

October 2012

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Mark Your Calendar

Trunk or Treat

Plan now to decorate your car and hand out candy at our second annual Trunk or Treat — a wonderful alternative to Halloween events. We'll park our decorated cars in the fenced church lot on Wednesday evening, Oct. 31, and welcome children and their parents to our campus. See Children's Director **Heidi Regier** for more information.

Student activities

Junior high and high school students will travel to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Oct. 19-21 for their annual fall retreat. The adventure will include campfires, s'mores, a sunrise service and more. See Student Pastor **Jeremiah Bakk** for information.

Thanksgiving Banquet

Redeemer's annual Thanksgiving Banquet will be held Friday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at The Regency Hotel (11350 LBJ Freeway at Jupiter; same location as last year, but the hotel name has changed). Watch for your opportunity to buy tickets.

Mid-Week Bible Study Series: Truths to Live By

Join us Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as **Dr. Roy Zuck** presents our Fall Bible Study Series: Truths to Live By. This 13-week series will help you build a solid foundation of biblical understanding and enable you to live out essential truths of the Christian faith.

Redeemer Offers Pioneer Clubs, Parenting Class

Redeemer is reaching out to children and families in the community through our Pioneer Clubs program and our parenting class. Both meet on Wednesday evenings.

Pioneer Clubs

Scouters is the Pioneer Club group for younger children.



activities each week," said **Heidi Regier**, children's director. "The children memorize Scripture, sing, play games, earn badges and have fun with friends. Please keep our Pioneer Clubs program in your prayers."

Pioneer Club activities begin at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Parenting class

The parenting class meets 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings



It is using the *Learning About Giving* curriculum this fall. The group for older girls is studying from the *Learning About God's Goodness* book.

"Each group is led by loving teachers who guide the children through a variety of

to learn from the DVD series *Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World*. Bert and Bing Howard facilitate this wonderful parenting curriculum, which features Dr. Kevin Leman, renowned Christian speaker and the author of *How to Have a New Kid* by *Friday* and *The Birth Order Book*.

New Small Groups Launching in Oct.

Redeemer in late October will launch six new small groups that will meet weekly in members' homes. Each small group will be comprised of church members and regular attenders who have expressed an interest in spiritual growth and great fellowship.

"There is simply no better way to develop a sense of community than meeting regularly with other believers in Christ," said **Bert Howard**, pastor of assimilation.

For their initial study, these small groups will use *The Truth Project*, a DVD series

from Focus on the Family. This series is perfect for small groups and as a starting point for examining life and living out a biblical perspective.

"*The Truth Project* is a great vehicle to help shape a sound Christian worldview and has proven effective in helping to build solid relationships within a community of believers," Bert said.

There is still time to participate in this great opportunity. Contact the Church Office at 214-340-3633 or talk to Bert for details.

Focusing on Bible Translation in Indonesia and Around the World

Q & A with Roger Doriot

*Redeemer members and missionaries **Roger and Suzanne Doriot** spent many years living and working in the jungles of Indonesia translating Scripture for tribes there. Today, their focus is on disseminating information, raising awareness and stimulating involvement in Bible translation by Indonesians themselves. They travel frequently both in the U.S. and around the world, and The Link caught up with Roger to get an overview of their life and ministry.*

First, why did you decide to become missionaries?

I received Christ as my personal savior when I was 10 years old. Two years later, after hearing a message on Romans 12:1 and 2, I committed my life completely to the Lord. My commitment was to do whatever the Lord wanted me to do — all my life — and wherever He wanted to use me.

However, when I finished high school, I was still not sure what God wanted me to do. I took one year of Bible college, but then, as I didn't believe the Lord wanted me to stay there and go into full-time service at that time, I transferred to engineering school. In 1966, I was graduated from Indiana Tech as a civil engineer. I worked several years in West Virginia with the highway department, helping with the start of the interstate highway program there.

But after a couple years, I begin to feel that the Lord wanted me to go back to theological school and prepare for full-time ministry of some type. I quit my job in the fall of 1968 and entered Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary in Michigan. There, during a chapel service, I heard about the great needs in Bible translation worldwide, and the Lord used that message to direct me into this emphasis in missions — to this day.

Where did God lead you and what work did you do there?

I transferred to Dallas Theological Seminary in 1969, since it provided more Greek, Hebrew and other courses that would prepare me for Bible translation.

During my first year, I met Suzanne Fogle at Baylor University Medical Center. She was planning to be a missionary nurse. The Lord led us together and we were married in 1970.

We joined Unevangelized Fields Mission in 1972. I was graduated from DTS in 1974, and we went to Indonesia in 1975.

We began work in the Nalja tribe in the eastern highlands of Irian Jaya (west New Guinea, part of Indonesia). We focused primarily on church planting and Bible translation, but were involved in many other ministries there as well.

In 2000, we finished the Nalja New Testament. By this time, the church there was becoming self-supporting, so we began to widen our ministry in the area of Bible translation. We helped start some translation projects in some other languages. We helped train national translators. And we began to speak more in churches and theological schools about the need still existing for Bible translation in many languages.

What have been the results of the ministry there?

Several UFM missionaries preceded us at Nalja, making initial contact with this cannibalistic, remote, jungle tribe. The tribe had an unwritten language and they did not have a lot of interest. The work was very difficult. Finally, the first believer was baptized in 1974, a year before we arrived.

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Getting to Know You: John and Barbara Arms

Tommie Loveless

Congratulations to **John and Barbara Arms**, who will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on Oct. 30.

Growing up in Louisiana, they attended the same high school. "John was two years ahead of me. I knew some of his friends, but I was surprised when he signed my yearbook saying, 'To one of the sweetest sophomores in Fortier High.'" They did not get reacquainted for 48 years.

