



August 2011

Our Mission

To bring people to Jesus Christ and **membership** in his church family, develop them to Christlike **maturity**, equip them for their **ministry** in the church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify** God's name.

Special Events:

- ◆ August 10—Welcome Lunch
- ◆ August 20—Remulch TBCA Playground
- ◆ August 23—Ray's Game
- ◆ August 28—State of Church Address

From the Pastor's Desk

Concerning the Collection

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

For the past few weeks in July I preached a series of sermons *Concerning the Collection*, based on 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, in which I presented eight principles regarding our giving to the work of the Lord.

In this article I would like to repeat some points of application.

First, determine your current level of giving. Do you know how much you are giving? What percentage is that of your income? You ought to know how much you are giving. Let me encourage you to base your giving to the church at 10% of your income. Some of you are giving at least that—and more. That's great! But others of you are saying, "How in the world do you think I can give 10% of my income to the church?" That brings me to my second point of application.

Second, determine to live sacrificially. Many of us don't pay attention to the money that we spend. We spend money on all kinds of things, and sometimes, things that are really unnecessary.

Why should you live sacrificially? We need to live sacrificially because there is a world to win for Christ.

There are thousands of people in our very own community who need to hear the good news of the gospel.

How do you live sacrificially? Well, it may mean taking the money you would spend on something non-essential and giving it to the church. You may want to sacrifice a cup of Starbucks coffee, a fancy meal, a concert, an entertainment outing, a lavish vacation, or whatever is really unnecessary and give it to the church. You are then sacrificing something for the sake of the kingdom of God.

And third, determine to increase your giving. Some families in our church family are struggling financially. Some people have lost jobs or experienced reductions in income. Some of those people are being helped by our church's Benevolence Fund. However, it is clear to me that there are a number of families who have yet to experience the blessing that accompanies regular and sacrificial giving to the Lord. Let me encourage you to evaluate your level of

(Continued on page 2)

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Church Staff—

Rev. Freddy Fritz
Pastor

James Nichols
Pastoral Intern

Melissa Noel
Office Administrator

Joanne Campbell
Bookkeeper

Cheryl Barber
NTCA Director

Marianne Cali
Nursery

Chris Christopher
Custodian

Cheryl Barber
Children

James Barber
Youth

Debi Hensley
Pianist

Bob Guest
Assistant to Pastor

TBPC Trumpet

Staff—

Rev. Freddy Fritz
Editor-in-Chief

Doug Knox
Editor

It is the goal of the Trumpet staff to provide articles for learning and growing, news for connecting with our church family, and information on opportunities for service and participation.

The views and opinions expressed in the Trumpet have not been reviewed or endorsed by the Session.

Please forward articles, ministry reports and calendar items for the next edition of the *Trumpet* to sd_knox@yahoo.com by July 15, 2010.

(Continued from page 1)

giving, and determine to increase your giving to the work of the Lord.

I pray that we will take what the Scripture has taught us and apply it to our lives. May God show us where we need to make changes so that we may give of the riches he has given to us for the sake of his kingdom.

Session News

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

The Session would like to remind the congregation of our upcoming Congregation Information Meeting on Sunday, August 7, at 9:00 a.m. The Session would like to share with you some of our current thinking regarding our Ministry Expansion. All our Ministry Leaders are acutely aware of the shortage of ministry space. So, the Session and Diaconate are working on a plan to add space for ministry. These preliminary plans will be shared with the congregation at our upcoming Congregation Information Meeting. So, plan to attend the meeting so that you can learn about the plans!

Thoughts From the Intern

By James Nichols

I want to start with a big thank you to the church. We have been so blessed by you all since we moved in and have greatly appreciated all of the help that you have given. Thank you for being such a great church family to come into.

As I write this, we have finished two of the four weeks of "Conversations about God" which was geared as an outreach event to parents of VBS kids. The study is based on Tim Keller's book *The Reason for God* and group materials that go along with it.

The reason that I bring this study up is because I want to talk about

something that he says in the introduction to the videos. This group has been brought together because they are: "...looking for answers, but even more they are looking for a safe place to ask questions." Over the next few months, I want to think a little bit about the atmosphere that we set for those who are seeking, and what the Bible has to say about it.

