



September 2011

From the Pastor's Desk

Partnership in the Gospel

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

A few years ago Dr. Steve Smallman was our Missions Conference speaker. His theme, as I recall, was "Partnership in the Gospel." That phrase comes from Philippians 1:3-5, where the apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your *partnership in the gospel* from the first day until now."

I am writing this article while attending a Northern Mexico Partnership meeting in Rock Hill, South Carolina, with our Missions Committee Chairman, Jim Aldrich. We have been encourage to think about partnership in the gospel with respect to our involvement in missions. Partnership in the gospel is said to consist of three things.

First, partnership in the gospel consists of commitment. These commitments are mutual. They are commitments by both parties involved in the relationship. As missions is changing around the world, we have wonderful opportunities to partner with nationals in reaching their communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The greater the clarity

of these mutual commitments, the greater the potential for effective ministry.

Second, partnership in the gospel consists of personal relationships. Nationals are adamant that they do not want us to send only money. They want to develop relationships with us. They want to get to know us and want us to get to know them so that together we can further the gospel in their communities.

And third, partnership in the gospel consists of passion. In other words, there is a strong and powerful emotional commitment to the accomplishment of the mission. Great projects are rarely, if ever, completed by apathy and detached commitment. Rather, great projects are accomplished because those involved feel strongly that they are involved in a truly worthwhile cause. And what can be more compelling than the gospel?

As we continue our partnership in advancing the gospel around the world, let us do so with commitment, personal relationships, and passion.

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

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- ◆ September 4—Mega-Welcome Lunch
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Session News

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

The Session and Diaconate have now approved an architect and also an engineer for our Ministry Expansion. Architect Carson Wright (who, by the way, designed Idlewild Baptist Church) designed a preliminary Master Site Plan for the expansion of our facilities. The Session and Diaconate welcome input from members of our congregation about various aspects of the Master Site Plan. Currently, a decision is being made about what will be the best first Phase 1 expansion. Once that has been determined, a Capital Stewardship Campaign will be launched later this fall. You will hear a lot more about that when the time arrives!

Thoughts From the Intern

By James Nichols

Last month I introduced the concept of evangelism by encouraging us not only to pay attention to those who are around us, but also to think about how we as Christians should approach unbelievers. I talked about living a life that causes people to wonder about the "hope that is within you" that 1 Peter 3 talks about. Finally, I asked us to think about people we encounter regularly whom God has put into our lives.

So this month, we are going to talk about the first step that we can take towards evangelizing these people. The first step to take is to pray. Before we try to say anything to the lost, we need to be in prayer for them. Let's look at what to pray for.

1. Pray for them. We must keep in mind that ultimately it is not us that will or will not bring that person to a saving faith. The Holy Spirit has to work in their hearts and call them to him. As Jerram

Barrs says in his book *The Heart of Evangelism*, "When we long to see someone come to Christ, the most important thing we can do is to pray for that person, asking God to do what we cannot."

2. Pray for open doors. Colossians 4:3 gives us a Biblical example of this: "Pray for us, too, that God will open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ." If we love these people we will be looking for every opportunity to preach the gospel to them. Praying for these opportunities is a way to love those you are talking to as well as preparing you for when they are ready to listen.

3. Pray for courage for yourself. Even Paul knew that he needed prayer for courage. In his final instructions in Ephesians, Paul says: "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should" (6:19-20). If the apostle Paul needs prayer for courage and the right words, I think that it is appropriate for us to ask for that as well.

4. Pray for clarity. Paul also struggled with his clarity. Remember that in Colossians 4:3 Paul is asking for open doors and in verse 4a he says: "that I may make it clear..." Paul wants to make sure that when he does get an open door, not only will he be courageous, but also that he will be clear.

So the first step towards evangelizing those that God has set before you is to pray. I encourage you this month to pray for and discern who it is that God has put in your life to evangelize. Then, step through these four prayers daily. Next month we will go into more detail about being a living example. Until then, God bless!

