

MISSION EVENING

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AGENDA

- The Missionaries
- The nature of the work
 - IJC/JCI
 - Office Bear Training
 - Federation Building
 - Preaching in congregations
 - Active evangelism
 - Radio Ministry
- The Work of the Board
- Transition

MISSIONARIES

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- The Mission Board is blessed to have two talented and dynamic men in the field.
- Both men have a strong desire to evangelize.
- Both men have a strong desire to train men to lead the IRB.
- Both men and the Mission Board have an excellent working relationship.

MISSIONARIES

Rev Kenneth Wieske

- Called in 1999 as a candidate
- Graduated from CRTS
- Married to Tamara Gritter
- 6 Children
 - Chaim (1996)
 - Kyrie (2000)
 - Natalia (2003)
 - Micah (2006)
 - Asher (2010)
 - Expecting in 4 months



MISSIONARIES

Rev Julius VanSpronsen

- Called in 2007 from the Church of Smithers.
- Graduated from CRTS.
- Married to Karen Vanderhorst
- 6 children
 - Melissa (1999)
 - Elena (2001)
 - Titus (2003)
 - Joel (2003)
 - Hannah (2006)
 - Amaryn (2011)



NATURE OF THE WORK

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- Teaching at IJC/JCI
- Training Office Bearers
- Federation Building
- Preaching
- Evangelism
- Radio Ministry



- This project stems from the Ad Hoc program which taught 4 Brazilian Pastors.
- The IRB Concillio asked Surrey to assist them with the development of this project. This requested was based on a Councillo appointed committee tasked to investigate or develop Theological Education.





- Comprehensive program similar to the CRTS.
- Uses missionaries as teachers.
- Uses ministers and profs from Canada.
- Rents the ATC campus
- Student housing is provided.
- IRB federation is financially supporting this through assessments.



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FEDERATION BUILDING

- Weekend training frequently occurs to train office bearers at ATC
- RRR hosts weekly lectures to develop members.
- Elders are trained and taught to lead worship servers, read sermons and perform home visits.



YOUTH TRAINING



- Various weekend events are planned throughout the year to train the youth.
- Yarrow ATC provides resources for programs such as VBS.

PREACHING

- Missionaries home congregation is Vera Cruz.
- Student from the ATC read sermons in Vera Cruz.
- Missionaries will often preach in neighbouring congregations.



EVANGELISM



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- Question?
- What do you get when you mix a flat bed truck, a generator, some big speakers and Rev VanSpronsen?

you get ...

Brazilian Street Preaching

STREET PREACHING



RADIO MINISTRY

- Every Sunday afternoon, when we are in Recife and able to go, Pr. Kenneth and I meet up with Pr. Adriano to discuss different points of Christian doctrine and life on a radio program called “the Word of Truth” that is sponsored by Reformed Faith and Life.
- Although we know that a lot of church members in different parts of the country are listening to us through the internet feed, we have heard interesting stories lately that have shown us that the program has become a favorite among some listeners in Recife.
- For example, a friend of one of the members was riding in a taxi and the taxi-driver told her that he never misses the radio program on Sunday afternoons because they discuss what the Bible says.
- We also received an interesting comment on the Facebook page from a female missionary of the Assembly of God who wrote that the doctrines that are explained are very important and she encourages all her colleagues to listen to the program.

RADIO MINISTRY



WORK OF THE BOARD

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- What are the positions?
 - Chairman
 - Vice-chairman
 - Treasurer
 - Correspondence Secretary
 - Recording Secretary
 - Public Relation Liaison 1
 - Public Relation Liaison 2
 - MB rep to MA
 - MA rep to MB
- Who currently fills them?
 - Will Faber (Surrey)
 - Rev. Ted Van Raalte (Surrey)
 - Ken Bulthuis (Langley)
 - Suzanna Visscher (Cloverdale)
 - Rick Eenkhoorn (Surrey)
 - Colin Van Delft (Langley)
 - Kresha Faber (Surrey)
 - Byron Jansen (Willoughby)
 - Steve Leyenhorst (Aldergrove)



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- **Chair**

- Direct contact to JMV. Minimum of 1 Skype call a month.
- Provides spiritual care and oversight to both missionaries as a consistory member.
- Chair meetings.
- Prepares letters, reviews all material (incoming and outgoing mail items).
- Works on policy and principles.
- Numerous phone calls/meetings with other churches regarding mission work.

