

Reconciliation Resource Ministries

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## ARTICLES:

### 1. One Mission – Three Ministries:

Urban Ministry  
Reconciliation Ministry  
Internet Ministry – **NEW!**

**April - May** **NEW!**

### 2. RRM is adding Internet Ministry to our missionary endeavors **NEW!**

([www.InternetMinister.org](http://www.InternetMinister.org) – LAUNCH DATE: APRIL 6, 2006)

### 3. RRM now has a ministry website: [www.ChristCares.org](http://www.ChristCares.org) **NEW!**

### 4. *Christ the Greatest Gift* Christmas Toy Drive & Updated 2006 Ministry Projects Info and Dates

## RRM: One Mission ~ Three Ministries:

God loves this world. **Reconciliation Resource Ministries' mission is to share God's love in word and deed.** We have a passion to get the GOOD NEWS to the lost. Our strategy is to link and empower believers for ministry. With your help we carry out this mission in three strategic areas.

### 1. **Urban Ministry:**

RRM ministers in urban areas in a variety of ways. For about 30 years Scott has been sharing the GOOD NEWS in poverty stricken areas. The needs of urban areas are great, but the resources and laborers are few. **RRM seeks to multiply its effectiveness by empowering Bible believing ministries to be the center of hope and help in their community.** With your help, under the BANNER OF GOD'S LOVE, we can provide resources and encouragement for those serving on the front lines of this difficult mission field. Scott is involved in helping, encouraging, and the discipleship of urban leaders. In addition RRM is proclaiming & demonstrating God's love through:

- ❑ **Monthly Ministry Projects** (see next sheet for project details)
- ❑ **"Christ Club"** a Weekly Bible Study and a daily Safe "Drop-In Center" at our home, for kids ages 4 – 14.
- ❑ **"Little Angel Outings"** – Giving inner-city/poor suburban kids an opportunity to go places and do things they would normally not be able to do. Getting the kids into new settings, spending time with them, and then teaching about Jesus is the core of this program. Anyone interested in accompanying us on these excursions is always welcome.
- ❑ **Shared Resource Center:** Supporter-based donations to RRM can be "checked-out" library style to churches and ministries to empower them to have evangelistic outreaches to their communities. Examples of resources include a PA System, Carnival Games, Popcorn & Cotton Candy Machines, Bibles, Inflatable bouncers, chairs, tents, etc.

## Annual Monthly Ministry Projects:


**January: "New Year – New Life" Evangelism Month:** We will be collecting Bibles and gospel tracts. We will be empowering individuals to start off the New Year spiritually focused by distributing Bibles and Bible reading guides. We feel God calling us to encourage and empower believers to make sharing their faith with the lost a regular and important part of their lives. RRM provides training on how to share one's faith. This is not limited to urban churches, contact Scott if you have a group that would like evangelism training.

**February: Valentines "Heart for the Homeless Project:** There are many ways to participate in this project. You can bake cookies or donate bus tokens, McDonald Gift Certificates, toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves or socks. Sunday School classes can make homemade Valentines for the homeless declaring God's love. We then make packages for the homeless. They are brought with a Valentine's Day Tract to homeless shelters. Your church's high school group would be welcome to help pass these treats out as a service project! (Resources due by Sunday Feb.12)

**March: Jesus Videos & toiletries – Preparing For Easter Projects:** 1) Especially in Urban areas, a multitude of "seekers" attend church on Easter Sunday. We purchase Campus Crusade's "Jesus" Videos at a discount for urban churches to pass out to these strategic visitors. 2) Many Senior Citizens in nursing homes do not have relatives who can bring them to church on Easter Sunday. We collect home made Easter cards, small gifts, and lotions, to distribute on Easter Sunday. It's a great way to share the real meaning of Easter. (Resources can be dropped off by April 9.)