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A Penny War Pays Off: Providing Backpacks to Turner Elementary

By Kevin Nobles

Over the last year, members of the Outreach Team met with principals and social workers to see how we might be able to meet needs of, and build relationships with, local schools. On August 19, the TBPC Outreach Team delivered 25 fully-stocked backpacks to needy kids at Turner Elementary School. The Outreach Team also gave three bike helmets for



students who bike to school but lack the necessary helmet. Principal Rhonda McMahon expressed her appreciation for the generosity of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church. Funds for the backpacks and school supplies were raised through donations from the Vacation Bible School penny war.

The Outreach Team began a relationship with Ann Grimaldi, the social worker at Turner Elementary in November 2010 by delivering Thanksgiving meals to needy families from the school.

"Good works create enormous curiosity that begs to be satisfied with deeper understanding and conversation about spiritual matters." This quote from the book *The Externally Focused Church* captures the team's efforts to share the love of Christ in word and deed.

The team invites members of the congregation to join with the Outreach team in making a difference in our community. You can also get involved in building a relationship with Turner Elementary through tutoring at the school for 30 minutes per week (educational certification is not required for this tutoring) and general volunteering where you can use your specific gifts and skills. By generously giving of our time, we hope to help students learn and to gain an opportunity to share the Gospel. If you can give a half hour or an hour once a week, please contact Kevin Nobles, kwnobles1@verizon.net.

Women's Ministry

By Ginny Bremer

Ministry Name Change

Please note that we have changed the name of our ministry from "Women in the Church", or "WIC," to "Women's Ministry." This change has been suggested by Southwest Florida Presbytery WIC (PCA), so as not to confuse our ministry with the government social welfare WIC program. The members present at our last WIC 15, which will now be referred to as WM 15, agreed that our name will officially change as of September 1. We will, however, be the same organization and will continue making every effort to encourage women in their spiritual growth and providing opportunities for fun and fellowship.

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Pregnancy Care Center collection. Your generosity will both assist women with parenting skills education and present the Gospel for spiritual guidance that fosters Biblical values.

Thank you, too, to Molly Knox for her delightful décor in the ladies' room. The pink roses and white milk glass made our room warm and inviting.

September Event

Dottie Fritchman has invited our Women's Ministry group to participate as a discussion group at the next Presbytery meeting on September 10, 2011, at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church. Anyone wishing to attend should contact me by phone (813-907-8312) or email (vbremer11@verizon.net).

Looking Ahead

Our next Sister to Sister will be on October 8, 2011, at the home of Sheri Nies. This Fall Fun Festival will include outdoor games, food and fellowship. More information will be available later this month. Just mark your calendar so you won't miss the fun.

We are already planning the annual Christmas brunch. It will be the second Saturday of December this year, which falls on December 10, 2011. I'm sure everyone will be enthusiastic about a new way to vary the décor and get to know each other more intimately. Our theme will be "I'll Be Home for Christmas." In keeping with the theme, we would like to have each table decorated with the personal touch of a family.

Therefore, I need volunteers to be table hostesses. Each hostess would be responsible for one table of 8: the plates and eating utensil (anything from your best china to paper or plastic), a centerpiece (which can be given away as a table prize), favors, and setting it up the Friday before. You will be given \$20.00 to help defray the cost of things you need to purchase, which is the approximate amount we normally spend per table. Those of you who love to be hostesses will have the opportunity to express yourself. Anyone wishing to be a hostess, please contact me by phone (813-907-8312) or email (vbremer11@verizon.net). We need ten hostess volunteers based on the past attendance of about 80 people.