The question that I want us to ask ourselves is this: is my daily life an example to those around me? We have read verses like Acts 2:47a, which describes believers as "praising God *and having favor with all the people.*" (emphasis added) Or 1 Peter 3:15 which comes in the midst of a book on suffering in the Christian life and says: "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason *for the hope that is within you;...*" (emphasis added) These and many other verses call us to be different from the world, yet not in a way that pushes people away. The word is telling us that we are not only to love and listen to the lost, but we are to live in such a way that draws them to us because they see something in us. What they see is our love for Christ and the peace that it provides, which is different from what they have.

So how do we go about doing this? I am going to address that in the months to come, but I want to encourage you to start by thinking about the people who are around you on a regular basis over the next month. Think about friends, cashiers at the grocery store, neighbors, people that you work out with, fellow employees, and anyone else that God has put in your life. As we talk about being a blessing, these are going to be the people that we want to minister to. Until next month, God bless!

TBPC

Officers

Teaching Elder—

Rev. Freddy Fritz
Moderator

Ruling Elders—

Jim Aldrich

Bert Barber

Fred Gordon

Doug Hayman

Joe Kirkpatrick

Kevin Nobles

Ken Pothoven
Clerk of Session

Deacons—

Mike Bowman

Brad Collier

Rick Donaldson

Bob Guest

Jon Massie

Bob McQueen
Chairman

TBPC's Summer Short Term Missions Trip Is Ready To Go!

By Jim Aldrich

This summer, a Team from TBPC will travel to Cherokee, North Carolina, to work in ministry to the Native Americans in that area. The Team will departed at 5 AM, Saturday, July 30, and will return Saturday, about midnight, on August 6th. Team is comprised of 7 adults, one teen, and 2 children.

Each morning, the Team will be providing a VBS to about 30 children who spend their days at a children's center called Age-Link. The VBS program to be provided is "Gold Rush", the same one that was just used for the VBS at TBPC. In the afternoons, the Team will be at Tsali Manor, an "elders center", where they will perform minor repair tasks, clean-up duties, and spend time with the elders there. Wednesday afternoon, the Team will be "off duty", and plans to take a white water rafting trip.

The Lord has been most gracious; all of the required funds for the trip have been raised through five (5) car and dog washes, the Talent Show, and individual contributions. So, the funds have been raised, the medical forms have all be submitted, and the Team is all set to go! Pray that they will be able to show God's love, share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ, and provide tangible help to these Native Americans.

*"God's work done in God's way
will never lack God's supplies."*

—J. Hudson Taylor

Women in the Church

By Ginny Bremer

Thank You

Thank you, Bett, Correa, for sharing your tree paintings for the ladies room décor.

August Events

WIC will again support the Pregnancy Care Center by taking a collection to help them with their ministry. The center reaches out to pregnant women by providing parenting skills, education and spiritual guidance that fosters Biblical values. As in the past, we will have a display set up in the narthex that will allow you to gain more insight into the ministry. The collection will begin on August 14th and continue for two additional Sundays until August 28th. You can put donations of both new and lightly used clothing, diapers (there is a need for larger size diapers, sizes 3, 4, and 5), and toys in the crib, and monetary donations in the baby bottle on the display table. I pray your hearts will be moved to support this ministry.

WIC will have our usual WIC 15 on the second Sunday, August 14th immediately following worship in room 23. Plan to attend as we are beginning to plan the Christmas brunch.

Looking Ahead

Dottie Fritch has invited us to attend the next Presbytery meeting on September 10th at Holy Trinity. There will be a WIC meeting afterward to share information. For more information contact Dfritch3@aol.com.

**Women's Bible Study — "DISCOVER MARK"
Wednesdays, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
August 24, 2011 through April 11, 2012
By Karen Guest**

Adult Christian Education & Fellowship
Bob Guest

Children
Cheryl Barber

Emptynesters
Jan Ousnamer

Greeters & Welcome Table
Bob Koryus

Growth Groups Session

Hospitality
LeeAnn DeStefano

Men's Bible Study
Jeff Beams

Men's Ministry
Brian Carrier

Missions
Jim Aldrich

Music
Debi Hensley

New Tampa Christian Academy
Cheryl Barber

Nursery Marianne Cali

Pacesetters
Randy Mallary

Pastoral Care
Rev. Freddy Fritz

Ushers
Richard Hunter

Women's Bible Study
Betty Pothoven

Women in the Church
Ginny Bremer

Youth
James Barber

Our study this year is "**Discover MARK**" using the Faith Alive Christian Resources study guide. Betty Pothoven and Margaret Gordon will lead the study, with Virginia Bremer and Loretta Aldrich joining in the teaching responsibilities. Each Wednesday, starting on August 24, from 9:00 – 11:30 AM, we will meet, with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will resume this study on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, and complete it on April 11, 2012, with a review and brunch. Childcare will be available (infants to preschool age), by reservation. For those of you who are new to the church, here are our teachers:

Betty Pothoven and her husband Ken have been worshipping at TBPC for 21 years. Betty has been leading WBS for 5 years and says leading it is one of the loves of her life. She hopes the study becomes equally dearly loved by the ladies attending. This year we will be doing a few things differently. The study will be more inductive and participatory, allowing for the ladies to contribute more. And there will be some change of scenery amongst the leaders. Betty says the content of the book of Mark is easy to understand – yet has many new insights for us to learn about the life Jesus lived and how He wants us to live.



Margaret (Maggie) Gordon and her husband Fred have been worshipping at TBPC for 21 years. Maggie has also been leading WBS for 5 years and has always encouraged the women not to ignore the "hard books" of the Bible, for they have such power. Maggie brings a wealth of historical knowledge to our studies as well as a humble, transparent heart as she shares her personal testimony of God's grace in her own life.

Virginia (Ginny) Bremer has been worshipping and attending WBS at TBPC for about 5 years and has been attending WBS since she arrived. For the last several years Ginny has also served as the Women in the Church (WIC) Coordinator. Under her leadership the women's ministry has continued to prosper. Regarding her experience with WBS, Ginny says, "When we read the Bible independently it often is just a cursory look. When we study it together we get a deeper meaning and grow as Christians as we get to know Christ better. This en-



)
ables us to live for Him more fervently.”

Loretta Aldrich and her husband Jim have been worshipping at TBPC for about 3½ years. Loretta is also on the Missions Committee and Hospitality Team and has been part of WBS since coming to TBPC. She says, “WBS has been a meaningful experience for me in that it provides an opportunity for spiritual growth in a community of Christian women. Bible study strengthens our faith, a faith based on the Word of God, so one is better able to address life's issues. WBS serves a unique forum for a person who seeks spiritual growth and maturity. When we base our life on the Word of God, then Christ can work in us by the Power of the Holy Spirit. WBS provides a focus on what the Bible is saying because central points are emphasized, enabling a more complete understanding of the Word of God.”



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Colossians 3:16

As you can see, our church is very blessed to have these gifted and committed women to teach and guide us in our study.

In addition to our study of Mark, we will learn how to improve our individual Bible study habits. This will help enhance our knowledge and understanding of God's Word and better apply it to our own lives. We will also have an introduction explaining what happened to the Jewish people and their culture during the 400 years that separate Malachi and Matthew. This will be of great interest to the women who studied the Old Testament Prophets in WBS, as well as to anyone wishing to understand what happened between the end of the prophecies and the birth of Jesus Christ. This will be an exciting entrée to our study of Mark!

Women's Bible Study is a wonderful opportunity to study God's Word and have fellowship with other women. Over the years we have had many women who do not have a church home join us. We have also had several who have come from a different church denomination. WBS has given them the opportunity to learn the Truth of God's Word in a refreshing way. WBS is open to any woman so please invite your friends, family members, home school mothers, and neighbors. All are welcome.

This year's study of Mark's gospel is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet together and encourage one another, pray, and to grow in our relationship with our Lord. Registration forms are located in the Narthex, or you can sign up on the Friendship Register in August.

Truth Matters Today

By Joe Burns, TruthMattersToday@tampabay.rr.com

The Origin of Life, Part 7: Darwinism's Death Knell?

*"Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important."*¹

So said C. S. Lewis in instructing readers of *God in the Dock* to make sure "the question of Truth"² is always front and center when recommending or defending Christianity.

*"And in the discussion they will at every moment try to escape from the issue 'True – or False' into stuff about a good society, or morals, or the incomes of Bishops...or anything whatever. You have to keep forcing them back, and again back, to the real point. Only thus will you be able to undermine... [t]heir belief that a certain amount of 'religion' is desirable but one mustn't carry it too far."*³

Read all About It!

