



"Stones"

The "Stones" include RMI core values as well as the RMI core program and RMI core principles and practices, all of which RMI deems unchangeable as it moves into the future.

RMI Core Values. *These are the essence of RMI. Our "life blood", if you will.*

- RMI adheres to a conservative, evangelical Statement of Faith.
All missionaries, staff, board members and sister churches must adhere to this doctrinal statement.
- RMI demands conformity to biblical conduct for all missionaries, staff and board members.
- RMI is a faith-based mission.
Prayer is the first defense in every area.
RMI stands firm on faith in God's ability to provide all needs, including finances.
- RMI practices integrity in all areas including the handling and disbursement of funds.
RMI remains a member in good standing with ECFA.
RMI practices integrity in fund raising.
RMI submits to an annual audit.
- RMI personnel teach, model, and facilitate social concern, while the priority in ministry is to preach and teach that Jesus is Savior and Lord.

RMI Core Program. *Since the above would be true of any evangelical mission, the Sister Church Program is RMI's "raison d'être" or justification for being. Otherwise, it would behoove RMI to simply assimilate into one of the myriads of fine mission agencies available and add our resources to their's.*

- The Sister Church Program is the distinct focus of RMI.
- *RMI Mission Statement: To enable the Body of Christ to minister reciprocally through the Sister Church Program in order to assist Christ's Church towards maturity. All ministries must be in accordance with this mission statement.*
- RMI, through the Sister Church Program, is committed to building "Forever Cross-Cultural Relationships" in the Body of Christ that are reciprocal, intimate, in-depth, ongoing, practical and spiritual. The ultimate goal of all endeavors is spiritual enrichment of all involved to the honor of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Evangelism will be conducted in conjunction with North American and National Sister Churches.

RMI Core Principles and Practices. *The following principles and practices are necessary to fortify the Sister Church Program, as they remain the foundation upon which the program stands.*

- Every sister church team member will be required to have taken the RMI Sister Church Program Training before visiting the national sister church.
- RMI works only with evangelical churches, both in the states and on the fields.
- RMI works in a country at the invitation of a national evangelical association of churches and in cooperation with said organization.
- A RMI cross-cultural bridge team, comprised of both North American missionaries and national staff must be available on every RMI field, and will accompany every team to their sister church.
- An RMI missionary will accompany every national sister church team as they visit their North American sister church.
- Visiting sister church team members will spend several days living at the site of their national sister church.