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Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 11:30 AM

August 24, 2011 through April 11, 2012

"DISCOVER MARK"

Our study this year is *"Discover Mark"* using the *Faith Alive* study guide by Christian Resources. The Gospel of Mark is an action-packed narrative of Jesus' life and ministry. Mark, who was eager to show Jesus as a leader of power and action, jumps into the story with both feet. Unlike the accounts of Matthew and Luke, which include genealogies and stories about Jesus' conception and birth, Mark begins simply by declaring that Jesus is "the Son of God." The straightforward, plain-speaking tone of Mark's gospel also contrasts with the deeply theological, visionary beginning of John's account of Jesus.

Each Gospel account has its strengths. Mark's is the shortest and most concise. Mark presents Jesus' actions and teachings without embellishment. Scholars have noted that Mark may have written this account for Roman Christians, many of whom were people of action who lived in a world of politicians and soldiers. They would have appreciated Jesus' boldness and authority as well as the sense of immediacy that permeates Mark's gospel. Jesus' authority, in fact, is what astonished people at the beginning of his ministry. And they were just as amazed at the authority of his preaching as at his authority in casting out demons and healing diseases.

Consider this Jesus—his life, teachings, power, and authority—as you read and study the eyewitness, historical account of the Gospel ("good news") of Mark. Jesus' followers call him Lord, recognizing that he is *"far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come"* (Eph. 1:21).

Women's Bible Study is open to all women, so please invite your friends, family members, home-school mothers, and neighbors. All are welcome. Childcare will be available (infants to preschool age), by reservation.

Men's Ministry September 2011

By Brian Carrier

We made our yearly trip to see the Rays game on Tuesday, August 23, against the Detroit Tigers. The women of the church were also invited. The group was chauffeured in a 15-passenger van I drove, and Alisa Carrier provided Subway sandwiches, chips and drinks during the air-conditioned ride to the game. We had very good seats, and the game was very exciting right down to the final out. The Rays fought to the end with a chance to win it in the 9th inning, but came up short, losing 2-1. A total of 19 people went to the game. This was a first Ray's game for some of our guests. We hope to have at least 30 people next year so we can rent the bus that we used the previous year. This is always an enjoyable event for everyone and we look forward to doing it again next year.

We will be having a Men's breakfast on Saturday, September 24, at 8:30 A.M. All men are welcome to this event, and it will be followed by a short message by James Nichols. The cost of this breakfast is \$8.00 and proceeds go to future Men's Ministry events and outside guests that want to attend our events. Please feel free to bring a guest to breakfast.

I would like to invite all men interested in attending our Men's Bible Study every Saturday morning from 7:45 until approximately 9:00 AM. We are currently studying the book of Galatians. The study is taught by Dr. Jeff Beams, who has been faithfully teaching Bible studies for many years and does a wonderful job. If you are interested, please attend this group on Saturday mornings.

If you have never attended a Men's event, please come out and see how much Christian fun we have. Please remember that the reason for these events is outreach, so please invite any friends who you think might like to attend. If money is preventing anyone from attending, please contact me by cell phone at 813-841-9146 or by e-mail at brian@bcaflorida.com. I have some money available for these events. We want you to come and enjoy.

We all need to share God's word with possible future members of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church. Through these events we can grow in fellowship and share an enjoyable time.

Truth Matters Today

By Joe Burns, TruthMattersToday@tampabay.rr.com

What Went Wrong with the World?

*"What's wrong with the world, mama?
People livin' like they ain't got no mamas
I think the whole world's addicted to the drama
Only attracted to things that'll bring you trauma"¹*

From the pop song "Where is the Love?" by The Black Eyed Peas

The Black Eyed Peas aren't the only ones asking the question "what's wrong with the world?" You hear it nearly every day. It's likely you've asked it yourself recently, especially if you routinely listen to the news.

Why so much curiosity? Everywhere we look, we see behaviors that don't square with our perception of how things should be. Instinctively, our minds begin seeking out a rational explanation for the mismatch between observations and expectations, expectations that stem from our worldview.

What's a Worldview?