Lewis' wisdom well explains the instantaneous popularity of Charles Darwin's 1859 book *On the Origin of Species*. By one account, the initial complement of 1,250 "sold out before release". By all accounts, it's been in print ever since...152 years. Very impressive, especially for a scientific work.

But it wasn't the science that drew so many readers. No; it was the implication of Darwin's conclusion. For if "each species had not been independently created but had descended...from other species", then the Genesis account of creation was a myth and the Bible a fairy tale. Or, as Oxford evolutionary biology professor Richard Dawkins noted on the show *Point of Inquiry* in 2006:

*"...the world is full of improbable things of which living things are the most spectacular. Throughout history, religion has been the main explanation for...those improbable things...Now, Darwinian evolution came up with a better explanation...that causes us to turn a lens on the God explanation itself."*⁴

In short, Darwin offered a scientific theory that could render Christianity "of no importance".

"Back to the Real Point"

But is it "True – or False" that Darwinian evolution is a credible explanation for living things? The list of scientific "proofs" of Darwin's theory normally trotted out for oohs and aahs seems convincing: Archaeopteryx—a supposed missing link between reptiles and birds, peppered moths camouflaged on tree trunks submitted as evidence of natural selection, exhibits of fruit flies with an extra set of wings as evidence of the power of genetic mutations to produce new species, and drawings suggesting the evolution of man from apes.⁵

Problem is, as molecular and cell biologist Dr. Jonathan Wells demonstrates in his book *Icons of Evolution*, these and many other foundational evolutionary icons misrepresent the truth in one way or another.¹⁰ Dr. Wells makes a compelling case for setting aside these and several other atheistic touchstones, and he certainly doesn't stand alone in his scientific skepticism of Darwin.

In truth, many who didn't historically favor "the God explanation" agree with Wells. Atheists and agnostics have penned a number of books that energetically dispute Darwin's claims. In fact, the "world's leading intellectual atheist for fifty years", Sir Antony Flew, wrote *There is a God* after advances in science demonstrated the growing improbability that life arose through any means other than design.⁶

In addition, as of January 2010, more than 900 credentialed scientists endorsed The Discovery Institute's *Scientific Dissent from Darwinism* which declares:

*"We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged."*⁷

One of those dissenters is the author of what was the principal textbook on chemical evolu-

tion—the theory that living things evolved from nonliving things.

That author, Dr. Dean Kenyon, recanted his position of life's origin based on new biochemical evidence and the question of the origin of complex and coded biological information found in DNA. He concluded there wasn't even "the slightest chance of a chemical evolutionary origin for even the simplest of cells. So, the concept of the intelligent design of life was immensely attractive...and made a great deal of sense as it very closely matched the multiple discoveries in molecular biology."⁸ In opposing evolution like this, Dr. Kenyon was invoking a well-established method of scientific reasoning.

Life's Most Likely Cause?

Known as "causal adequacy" or "causes now in operation", it states "causes that are known to produce the effect in question are judged to be better candidates than those that are not." Pretty simple. Darwin himself invoked this reasoning method to form his theory that minor within-species changes observed in nature suggested that gradual changes beginning in the distant past could account for previously unseen species.¹⁰

Applying this same method to explain the complex information in DNA leads to a very short list of known causes. Indeed, only intelligence is known to beget information. Just as it's clear an intelligent being compiled the information in *On the Origin of Species*, so intelligence must be responsible for the exceedingly more complex and voluminous information in DNA.

"True – or False"?

This undeniable conclusion calls Darwin's entire body of work into question. His theory, you see, begins with the assumption of an already existing self-replicating cell. But today we know a cell could not replicate itself without the powerful information embedded within DNA. So the 'exceedingly simple' initial organism at the very foundation of Darwinian doctrine is proven a myth. The cell is actually a profoundly complex organism wherein an extremely high-order computer language is the central feature of a computer-assisted design and manufacturing operation.¹¹

Given that such high-tech information existed in the very first cell, no leap of faith is needed to theorize that the cell's extraordinarily intelligent designer could easily construct every form of life on earth without the aid of eons of gradual changes. On the other side, Darwinians have much to explain. High-order information in DNA reveals a major scientific non-sequitur in Darwin's theory. Until they can resolve that conflict, Darwinism falls into the category of a "belief that is not based on proof."¹²

And as the dictionary asserts, Professor Dawkins, that's known as faith...not science.

