



Global Training & Development  
A Ministry of MTW

# Announcements

## Next Week's Devotional Schedule:

- Mon (7/12) = David
- Tues (7/13) = Prayer Day (no devotion)
- Wed (7/14) = John
- Thurs (7/15) = Paul
- Fri (7/16) = NO MEETING

## Upload Your CCMI Pics to [Shutterfly.com](http://Shutterfly.com)

The group can view, download & order pictures from our month. It also helps the communication team use a variety of pictures for our weekly newsletter.

## Instructions:

1. Username: xxxx
2. Password: xxxx
3. Click on album to upload or view photos

# Victory vs. Vices

As missionaries we're not just students of host cultures; curbside gawkers scribbling etic field notes. We're participants. We smell, taste, touch, talk, and get hands dirty neck deep in our nationals' world. But the cultures we engage are neither inherently good nor evil, nor are they spiritually neutral. As cultural beings, all culture is marked by victories or vices. That is, all cultural tidbits either embrace the goodness of creation and diversity or mar it. In the coming weeks, this section strives toward spiritual discernment of our neighborhoods, finding cultural victories to celebrate and enjoy and cultural vices to critique and stand against.

# Field Ministry Spotlight

Found in the unexpected Tudor setting of Forest Hills, Queens, Ascension Church seeks to reach "believers, seekers, skeptics, strugglers, and those who rarely or occasionally attend church" with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Meeting for four years, Ascension is a Redeemer Presbyterian Church Manhattan plant currently meeting in the local public school auditorium.

"Listening is the first step of love," Pastor Michael Kytka reminds CCMI participants before heading out into the neighborhood. Ascension Church seeks to engage the community of Forest Hills in conversation and worship that edifies Christ.

CCMI participants will be assisting Ascension with SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School, where over 100 kids are expected to take part. In addition, we will help with Sunday children's education and general church support.



# Meet the Participants



Richey, Keli, Hadassah & Josiah  
MTW - South Asia

What's the biggest surprise of living in NY City thus far?  
*Richey finds NY City "so diverse that you forget how diverse it is."*

What do you miss most from home?  
*Richey and Keli both agree, "We really miss our car."*

Living in NY City is dramatically different from life back in Omaha, NE. James enjoys riding the subway every day. *"The E train. Take the E train it's air conditioned and it's express!" - Keilah.*

What in NY City do you hope to see before leaving?  
*The Museum of Natural History & the Statue of Liberty*



James & Keilah  
Missionary Kids



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Intern

*"I'm learning to sleep in the 'city that never sleeps.' I'm learning how to swaddle a baby. Mostly, I'm learning to love the church & the diversity of the body of Christ. It's a beautiful sight to see people from so many different ethnicities coming together to worship God."*

## ...pray continually

- Pray for Ascension Church as we reach out to the community through Vacation Bible School next week.
- Pray especially for the Summer Community Worship service to be held on Friday evening, July 16, to conclude the VBS activities. Pray that parents would be receptive to the gospel message presented.
- Pray also for funds for Ascension to cover the costs associated with the many rental fees required in their ministry in Forest Hills, Queens.

# Speaker



**Name:** John Leonard  
**Occupation:** Assistant Professor, Westminster Theological Seminary  
**Topic:** Evangelism & Contextualization

When asked, What is one thing you could tell our soon-to-be-missionaries group, Leonard thoughtfully responded: "Be normal."

# Make it Real

“ Talking to people about Jesus doesn't have to be awkward or weird. Many people you share Jesus with see it as a blessing.  
Michael – Missionary to Nagoya, Japan ”

HAVE YOU PRAYED WITH YOUR EYES OPEN TODAY?

# Celebrate



Happy Birthday Sue!  
July 9



Happy Birthday Triston!  
July 9



Happy Birthday Amelie!  
July 10



Happy Anniversary Richey & Keli!  
July 10

# This Week In Photos