Your worldview is defined by your answers to these fundamental questions about our world:

1. Where did we come from?
2. What went wrong with the world?
3. How can it be fixed?
4. What's our purpose in life?²

Materialism's Answer

Our answers to each of these questions influence our answers to those that follow. For the materialist, the implications of the answer to question one presents a bit of a dilemma. Materialists, you see, hold that the universe and all of life just happened through natural—vice supernatural—means. Consequently, materialism offers no basis for judging between right and wrong. How could it. After all, absent a creator, what's wrong for you may not be wrong for me. So, if a materialist is asked "what's wrong with the world," he may very well reply "who says there's anything wrong?"

Maybe that's true in a philosophical laboratory, but in the real world we often see things that even an ardent materialist is likely to label as wrong. Consider just the last month or so. Remember the riots in London and Philadelphia where angry mobs pillaged, robbed and injured without provocation from those they harmed? Even more horrific, Anders Behring Breivik, a disaffected Norwegian, unleashed a one-man, one-day massacre that left nearly one hundred men, women and children dead in Oslo, Norway.³

Can it be said that these atrocities were at their core "right"? Hardly.

What's the Root Cause?

So, what's to blame for all this misery? The British Broadcasting Corporation mini-series "The Root of All Evil?" summed it up pretty simply. In four episodes, the video tome offered the conclusion that religion is the root cause of the world's evil. Indeed, the series' host suggested in a later interview that "religious labels are often the only labels people find to tie onto themselves and their enemies. If you could eliminate religion (via purging tribal education), there'd be no way to identify enemies."⁴ Seriously? Guess he's never heard of *race* riots, *drug* wars, *turf* battles, or crimes of *passion*.

The philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau offered another interesting explanation for the root of the world's woes. He succinctly summarized it in the now famous opening of his book, *The Social*

Contract. "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains." To Rousseau, man's inherently good nature was enslaved and corrupted by society and its artificial mores. That corruption, he felt, brought about evil.⁵ Karl Marx, a materialist and one of the principal architects of communism, posulated another culprit, the creation of private property. Both Rousseau and Marx advocating ceding enormous power to the state based on an idealistic view that the state would eliminate strife by ensuring everyone was taken care of fairly.⁶

In the end, Rousseau's ideas led to the French Revolution and subsequently to Robespierre's Reign of Terror during which thousands were slaughtered and hundreds of thousands imprisoned. Not much of an improvement.⁷ Communism's record is even worse. Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin alone presided over the killing of multitudes—estimates vary from tens of thousands to tens of millions—during the Great Purge in the Marxist Soviet Union.

The Real Answer

Other would-be reformers have likewise been unsuccessful in eliminating the plague of problems around the world. Like Rousseau and Marx, they failed to identify what's truly wrong. At the dawn of the twentieth century, however, one newspaper stumbled upon the answer. *The Times* of London asked a number of authors to write about: "What's wrong with the world?" The shortest response they received answered the question empathically and eloquently. It came from a prominent theologian of that era:

Dear Sirs,

I am.

Sincerely yours,

*G. K. Chesterton*⁸

He's right. Ever since sin entered the world at Eden's Tree of Life, it has led to all manner of evil and suffering through sinners like G. K. Chesterton...and us.

Marx's and Rousseau's experiments both hinged on their assumptions that man was naturally good and thus an all-powerful government would also be good. They failed to recognize the reality of sin.

The unrest in Philadelphia and London can likewise be traced to the Garden. It sprang from cultures where truth had been marginalized, sin popularized, notions of right and wrong ridiculed, and morals rendered gauche. Mix well, light match, stand back!

Sin. That's what's wrong with the world. The Peas are right, mankind's fatally "*attracted to things that'll bring you trauma*".

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**Session Approves Revised
Missionary Support Criteria for TBPC**
By Jim Aldrich

Over the past months, the Missions Committee has been working on developing an "objective" set of criteria that can be used in the future to guide the Committee in selecting missionaries to recommend to the Session for financial support. Many of us have "our favorite missionary" or "favorite ministry." However, it was believed that in order to faithfully discharge our duties under the Great Commission, and be wise stewards of the Church's finances, the process of selecting missionaries for financial support should be based upon a set of criteria that were "objective" in nature, and contained criteria elements important to TBPC.

