Dear Friends,

Mission is what we think about all the time at IWM. Lately I have been thinking especially about mission among the world religions. From emails, phone calls, and observations in my travels I am finding an increasing passion in the Church to share Christ with folk in these other religions. The General Conference has organized a new small committee for the specific purpose of helping the Church in its relationships and mission to the other world religions. Cheryl Doss and I are both on that committee, and we look forward to being part of this thinking. I visited with the leaders of two of our Divisions and was inspired by their interest and strong commitment to this special mission focus.

I spent three days with a missionary working in an urban immigrant community doing an exciting job of sharing the whole Adventist message in a carefully planned way that didn’t sound like any Bible Studies I have heard before! In fact, the missionary started the series using their religious books and winning them over to the Bible. We do need to find ways to reach people in their context, don’t we?

I also spent a few days at AIIAS (Adventist Institute of Advanced Studies) in the Philippines. They are finalizing new curriculum for programs which will help prepare church workers to understand and minister to the world religions. Our workers from the areas of the world where the religions are prominent will be able to explore ways of sharing Christ that will attract those who have not known Him before. This is being made possible by a grant from our world church in their endeavor to encourage us to reach out into these new mission fields. It was fun being back at my former campus and thinking mission training with them.

Your mission is important too! Keep up the good work. And let us all pray for the billions of unreached people as the Church endeavors to lift up Christ in those contexts.

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I'm so glad missionaries don't have to wear that!

Thank you for your service in mission!

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AROUND THE WORLD IN 2009!
Institute Participants (alphabetical Order): Ray, Marion, Seth, & Jamie Allen; Andrea, Clinton, & Mendel Baldwin; Mickey, Cindy, Bruce, & Bryan Bankhead; Williams, Sonete, & Laura Costa; Randy, Ruth, Ryan, Matthew, Heidi, & Katie Davis; Edward, Gladys, Trei, & Alexi Decker; Llewellyn & Karin Edwards; Trixy Franke & William Colwell; Mathilde, Delia, & Eva Frey; Cassandra & Aaron Graybill; Derrek, Kari, Rian, & Myles Hidalgo; Lowell, Neria, & Stephen Jenks; Lemuel & Evangeline Mantua; Emmanuel Manu; Patrick, Gracia, Prem & Prashant Manu; Debra Matson & Jonathan Visscher; Eurydice Osterman; Robert & Catherine Renck; Ramon & Kathy Ruiz Diaz; Elfred, Marialita, & Marielle Solis; Tibor, Eniko, Matyas, Daniel, & Gabor Szilvasi; Jonathan, Minerva, Ruben, Jaris, & Alan Valls; Joy & Drue Wagner; Carlyle & Lora Welch; Raimona White; Tommy & Jenny Wuysang.

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