



"The great trumpet will be blown,  
they will come,  
who are about to perish"

# The Trumpet

Isaiah 27:13 (NKJ).

## Reformed Mission Services

*Reformed Mission Services (RMS) began in the spring of 2009 when a group of men, from all across the United States, came together at Pompton Plains Reformed Bible Church in New Jersey. They were mission-minded and had a deep concern for our covenant youth. They discussed the need for reformed acts of service for our relatively new federation, the URCNA. These men soon formed the board of directors for the organization.*



*The first main objective was to promote the program geared towards high school students, which was then called Teens All Serving Christ. The board also realized the need for supporting our missionaries and church-planters and developed our mission statement: "Committed to the spiritual growth of our covenant community of believers through life-transforming, God-centered mission opportunities." And our vision statement: "Faithfully responding to God's leading in the spreading of the*

*Gospel, coming along side our missionaries and church planters, and encouraging our covenant community of believers with a missions zeal – all to the glory and honor of God."*

*The board also felt that we needed accountability for our decisions so we came under the supervision of the Consistory of Pompton Plains RBC where an active elder serves as the Chairman of the Board who reports back to his Consistory for approval and ratification of the decisions made by the board. Remaining under that supervision, RMS has been able to form an independent non-profit corporation. We are now able to receive and distribute gifts and donations from individuals and churches alike.*



*As a relatively new organization we look for new ways to help spread the Gospel and assist those who have been called to do so. To follow through with our mission and vision statements, RMS has as a goal, to create mission-minded individuals towards*

*better service which results in greater support of our mission efforts by our churches and the church world-wide. We strive to encourage missionaries both spiritually and practically as we come alongside them utilizing the gifts and talents of our willing volunteers. RMS strives, in all we do for God's honor and glory alone.*

#### **Teens Actively Serving Christ (TASC):**

*One of the ways we work to accomplish this goal with our covenant youth is through our Teens Actively Serving Christ (TASC) events. TASC is a week-long Christ-centered, God-glorifying event for High School students and Freshman College-aged young people. The TASC concept was started by Trinity URC in Visalia, CA in the summer of 2007. TASC was created to fill a need for a Reformed service projects for our covenant youth. The TASC goal is to take what these young people have learned from their parents and churches of which they carry in their hearts and minds, and pour it out through service, using their hands. They have the opportunity to share their faith with those who they are helping as well as those they are working side by side with.*

*Every event has a spiritual leader, who is a pastor or seminarian that relates what they are doing during the day to their call of gratitude for what Jesus has done for them. It helps them to see the need to spread the good news to others while lending a hand with the physical needs as well. This experience may, with the Lord's help, begin a journey towards more acts of service or even the ministry as they get older. This is evident as a student TASCer from one of this year's events comments, "The whole thing seems like the greatest blessing I have ever received in one week!!!! Thank you and Thank God!" and Rev. Drew Eenigenburg of West Sayville RBC writes: "We are happy to see the way that our young people have shifted away from self-service to serving others before, during, and after these events. We are pleased to see them taking a mature perspective and a pro-active work*

*ethic in our church as a result of their continued participation in RMS events. We also desire them to be familiar with other Godly young people, and gain a wider perspective about the work of the churches in common." TASC is working to change the perspective of our Christian service, through training our covenant youth to be mission-minded. Since RMS began in 2009 there have been 12 TASC events plus one in 2007 and one in 2008. In 2013 we had four events including one in Canada. We try to have these events regionally to help keep the cost of transportation to a minimum. RMS seeks to have multiple locations each year for the TASC events. We are currently searching for member churches to host a TASC event for 2014 and 2015. Would your church consider hosting an event?*



#### **Other Opportunities**

*Another way RMS attempts to achieve our goal of training our covenant community of believers is through adult service projects. RMS has helped to assemble work teams to go to Cuzco, Peru, in association with Dr. Hegeman of MINTS. Dr. Hegeman states "The joint effort helps MINTS/RMS to participate in a Word/Deed effort, presenting an integral gospel where spiritual, personal and social needs are addressed". This will be our fourth year working in Peru with Dr. Hegeman and MINTS.*

*RMS has also been a part of the ongoing work in the Baja Peninsula of Mexico at the*

**Mount of Olives Children's Village, an orphanage that helps children from abused, neglected backgrounds to find a better life. Through the various construction projects and VBS programs at the orphanage and in the community, the volunteers have been able to show the love of Christ to the surrounding village.**

**Also, RMS has been working with a mercy organization, Hope and a Future Missions in El Salvador, by assisting them in finding volunteers to be part of teams that travel there to hand out supplies, food, and be a part of VBS programs for the children in local villages. In this past year we have been able to assist three individuals with longer term acts of service in these three countries. RMS has found it very valuable to be a reformed presence in these parts of the world that may not know the riches of the Reformed foundation of being saved by grace, not works.**



**RMS has also been blessed to assist teams of volunteers to help those who were affected by Super-storm Sandy as well as the tornadoes that had such devastation in Oklahoma over the past year. We give thanks to God that none of the URC congregations were affected by either of these disasters; this gave opportunity for many volunteers from our federation to help out both monetarily and physically. They selflessly gave of their time and money to help those who have lost so much. Today, there are many who are still hurting and need help.**

**RMS Board**

**On September 14, 2013, the RMS Board of Directors along with the Director, Rob**

**Brinks met at Escondido URC for our annual face-to-face meeting. Our Chairman welcomed the four new board members, Cliff DeKam (Doon URC, Doon, IA), Kent Houtsma (Trinity URC, Visalia, CA), Joe Hovingh (Faith URC, Holland, MI), and Drew Vander Well (First URC, Chino, CA). Our retiring Board Members are Gary Veldink (Bethel URC, Jenison, MI), Ron Verhoeven (Trinity URC, Visalia, CA), Chris Kuperus (Sioux Center URC, Sioux Center, IA). The Board wishes to thank these men for their faithful service during these past four and a half years. These men were part of the original steering committee. There are still four board members left from that original committee that will be retiring September 2014.**



**We praise God for the growth which He has given this organization this past year and pray that he will guide and direct us in the upcoming year. Please continue to pray for this organization and the opportunities**



*which arise as we strive to spread the Gospel with our existing programs and, Lord willing, we look forward to implementing of new programs in the coming year. We are looking forward to a new year of service to our God.*

**What is the heart of RMS?**

*The heart of our organization is our member churches. It is through their love of the Gospel, missions, and a genuine concern for the command of our Lord through the Great Commission to go and make disciples, baptize, and teach all the commands of Christ. Our member churches are bound together by our Confessions found in the Three Forms of Unity, Ecumenical Creeds, and The Westminster Standard.*



***RMS requests that member churches assist them in mainly three ways: First, to pray corporately for the organization. Secondly, to promote mission opportunities as they are given by RMS. Third, to help provide operating funds by taking one or two collections per year. An additional way that member churches can assist RMS is to nominate eligible men from their congregations to possibly serve as board members for a three year term. Please contact our Director, Rob Brinks, about how your church can become a member church of RMS.***

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www.rms.org!***

## Ongoing URC Missions

### Foreign Missions

Armenia	Costa Rica
Honduras	India
Mexico (Tepic)	Philippines
Trinidad	

### Church Plants

Chicago Hghts, IL	Regina, SK
Colorado Spr., CO	Rifle, CO
Jersey City, NJ	Sandy, OR
Lihue, HI	Scarborough, ON
Missoula, MT	Sioux Falls, SD
Niagara, ON	Toronto, ON
Oceanside, CA	Washington D.C.
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