The Committee considered many different "elements" that could make up this criteria, including such things as Applicant's Church Relationship (where do they have their church membership?), the Applicant's Sending Agency, the Applicant's Theological Foundation (are they Reformed, Evangelical, etc.?), the Applicant's Type of Mission (will they be doing Bible translation, or church planting, or something else?), the Applicant's Geographical Ministry Area (will their missionary work be in Africa, or Alabama?), and the Applicant's Ties to the Southeast USA (in other words, will TBPC be likely to see the missionary from time to time?).

The Committee, looking at these "criteria elements," then worked on defining for each element what would be considered High Priority, Medium Priority, and Low Priority in these areas relative to TBPC. For example, it would make sense that we would want a missionary whom we support to have the same theological foundation as we have. Another issue that the Committee felt was important was that we should place a priority on supporting "Frontline ministries in pioneer areas of the world," given that many of the missionaries we currently support are based in the United States (not overseas).

After much discussion and many revisions, the Missions Committee came up with a recommended Missionary Support Criteria matrix. It was presented to the Session in July, and the Session approved the criteria on July 21, 2011. The criteria will be used in conjunction with the Missions section of the TBPC Operations Manual. The criteria are shown on the following page. If you have any questions on this, see Jim Aldrich.

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
Ross and Aislinn
Meyer

Ven Con Nosotros Church

Dr. Oscar & Elizabeth
Alvarez

Chamberlain-Hunt Academy

Pam Johnston

Our Missions Support Strategy: Use our finances effectively to support the completion of the Great Commission. We believe this calls for limiting the number of areas of geographic involvement, and providing higher levels of support for a few missionaries rather than lower support amounts for many field workers. The purpose of these two goals is aimed at enhancing our Kingdom effectiveness. We want to maximize our ability to meet both the financial and spiritual (prayer, communication, and visitation) needs of those we are supporting on the field. Through use of this Missionary Support Criteria Matrix, our endeavor is to make wise decisions regarding missionary support.

Notes:

Criteria	Highest Priority for Missionary Support	Medium Priority for Missionary Support	Lowest Priority for Missionary Support
Applicant's Church Relationship	(a) Communicant Member of TBPC (b) SW FL Presbytery (c) Central FL Presbytery	PCA Church	Other Evangelical Protestant Church
Applicant's Sending Agency	(a) MTW/MNA/RUF (b) PCA Partnership Agencies, i.e., NHMI	Other Evangelical Organizations	Others will not be considered.
Applicant's Theological Foundation.	Reformed/Covenantal/Confessional	Evangelical	Others will not be considered.
Applicant's Type of Mission	"Frontline Ministries in Church Planting, Bible Translation, and/or Theological Education (see Note 3 below)	Administrative/Other Activities supporting "Frontline" Missions Ministry	Other Evangelical Missions
Applicant's Geographic Area v. TBPC Ministry Target Area	"Frontline" Ministries in "Pioneer" Areas of the World	Previously Evangelized Areas, e.g., Europe	Not Applicable
Applicant's ties to Southeast USA	(a) Extensive ties to Tampa (b) Ties to Central Florida	Ties to Southeast USA	No ties to Southeast USA

Notes:

1. TBPC Missions Goal is to achieve a point over time where 50% of our Missions Support is being sent to "Frontline" Ministries.
2. 'a', 'b', or 'c' indicates priority within that particular category.
3. Refers to cross-cultural, missions field theological education (i.e., seminary in 'frontline' area).
4. Candidates for missionary support who do not fit into our Priorities for Missionary Support (Highest, Medium, or Lowest) will not be considered.

Commitments Required of Applicants:

1. They will visit TBPC every 3 years, at a minimum, during Home Mission Assignment.
2. They will send TBPC regular (at least quarterly) communication, newsletters, or updates.
3. They will attend TBPC Annual Missions Conferences, when practical.