**April: Internet Ministry Month:** The **American Tract Society, Billy Graham Center, Evangelism Explosion, Campus Crusade for Christ, Focus on the Family, Moody Bible Institute, NRB, Promise Keepers, Trans World Radio,** and many other members of the **Internet Evangelism Coalition** are encouraging churches to have an **Internet Evangelism Day**. The purpose is to raise awareness of the exciting opportunities the Internet has brought to share the gospel with this lost world. RRM is producing materials to be passed out on that day. A short power point or video will also be available. Scott will be available to meet with all interested church groups to share RRM's new involvement in Internet ministry: how the computer can be transformed from a source of temptation to a source of blessing and ministry. Laypeople, even with NO computer experience can actively share their faith with some of the nearly 1 billion people Online. Check our websites [www.ChristCares.org](http://www.ChristCares.org) and [www.fishblog.org](http://www.fishblog.org) for additional information. **Please make arrangements for RRM to sponsor an Internet Ministry Day at your church.**

**May: Bikes & Basketball Collection Month (and continuation of Internet Evangelism Days):** Many kids about to get out of school have very little to do besides "hang out." The gangs are always there and available. By providing used bikes and new basketballs we demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. (We thank the Van Kley family for their help many years ago in starting this project.)

**June: VBS Materials, Crafts, & Snacks:** A GREAT IDEA FOR VBS: Have your kids bring in granola bars and juice boxes for RRM to be used to help empower other groups to reach out to urban kids. It's also a great way to raise awareness that there are people in need not just over the ocean but also just a few minutes away. Crete Reformed Church has done an excellent job doing this for several years. Your VBS Bible Study materials and Craft supplies can also be recycled to be used by an Urban Church that would not be able to afford special VBS materials. (*Trivia* - By the way, Scott & Lisa met  when Living Springs did a joint VBS with New Life Baptist Church.)

**July: "Taste of Reconciliation" Event:** Our annual multi-cultural worship event, complete with cultural food booths, games, and an awesome multi-cultural worship service – Call if you would like a short DVD with highlights of this event.

**August: "Back-To-School" Supplies & Rallies:** It's exciting to see Christians of various races and denominations come together to help the poor and share the GOOD NEWS. Children learn that that the church (because of God's love) is the center of hope and help in the community. As you buy your Back-To-School supplies, please buy a little extra for those in need.

**September: "Computer Donation Month":** Hang on to your old systems to donate next fall for us to distribute to the older kids once school starts. A true blessing to those in need!

**October: "Hallelujah Parties":** We help churches host these parties as an alternative activity on Halloween. We provide Halloween Tracts and Carnival Games – you are welcome to donate the candy!

**November: "Boxes-Of-Love" Thanksgiving Dinners:** This is an evangelism outreach to the needy and unchurched families in the area. A full Thanksgiving Dinner with a Christian Witness is distributed to approximately 100 families.

**December: "Christ The Greatest Gift" Toy Project:** Churches and individuals donate toys for kids of all ages, as well as cookies. Each year we distribute a U-Haul truck full of toys to the needy with the **real story of Christmas!**

**One Mission – Three Ministries, Continued:****2. Reconciliation Ministry:**

RRM actively seeks to promote unity in the Body of Christ. We also believe strongly that the essential doctrines of the Christian faith should never be compromised in the name of “unity”. We call upon Christians to focus on sharing **God’s love**, not one’s personal preferences, culture, or personality type. Our annual Taste of Reconciliation Event is one proactive way to foster love and understanding in the body of Christ. RRM is also preparing resources based on Scott’s missionary experience to help churches tackle difficult issues such as how to develop a music program that edifies the entire congregation, practical steps to reach out and minister effectively to a minority culture, how to maintain a multi-cultural congregation, etc.

**3. Internet Ministry:**

After years of birthing the Lord’s vision and leading, Scott is fervently putting together his Internet Ministry. It will be officially launching on April 6, 2006 – which is the national “Internet Evangelism Day”. [www.InternetMinister.org](http://www.InternetMinister.org) will be designed to **for you**. It will both train and provide opportunities for you and your family to share your faith Online.