Copyright © Joseph M. Burns 2011. All Rights Reserved

1. Lewis, C. S. *God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1970 101.
2. "Origin of Species (6th ed.)." n.d. [Sacred-Texts.com](http://www.sacred-texts.com/aor/darwin/origin/index.htm). 30 May 2011 <<http://www.sacred-texts.com/aor/darwin/origin/index.htm>>.
3. Darwin, Charles. *On the Origin of the Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Species in the Struggle for Life*. London: John Murray, Albemarle Street, 1859. 189.
4. Podcast. "Richard Dawkins - The Root of All Evil?" 10 Feb 2006. [Point of Inquiry](http://www.pointofinquiry.org/richard_dawkins_the_root_of_all_evil). 31 May 2011 <http://www.pointofinquiry.org/richard_dawkins_the_root_of_all_evil>.
5. Wells, Jonathan. *Icons of Evolution: Science or Myth? Why Much of What We Teach About Evolution is Wrong*. Washington: Regener Publishing, Inc, 2000 6 -7.
6. O'Leary, Denyse. "Neither God nor Darwin? Atheists & Agnostics Who Dare to Doubt." Summer 2011. [Salvo](http://www.salvomag.com/new/articles/salvo17/17oleary.php). 15 July 2011 <<http://www.salvomag.com/new/articles/salvo17/17oleary.php>>.
7. "A Scientific Dissent From Darwinism." January 2010. [Discovery.org](http://www.discovery.org/scripts/viewDB/filesDB-download.php?id=660). 14 July 2011 <<http://www.discovery.org/scripts/viewDB/filesDB-download.php?id=660>>.
8. *Unlocking the Mysteries of Life*. Dirs. Lad Allen and Timothy Eaton. Perf. Ed Ragozzino and Fred Pattle. 2002.
9. "On the Origin of Life." 24 June 2002. [uctv; University of California Television](http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.aspx?showID=6470). 15 July 2011 <<http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.aspx?showID=6470>>.
10. Meyer, Stephen C. *Signature in the Cell*. New York: Harper Collins, 2009 159-160.
11. Meyer, Stephen C. *Signature in the Cell*. New York: Harper Collins, 2009 120-121
12. "faith." *Collins English Dictionary - Complete & Unabridged 10th Edition*. HarperCollins Publishers. 14 Jul. 2011. <[Dictionary.com http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/faith](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/faith)>.

Serving in Missions — An Interview with Rene Palacio*

By Doug Knox

**This is the first installment of a multi-part interview with Rene regarding his and Lilli*

Doug Knox (DK): For our readers who are not familiar with the organization, could you briefly explain the purpose and background of SIM?

Rene Palacio (RP): *The purpose of SIM is to glorify God by planting, strengthening, and partnering with churches around the world as we: evangelize the unreached, minister to human need, disciple believers into churches, and equip churches to fulfill Christ's Commission.*

SIM is an international organization with more than 1,600 active missionaries, serving diverse people groups in 50 plus countries around the world. SIM workers are "international" themselves, representing more than 30 nationalities, including nations that in the past only received missionaries. SIM is a community of God's people who delight to worship him and are passionate about the Gospel, seeking to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. As a general mission, we serve in a wide variety of ministries, following the example of Jesus; we minister to temporal needs in the world but place our main focus on the eternal needs of the lost.

SIM has a rich history of founders who journeyed to hardship areas to share the Gospel. Landing in Africa, Asia, and South America, these pioneers formed missions committed to reaching rural communities who had never known the love of Christ. A union of several organizations founded over 100 years ago, SIM works today with the same passion as its founders.

Soudan Interior Mission (SIM) began in 1893. Canadians Walter Gowans, Roland Bingham, and American Thomas Kent had a vision to evangelize the 60 million unreached people of the Soudan, a region that at the turn of the 19th century stretched across sub-Saharan Africa from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. Unable to interest established missions—most of which said reaching the Soudan was impossible—the three set out alone. Malaria overtook all three. Gowans and Kent died of the fever in 1894 and Bingham returned to Canada. On his second attempt, he caught malaria again and was forced to go back home. Unable to return to Africa, Bingham sent out a third team that successfully established a base 500 miles inland at Patigi, present day Nigeria, in 1902. From there, the work of SIM began in Africa.