"I was living in Colorado and she was in Dallas when a mis-transmitted email found its way to her in November 2003," John said. "Subsequently, this led to our marriage in October 2004."

The Arms have six adult children: John's two daughters and twin sons, all living with their families in other areas, and Barbara's two sons and families, including one living in Lake Highlands. Together they have 14 grandchildren.

"We are so proud of all of them, and our goal is to continue growing and nurturing these loving relationships which God has so graciously orchestrated through His divine intervention," Barbara said. "Thank you, Lord."

John earned two degrees and graduated from Louisiana State University, New Orleans, in 1971, with a master's degree in education. He joined the Marine Corps, where he served for many years in active duty and in the Reserves. He also worked with the Federal Civil Service as department head of Vocational Training for At Risk

Youth before he retired from military and government duty. Early on, he also coached sports at the high school and college levels.

Barbara also graduated with a major in education. She taught for eight years in Los Angeles and for 28 years at University Park Elementary in Dallas before retiring in 2000.

John accepted Christ as Savior when he was 13 during a Billy Graham crusade. He started a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter at a New Orleans high school. He also was involved with Coaches Outreach, a ministry for high school coaches.

Barbara was christened and confirmed in a German Evangelical and Reformed church but remained unsure of her salvation through Christ until age 32, when she was befriended by Christian ladies who shared their relationship with Christ.

"That is when my faith began to blossom," she said. "It is a journey I am still on, and it is a gift to have John making it with me."

Fellowship Bible Church, Park Cities, previously was their home church. They came to Redeemer searching for a smaller church where people are caring and supportive of one another.

"We love the traditional style of the worship services and look forward to growing as believers and encouraging others," Barbara said. John enjoys singing in the choir. They recently traveled together to Word of Life Hungary with a Redeemer short-term mission team.

John and Barbara, as two of our recent new members, we are delighted that you are such a vital part of our church family. **Welcome to Redeemer!**



Sage-Matthews Wedding

Congratulations to **William and Laramie Matthews**, who were married at Redeemer on Saturday, September 22. Their officiating pastor was **Tony Gomillion**.



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Donate Shoes to Help Needy Children

Orphan Sunday will be held Nov. 4. Churches nationwide will remember the world's most vulnerable children by observing this special day in a variety of ways.

At Redeemer, we will sponsor a shoe drive beginning on Oct. 14 and leading up to Orphan Sunday. The drive is coordinated by Shoes for Orphan Souls, a ministry of Dallas-based Buckner International.

You may purchase a new pair of shoes and leave them in marked bins in our lobby or foyer by Nov. 4. Sizes from youth 1 to adult 7 are most needed. New socks are also welcome. Brighten a child's day even more by including a special note or picture in your donated shoes.

Thank you for remembering the orphan in distress (James 1:27).



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The single missionary who was there when we arrived helped us start learning the language. We helped a little with the first major baptism — 40 people — in 1976, and we started Bible translation in 1977.

With some of the first believers going out as evangelists to other villages in the jungle, God's Word began to spread. In more and more villages, fetishes were burned, baptismal classes were carried out and baptisms were held. There are now more than 40 indigenous, self-supporting churches and more than 6,000 baptized believers in the Nalja tribe of 15,000 to 20,000 people.

What is a specific example of how God has changed lives there?

The people lived in fear and superstition. Here's one minor example of a change in their lives: Previously, if twins were born, the second one would be taken away into the forest and left to die, as they believed it was probably a spirit or a result of some special evil spirit activity. Now they welcome twins as gifts from God. Also, the treatment of women changed drastically for the better, after hearing and understanding the Scriptural principles about marriage and family.

What is your current ministry?

We are currently seconded — or loaned — to Wycliffe Bible Translators as the coordinator of Indonesian church relations in the United States. Our main focus is on disseminating information, raising awareness and stimulating involvement by Indonesians themselves, with regard to the great Bible translation needs still existing in Indonesia and around the world.

How often do you return to Indonesia and what is your continuing ministry there?

We return to Indonesia each year to follow up on the ministries in which we have been involved, to assist the national church Bible translation department, and to speak in Indonesian churches and theological schools about their responsibility to get Bible translation done in the language groups of their country still needing it.

What is Vision 2025 and why is it important?

This is what we are passionate about! Vision 2025 is the goal to have a Bible translation project at least *started* in *every* language in the world that needs one by the year 2025, should the Lord tarry. This is vitally important because people in language groups all around the world are dying every day without understanding the Gospel!

Approximately 2,000 language groups are priority needs to have Bible translation started as soon as possible. Twenty percent of those 2,000 languages — 400 language groups — are in Indonesia. So, Indonesia is the *key* country in the whole world with respect to meeting this Vision 2025 goal.

But missionaries do not need to do all this work themselves. There are now about 13 million evangelical Christians in Indonesia. They have the churches, the theological schools, the personnel and the financial resources to accomplish most of this task themselves. However, we still need missionaries to help disseminate the information about these needs, to stimulate them to involvement, and to work alongside them to finish this great task of Bible translation, and subsequently, the Great Commission!

Where can people get more information about Vision 2025 and about your ministry?

Our web site — www.rogerdoriot.com — has a lot of information. From there, you can readily connect with our Facebook pages — Roger Doriot and Roger Ernest Doriot — which have much more information. One of the best internet pages to explain this well is on the Wycliffe UK site:

<http://wycliffe.org.uk/wycliffe/about/vision-2025.html>

You can also search Google for “Vision 2025 Bible translation” and find a lot of information. To see some good videos explaining various aspects of Vision 2025, its importance and the effect of doing Bible translation, search YouTube for “Kimyal,” “Roger Doriot,” “Vision 2025” and “Bible translation.”

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