2011 TBPC Missions Trip to Cherokee, NC

By Jim Aldrich

The Team from Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church that traveled to Cherokee this summer took the Gospel to Native Americans and other people in the western part of North Carolina. They did this by teaching a Vacation Bible School and painting a house for an elderly lady.

In the mornings, the Team taught VBS at a Cherokee children's facility called AGE-LINK, teaching 3 separate classes with about 21 children. The number of children did decrease during the week due to family vacations taken the week before public school classes resumed. There was one class

of 4-year olds, one class of 5-8 year-olds, and a class of 9-12 year-olds. It was obvious many of the kids had emotional needs. The Team used the "Gold Rush" VBS program-sharing that Jesus is more precious than gold!

Every day the Team had lunch at the park in Cherokee on the river that goes through town.

In the afternoons, the Team worked at the home of Mrs. Cucumber, an elderly Cherokee lady who lives alone. The Team painted ceilings in the hall, kitchen, living and dining rooms, accomplished lots of cleaning, painted the front door, painted the ceiling of large front porch, and pressure washed and stained the wooden portions of house exterior. In addition, some miscellaneous yard work was also done.

In spite of some hot and sweaty days, and some changes to which the Team had to adapt, the Team departed Cherokee with smiles on their faces and a belief that their week in Cherokee was an incredible blessing—a blessing for those who God put in the Team's path, and a blessing for the individual members of the Team!

Some specific blessings that the Team experienced were :

- Blessing # 1: Some of our teachers had never taught VBS, so they "stepped out in faith" and did a great job sharing the Gospel!
- Blessing # 2: Tuesday afternoon, the Team Leader was very concerned the Team could not complete all of the work on Mrs. Cucumber's house, but by God's provision, at 1 PM on Friday the work was done ! And the house looked GREAT!
- Blessing # 3: The "door-to-door" evangelism was most incredible - 4 Team Members went up and down Locust Road on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, meeting both believers and non-believers. The Team listened to the needs of others, and prayed with them.
- Blessing # 4: It was a great Team, who had a great time, which even included a rafting trip on their Wednesday afternoon "off"!



The 2011 TBPC Missions Time (pictured left-to-right): Anthony Hunter, Doug, Molly, and Lilly Knox, Brenda and Elizabeth Ausmus, Ginny Bremer, Loretta Aldrich, and Julie Welzein. Jim Aldrich was taking the picture!

TBPC Has New Missionaries!

By Jim Aldrich

Exciting news at TBPC! The Missions Committee recently recommended to the Session that TBPC support Ross & Aislinn Meyer as Wycliffe missionaries to Southeast Asia. During the time that the Missions Committee was developing the Missionary Support Criteria (see separate article in the Trumpet on this), the Committee was also in discussion over these past months regarding the various missionaries/ministries that TBPC might support.

Ross & Aislinn Meyer are planning to go to Southeast Asia as Storytelling Facilitators, a part of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Materials regarding their ministry, and the "One Story" program that Wycliffe uses in



"oral cultures," were reviewed by the Committee. Ross Meyer submitted a Missionary Support Application to the Missions Committee. Committee comments were that Ross's Missionary Support Application was very complete, and in almost all areas Ross Meyer's proposal fell into the "High Priority for Missionary Support" categories as defined by our new TBPC Missionary Support Criteria. Ross and Aislinn are residents of New Tampa and graduates of Berean Academy. The Meyers were at 84 percent of the required support to go to Southeast Asia. Even though Ross & Aislinn are only going into a 2-2.5 year ministry (with an option for another 4 years after a 6 month furlough), the Committee felt this qualified as a missionary ministry deserving support consideration. As with any missionary we support, if they depart the missions field, we will discontinue support, and look for another ministry to support.