Other missions that started around the same time, later joined SIM. The South African General Mission (SAGM), later renamed the Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF) to reflect its growth throughout Southern Africa, was founded by Martha Osborn, Spencer Walton, and Andrew Murray in 1889. In 1892, the Ceylon and India General Mission (CIGM) was founded by Scottish Benjamin Davidson. Also in 1893, Charles F. Reeve and E.W. McGavin left their homes in Australia and set sail for India under the name Poona and Indian Village Mission (PIVM). The two latter missions joined forces in 1968 and became the International Christian Fellowship (ICF). In 1907, New Zealanders George Allen and Mary Stirling founded the Bolivian Indian Mission (BIM) and two years later, the

Missionaries Supported by TBPC

Mission to the World

Esaie & Natacha
Etienne
Ken & Tammie
Matlack
Carla Stevens

Reformed University Fellowship

Jeff & Jenny Lee

MNA Chaplain Ministry

Dick Fisher

Navigators

Larry & Laura Hardie

New Harvest Missions International

Nathaniel & Cherita
Adawonu

Serving In Missions

Rene & Lili Palacio

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Don & Judy
Vander Ploeg

Ven Con Nosotros Church

Dr. Oscar & Elizabeth
Alvarez

Chamberlain-Hunt Academy

Pam Johnston

newly-weds sailed to Bolivia to minister to the Quechua Indians. BIM grew in the years that followed to become the Andes Evangelical Mission (AEM) in 1965.

In the 1980s, AEM, ICF, and SIM joined forces to become SIM, which at that time stood for the "Society for International Ministries." AEF joined with SIM in 1998. In 2000, SIM adopted the trade name "Serving In Mission," for English-speaking countries, but our official name around the world today is simply SIM.

DK: How did you become involved with SIM, and what is your current role with SIM?

RP: Lilli and I joined SIM as short term missionaries for a three month assignment in 1997. Fourteen years later, we continue in service. Our first assignment was to relieve the treasurer serving in Southern Africa and be part of a weekly outreach to an informal settlement, called Mountain View on the Cape of Good Hope peninsula. Our time was first extended for a few months to help with several projects. In the latter part of 1998, when AEF joined SIM, we were asked to head up the finance and project integration of the two missions in Southern Africa. At the time, in the Southern Cone of Africa, SIM had ministries in South Africa and Malawi while AEF was active in Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Mauritius and South Africa. Following this assignment, we were asked to take on a global leadership role at SIM International. Lilli and I work jointly, serving on the SIM International Leadership Team (ILT), ministering to SIM missionaries, Directors, Treasurers and Project Managers around the world, to facilitate ministries reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ.

DK: How do you feel that your backgrounds helped prepare you for your current role with SIM?

RP: We first started discerning the Lord's call to missions while attending Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church. Lilli and I are 'third culture kids' (TCKs); someone who has spent a significant time, in their formative years in more than one culture, thus integrating those cultures with that of their birth. TCKs are described as often being multilingual and highly accepting of other cultures, making it easier for them to move between countries and cultures.

Rene was born in Cuba but was raised in the US, Puerto Rico, Spain, Argentina and Brazil, while Lilli was born in South Africa, travelled and spent significant time living in Argentina and Brazil. Both of us can converse in three languages: English, Spanish and Portuguese. As part of the SIM International Leadership Team, we deal with people of many different cultures; being able to understand and be sensitive to those differences is a gift. Rene studied accounting and business at University without any inkling that one of the most needed roles in mission agencies are workers who can properly steward the resources the Lord entrusts to the organization to achieve His purposes. To have had the training and life skills in running two of our own businesses and later working on Wall Street, prepared us well to better understand the complexities of managing and accounting for resources as well as aligning and complying with the increasingly complex regulations being imposed by the world on the non-profit sector.

DK: Can you share a story or two that stand out in your minds as examples of what it means to serve the Lord through SIM?

RP: In the Sudan, Yacob Aga Ollie was among our first group of missionaries sent by the Ethiopian Kale Heywet Church (KHC) into the Sudan. The KHC is the church that SIM planted in Ethiopia many years ago. Yacob was serving at the Yabus Sudan Interior Church Secondary School when he fell ill with cerebral malaria on October 24, 2010. He was promoted to heaven at 9 a.m. on October 25, 2010. Yacob was Ethiopia's first foreign missionary to die on foreign soil.