Together we will reach out to the “uttermost” parts of the world in a powerful way. **Consider:**

- The world is in the midst of the most significant cultural revolution since Guttenburg invented the printing press. The basic ways people communicate, get news and information, are entertained, find friends and connect with community, and where people invest their time are all being changed by the Internet.
- This powerful medium is actively being used by false religions, cults, pornographers, and others with a worldly, humanistic agenda. (An almost foolproof way to protect your family from these dangers is found on our website: [www.ChristCares.Org](http://www.ChristCares.Org) )
- Literally **hundreds of millions** of people search for spiritual answers on the Internet every week. Although there are untold thousands of Christian websites, probably over 99% of them are geared for Christian individuals. There are **very few** websites designed to share the gospel with the lost and **alarmingly few** ministers involved in investing significant time or resources into web evangelism.
- Most American Christians have forgotten how lost this world is and are not actively involved in sharing their faith. We are commanded to **GO** into this lost world and share the gospel. Paul went to the urban marketplace to share the GOOD NEWS to the masses. We can go to this generation’s marketplace – the Internet to reach out to the nearly 1 Billion Online.
- Nearly 3 Billion live in North Africa and Central Asia – most have never heard a clear gospel presentation.
- Traditional missionary efforts in these areas are becoming increasingly difficult. There is growing violence towards foreign missionaries and 87 countries have shut the door to foreign missionaries. This leaves less than 2% of the world’s missionaries and 1% of missionary giving to proclaim the GOOD NEWS to these 3 billion individuals.

- In spite of these difficulties God's church is growing. Native pastors and native missionaries are boldly and bravely sharing their faith. The Internet is also providing awesome opportunities to get the gospel to this region. New believers can study discipleship materials in the safety of their homes. RRM is strategically partnering with native missionaries to create, publish, and promote websites to evangelize and disciple in these needy areas.
- America is also a needy mission field. It is fast becoming a pagan nation. Young people are not attending church and the majority of those who do attend, think that truth is relative. Interest in the occult and sorcery is skyrocketing. "Bridge Sites" are a special niche that RRM plans to focus on to address this need of getting the gospel out to **our** country. Bridge sites are websites that are developed to get a high volume of Internet traffic by providing information that the public is looking for. This increases the opportunities to provide interesting witnessing links for those who are also searching for God. It also provides an opportunity to develop community to better share one's faith. A neat part of this concept is that **YOU** can use your interests, hobbies, talents, etc. as a witnessing tool to reach out to other individuals with similar interests. Please read the articles at [www.internetministry.info](http://www.internetministry.info) and [www.fishblog.org](http://www.fishblog.org) to get more information on how God can use **YOU** to share your faith.
- I have a passion for evangelism. For some time I have felt God's leading to add Internet Evangelism to our missionary endeavors. My unique missionary experience of adapting to different cultures as well as my Spiritual Gifts and Talents make this a good fit. Over the past few years I have been preparing myself by studying Web Development and strategies to share one's faith. I am excited that I feel NOW is the time to launch this endeavor **while also continuing** the strategic Urban and Reconciliation Ministry. **It is my prayer that God will touch people's heart over the spiritual needs of this lost world.** We need increased financial support for these efforts. I've had to work on a part time basis for most of this past year due to a lack of funding. RRM's mission is to proclaim and demonstrate God's love to this lost world. God uses people to meet these needs. Please prayerfully consider if you should be a regular supporter of RRM. We are also in prayer for some special donations to jump start our missionary endeavors. Beyond financial support, it is our desire for God to use us to inspire you to share your faith. Think of the eternal value of teaming up with us for ½ hour a week, (instead of watching that sitcom rerun), to share your faith with the lost – *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved... how shall they believe in whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?*
- **NEW!** RRM is on the Internet Now: [WWW.ChristCares.Org](http://WWW.ChristCares.Org) **NEW!** Please check out our website to learn more about RRM, as well as to get a report on how God has been using this ministry.

*Thank you and May the Lord Bless you richly,*

*Scott & Lisa Reese*

PS : We are asking for prayer for the family of Sandy Schaap Sullivan. Sandy served as the secretary/treasurer of RRM and God has used her in a powerful way to help me with administrative tasks for the past 10 to 15 years. She also demonstrated God's love by playing the piano and ministering in various ways for many years at the urban church me and David founded. Sandy passed away unexpectedly while pregnant with her first child. She was a dear friend and co-worker. Although most of her work was behind the scenes, it was indispensable and God used her in a powerful way. She is survived by her husband Jim and her parents Rich and Marsha Schaap.