The Session agreed with the Missions Committee recommendation that TBPC financially support Ross and Aislinn. The support will begin immediately, and TBPC's support gives the Meyers the required support needed for them to depart for Southeast Asia. They will depart in mid-September or possibly late September. Ross and Aislinn attended Worship Service at TBPC on August 28, 2011. Hopefully those of you who did not already know them were able to meet them. Please keep them and all of our missionaries in your prayers!

I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light.

-- Ion Keith Falconer

Serving in Missions — An Interview with Rene Palacio

By Doug Knox

This is the second of a two-part interview with Rene Palacio regarding his and Lilli's mission work with SIM. Part 1 of the interview can be accessed in the August edition of the Trumpet at <http://www.tampabaypresbyterian.org/Resources/Trumpet/08-01-11%20Trumpet.pdf>

Part 1 concluded with Rene describing how 12 Sudanese came to Christ following the death of Yacob, Ethiopia's first foreign missionary to die on foreign soil. Part 2 begins with Rene describing a similarly-moving example involving a medical doctor in Peru.

Rene Palacio (RP): Allen George is a medical doctor who operates a mobile medical clinic in mountain villages of Per, his primary platform for building relations and sharing the love of Christ and His eternal gift of salvation. However, his openness has allowed the Lord to unlock other doors to share the gospel. One of these is behind the walls of Apurímac's highest security prison. It was in this dark place that Allen and his Peruvian coworker, Jaime, saw God do great works through a chess club. Every Monday morning, Allen and Jaime were frisked by the prison guards before they set up the chess boards. After about an hour of play, Jaime lead a study for the prisoners from a book called New Life in Christ. About fifteen prisoners attended each week. After only eleven weeks, because of the club and Bible study, five people chose to follow Christ while others were encouraged in their faith. The door for ministry was further opened when, as a result of the positive influence Allen and Jamie were having on the inmates, the prison director invited Allen to start a medical outreach in the prison.

Doug Knox (DK): I understand that you recently participated in the Cross Global Link Engage conference in Chicago. Is there anything you'd like to share from the conference?

RP: The trend in global missions is no longer sending missionaries "from the west to the rest" but rather "from anywhere to everywhere." SIM has many missionaries sent out from countries like Korea and Singapore, but in recent years we have also had churches in Asia, Africa and South America wanting to send missionaries to other countries through SIM.

The challenges are many! Do we encourage their missionaries to join SIM? Do we help them develop their own mission societies? Do we just provide logistical support and advice? In June, Lilli and I attended the conference sponsored by CrossGlobal Link designed to facilitate communication between church leaders from the Majority World (non-western), missionary organizations, and representatives of large missionary-sending churches in the US. We discussed these challenges and possible ways to work together to accomplish the task of reaching the world with the whole gospel of Christ. We didn't answer all the questions, but we learned what others were doing. We heard about the successes and the struggles others were experiencing. We went away excited about what God is doing around the world. As more and more churches in these areas develop a vision for sending missionaries beyond their own borders, SIM's traditional structure of Sending and Field (or Receiving) countries, needs to change. We are part of a task force for developing our structures to accommodate the changes within the organization. Please pray for us, for wisdom to work out the best ways forward to adapt to the global mission environment of the 21st century and beyond.

DK: What are some of the greatest challenges facing church planters home and abroad?

RP: One of the challenges is the hardened heart of man in our depraved world. In the West, this is compounded by increasing affluence in society that makes man feel self-sufficient and less reliant on God. Tolerance is on the rise leading many to support the belief that numerous religions can lead to eternal life resulting in a syncretistic approach to Christianity. Globalization and the Internet serve as powerful mechanism to disseminate this philosophy and world view.