Yacob is survived by his wife, Tibarek Wondemu, who served her husband faithfully. Yacob and Tibarek arrived in Sudan as newlyweds and worked four years with the people of Thiangrial,

SIM INTERVIEW

(Continued from page 9)

Atar, and Yabus.

Yacob was part of the team that initiated the Basic Education Learning Centers in Thiangrial and Atar. The Lord blessed and people embraced the gospel, grew in faith, started churches, and graduated with grade eight educations from the adult learning centers.

"Yacob was obeying Jesus' final commands when he died," writes Chris Crowder, SIM Sudan Director. "He was making disciples. He left his home and his family to serve in Sudan. His church in Ethiopia is saddened but rejoicing."

The evening after Yacob died, Tibarek and SIM's Sudan Deputy Director, Tohru Inoue, flew to Addis Ababa with his body. They were received at the airport by Kale Heywet Church leaders and believers. At his funeral service, his wife, Tibarek, shared, "Yacob had clear plans for ministry, do you?" She challenged attendees to use their time for the Lord. Many were motivated, and people called Yacob a hero of the faith.

A memorial was held in Sudan among students, Christians, and many other residents of Yabus. In Ethiopia, numerous leaders have called for renewed focus and are actively looking to replace Yacob. Dr. Waita reports that his home church has stopped crying and collected 3000 birr for mission. Twelve people have joined the body of Christ because they embraced the gospel at Yacob's memorial service at his birthplace on November 1.

(to be continued)

2—Ria Tyler
5—Alexis Johnson-
Collier
6—Joanne Campbell
7—Lillian Barquin
9—Lilly Porter
10—Ryan Brown
10—Averil Massie
11—Reid Donaldson
15—Haley Beams
17—Doug Hayman
20—Paige Atkinson
21—Colby Tomasello
24—Wicke Egbert
26—Peter Wu
27—Joe Burns
29—Bert Barber



1—Jonathan & Avril Massie
2—Vince & Margarita Hladek
6—Larry & Barbara Hess
10—Joseph & Lillian Barquin
14—Ken & Betty Pothoven
14—LeeAnn & Bob DeStefano
15—Mr. and Mrs. Larrie Hardie
16—Marty & Tricia Easter
16—Bill & Sandy Neal
21—John & Bonnie Hutton
21—Bob & Betty McQueen
26—Jim & Loretta Aldrich
28—Jeff & Michelle Divoky

August 2011*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00a-11:30a Staff Meeting	2	3	4	5 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	6 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group
7 9:00a -10:15a Quarterly Information Meeting; 10:30a-11:45a Worship Service; 6:00-7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study; 6:30 Conversations with God	8 10:00a-11:30a Staff Meeting	9 10:00a-11:30a Staff Meeting	10	11 7:00p Missions Committee Meeting	12 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	13 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group
14 9:00a -10:15a Children's Sunday School; Adult CE&F 10:30a-11:45a Worship Service; 6:00-7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study; 6:30 Conversations with God	15 10:00a-11:30a Staff Meeting	16	17 7:00p Worship Choir Kickoff	18 7:00p Session & Diaconate Meetings	19 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	20 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group 8:30a—Remulch Playground
21 9:00a -10:15a Children's Sunday School; Adult CE&F 10:30a-11:45a Worship Service; 6:00-7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	22 10:00a-11:30a Staff Meeting	23	24 9:00a-11:30a Women's Bible Study 7:15p Worship Choir	25	26 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	27 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group
28 9:00a -10:15a Children's Sunday School; Adult CE&F 10:30a-11:45a Worship Service; 6:00-7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	29 10:00a-11:30a Staff Meeting	30	31 9:00a-11:30a Women's Bible Study 7:15p Worship Choir			

*Due to the number of events scheduled, we cannot fit all Sunday activities on the monthly newsletter calendar. Please consult the online calendar at <http://prem.calendars.net/tbpc> for the complete schedule of activities on Sundays in April.



19911 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33647

Phone: (813) 973-2484 Fax: (813) 973-4673

Inside This Issue

Feature	Page
Rev. Fritz	1
Session News	2
Ministries	3-10
Truth Matters Today	6
Calendar	11
Worship Times	12

The Sunday Schedule

Time	Location	
9:00 AM	Classroom Wing	Sunday School for Children C E & F for Adults
10:30 AM	Sanctuary	Worship Service