PC(USA)'s international mission

Presbyterians aid Haiti in earthquake's aftermath



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) and its partners responded quickly to the earthquake in Haiti. [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) has already [sent \\$209,000](#) and is working with ecumenical partners to provide emergency support to earthquake survivors, including food, water, sanitation and medical supplies. The PC(USA)'s partner church in Haiti, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, has sustained huge losses, but is faithfully [responding to the crisis](#). [Hôpital Sainte Croix](#) (Holy Cross Hospital), a long-time focus of PC(USA) mission in Haiti, is standing but heavily damaged. [A nearby nursing school](#), which like the hospital is a ministry of the PC(USA) partner church, is providing medical care for quake survivors. The nursing school and the hospital have been [approved for a \\$200,000 grant from PDA](#). Those funds will purchase generators, a water pump, sanitary sewage lines and fuel for the generators and vehicles.

[All PC\(USA\) mission personnel are safe](#), though one of them, [Sharyn Babe](#), is recovering from injuries in a Florida hospital. [Carlos Cardenas](#), a mission worker with much experience in disaster relief, has traveled to Haiti from Nicaragua to help with relief efforts. Contributions for Haiti can be made to [PDA account number DR00064 online](#) or by phone at (800) 872-3283. Checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. [Please continue to pray](#) for the people of Haiti and our partner church as they grieve their losses and begin to rebuild their lives.

World Mission launches podcast



Presbyterian World Mission launched a monthly podcast on Jan. 15 titled *God's Mission Matters*. [The podcasts](#) are aimed at helping Presbyterians engage more faithfully and effectively in God's

mission. Each month you can hear a story from mission workers that illustrates guiding principles for mission involvement, a Scripturally based reflection based on the “mission tip of the month,” an opportunity for listeners to share their best mission practices and a “tool kit” for deeper study and reflection. The inaugural podcast focuses on listening to and learning from global partners and includes a story by Cobbie Palm, a longtime mission worker in the Philippines.

Zambian synod growing in numbers and ministry



Maleka Kabandama and Isaac Ngulube of the CCAP Zambia Synod.

The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Synod of Zambia has grown from 10,000 members in 16 congregations to 57,600 members in 56 congregations since 1985. Nancy Collins, the PC(USA)'s recently appointed regional liaison for East Africa, worshipped with one of the synod's congregations that was “alive with the love and joy of Jesus Christ.” She toured chicken houses developed as an income-generation project by the synod and built on property that the PC(USA) helped the synod buy several years ago. Nancy also saw the construction site where new synod offices are being built.

[Read more](#) →

Young Iraqi Christians gather in Syria for training

Eighteen young men and women from Baghdad met for an annual training seminar last month in Seidnaya, one of the oldest cities in Syria. They represented the Iraq Christian Youth Committee (ICYC), the local branch of the World Student Christian Federation. The ICYC is an ecumenical group, from almost all the churches in Iraq, including Presbyterian. They came to develop skills such as leading interfaith dialogue and Bible studies. This kind of training was not possible inside Iraq due to security issues, but the gathering was made possible through funding from the Middle East Council of Churches, the PC(USA), and Church World Service of New Zealand, in addition to the ICYC. "God will never leave his church in Iraq," says Nuhad Tomeh, PC(USA) regional liaison, "and these young people are a living example of his presence there." [Read more](#) →

Mission Briefs

See What God Can Do: Memoir of a Missionary in Congo by Florence Moore Sthreshley (a paperback published by Lulu Press, Inc., London and Raleigh, N.C., 2009), tells the story of Florence (better known as “Flo”) Sthreshley and her husband, Charles, in what was once known as the Belgian Congo, then Zaire, and today the Democratic Republic of Congo. [Order the book online through the publisher](#). The author's son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Inge, are Presbyterian mission workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

SABEEL 2010 Spring Witness Visit. Meet and reflect with Palestinian Christians and Muslims as well as with Jewish Israelis. April 8–17, 2010. Cost: \$1,250 per person (double room) or \$1,550 (single room). Registration deadline: February 25, 2010. [Get more information](#).

New ministry. Ted Wright, who served with his wife, Sue, as regional liaisons in Africa until leaving mission service late last year, has been called as pastor and head of staff at Gaithersburg (Md.) Presbyterian Church.

>