On the secular front, we are seeing an increase in government legislation to try and control sending of funds used in the foreign missions endeavor. The restrictions are increasing the cost and difficulty of 'sending'. In the US, as well as in Canada and Australia, we are seeing a rise in the numbers and complexity of reporting requirements. I am fully in favor of being accountable for what we steward, but when taken to the extreme, the result is a bureaucratic nightmare that takes funds away from ministry initiatives and increases the administrative burden. Canada has the tightest restrictions on how non-profits can use charitable funds outside of Canada. SIM has spent five years in the development of a joint ministry structure that would satisfy the Canadian Revenue Agency's regulations for the expenditure of Canadian-receipted funds sent outside of Canada, where SIM conducts ministry outreach. Another example is Australia, presently attempting to enact legislation that would strip mission agencies that expend the bulk of their revenues outside of Australia of their tax-exempt status. Churches that support such agencies would also lose their tax exemption.

DK: Are there any special issues or requests that TBPC can keep in mind as they pray for your work with SIM?

It is hard to recruit missionaries into leadership and support roles, particularly when these roles are viewed as administrative. Many fail to see how integral and important those "parts" are to ministry. And when we finally recruit them, some donors hold back support because they do not see them as 'real missionaries.' With qualified people in support roles, other missionaries, i.e., church planters, evangelists, teachers, and doctors, do not have to be drawn away from their ministry to tackle tasks they are not trained in or gifted for. The Scriptures are clear in that we are one body. Effective mission takes the whole body of Christ, and the most effective teams of missionaries are those that are fully equipped with those gifted in each discipline needed to carry out the task. Join us in prayer that as the Lord moves in the hearts of those he has chosen to serve Him in foreign missions, they would clearly hear the call and with courage respond. The Lausanne conference on world evangelism, held in Cape Town last year, challenged all protestant evangelicals to engage with THE WHOLE CHURCH, TAKING THE WHOLE GOSPEL, TO THE WHOLE WORLD.



TBPC Golf Legends

The TBPC Golf Legends again hit the links again on August 27, 2011, this time at Heritage Isles Golf Course. A great time was had by all, in spite of a few rain showers. Pictured above, left to right, are Jim Aldrich, John Ausmus, James Nichols, Frank Rogowski, Ken Pothoven, George Hale (friend of Frank), Bob Guest, Ed Ousnamer, Cris Coffey, Peter Wu, and Gary (friend of Ed's).

September Birthdays

3—Anthony Hunter
 3—Sophia Nobles
 5—Maggie Gordon
 6—Margarita Hladek
 7—Dale Moore
 10—Abram Nichols
 11—Chris Lear
 13—Jonathan Massie
 21—Garry Gawrych

23—Lauren Fritz
 23—Michelle Hunter
 25—Ed Hensley
 25—Randy Mallary
 29—Maya Burger
 29—Jessie Hensley
 30—Ryan Coffey
 30—Dick Fisher

September Anniversaries

6—Roy & Stevie Riley
 6—Gary & Pat Smith

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 7:00p Worship Team Meeting	2 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study 8:30 Phos Youth Group Lock-In	3 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group
4 9:00a -10:15a Children's Sunday School; Adult CE&F 10:30a Worship Service; 12:00p Mega Welcome Lunch; 5:00p Phos Youth Group; 6:00p CMA Spanish Bible	5 Labor Day (Office Closed)	6 7:00p Pothoven Growth Group 7:00p Outreach Team Meeting	7 9:00a Women's Bible Study 7:15 Worship Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00p Missions Committee Meeting	9 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	10 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group 8:30a-4:00p SW FL Presbytery Meeting
11 9:00a -10:15a Children's Sunday School; Adult CE&F 10:30a Worship Service; 5:00p Phos Youth Group; 6:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study; Kirkpatrick Growth Group	12 10:00a-11:30a Staff Meeting	13 7:00p NTCA Board Meeting	14 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 5:45p Family Dinner; 6:15p D2D Choir; 6:30p Pioneer Clubs Staff, KOTK Choir, Prayer Meeting; 7:15p Worship Choir	15 7:00p Session & Diaconate Meetings	16 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study Phos Worldview Moving Night	17 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; Men's Discipleship Group
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*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.



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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