- **Vice**

- Primary contact for KW. Minimum of 1 Skype call a month.
- Provides spiritual care and oversight to both missionaries as a colleague.
- Prepares letters
- Works on policy and principles.
- Reports on Mission Board activities to Council and Consistory

WORK OF THE BOARD

- **Treasurer**

- Manages and maintains the Mission Board finances.
- Receives and administers all assessments and donations, prepares budget and financial statements,
- Understands Brazilian regulations, currency exchange and transfer funds to missionaries and to CLIRE.
- Works on policy and principles.

- **Correspondence Clerk**

- Prepares short reports for external distribution.
- Maintains Mission Board email. (forwards correspondence to all board members and sends outgoing information to supporting churches).
- Prepares all documentation (such as visitation reports, budgets, financial statements, covering letters and so forth). This includes editing, binding and distribution.
- Prepares agendas for Mission Board meetings.
- Responsible for website maintenance and Public Relations



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- **Recording Clerk**
 - Prepares Minutes.
 - Maintains Records.
- **Public Relations**
 - Responsible for web site.
 - Responsible for church visitation schedule of missionaries. (plans when and where along with accommodations in Western Canada. (whether RV or pick up from airports.)
 - Primary interface to various supporting church projects such as Lynden (Pastor Thyago) and Yarrow (ATC). Attends these meetings and keeps MB up to date with the activities of these groups.

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- **MB rep**
 - Attends both meetings. Ensures that MB is represented at MA meetings.
- **MA rep**
 - Attends Mission Board meetings and is the voice of MA.
- And ...



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- Two board members travel to Brazil each year for a field visitation.
 - This is not a holiday. A substantial mandate is given by the board with input from MA, Yarrow, and Lynden.
 - Part of the mandate is a written reports which is distributed to the supporting churches.
 - Purpose is to see first hand the work, but more importantly, check on the families, homes and vehicles to ensure the families are not lacking. Visits foster the relationship with Brazilians.
- Two board members visit classis to report on the work
 - Manitoba
 - Alberta
 - Pacific East
 - Pacific West
- Two board members attend semi-annual meetings in Hamilton and Surrey for joint MB/BM meetings.



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Transition Plans between Surrey and Aldergrove are agreed upon and now in place.

- The official calls from Aldergrove to be issued in April 2013, with some weeks of consideration by the missionaries, if they so desire.
- Aldergrove sends out letters of agreement to all the supporting churches in April 2013.

TRANSITION

- Maranatha and Aldergrove agree upon a precise date and time for the transfer of responsibility for the call and care of the missionaries and families. Classis Pacific West will need to be convened in order to approve the calls.
- Installation of the missionaries to be announced well ahead of time and take place during Rev. VanSpronsen's furlough sometime between June and September 2013.
- Rev. Wieske and his wife are to be invited to Aldergrove for the installation.
- The MB will come under the oversight of the Aldergrove Council at the time that the missionaries accept the call of Aldergrove.
- The MB treasurer and the Aldergrove treasurer will choose a suitable time to switch the books to Aldergrove.
- The current MB members will slowly leave the board as terms expire and new members are appointed.

TRANSITION

— **Rev Boersema.**

- MB collects superannuation and has a budget item for the Boersemas.
- MB covers all medical expenses of the brother related to his eye sight.
- His credentials will remain with Maranatha.
- The Mission Board will continue to provide for this brother and his wife in their retirement years.
- This is a similar arrangement in place with retired professors at our Seminary.

- Mission Board Website
 - <http://mission.maranatha-canrc.org/index.html>
- Maranatha Facebook
 - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/maranathamission/>
- JCI Website
 - <http://www.institutojoaocalvino.org/>
- The Word of Truth
 - <http://www.radioreformada.com/>