



# The Trumpet Psalm 150:3a

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## Member Spotlight: The Cleveland Family

Growing up in Dublin, Ohio, Edie and Joel Cleveland think they must have met each other in band. Joel played the saxophone while Edie played the flute. (You may remember them playing together at our Christmas Eve service last year). After dating through college, Joel and Edie attempted to go their separate ways. Edie recalls applying for a mission program to teach ESL in Japan, only to find out that Joel had applied for a similar program and would be assigned only 10 miles from her, halfway around the world! Neither made it to Japan, but God did bring them back together (eventually), and they married in July of 1997. Job transfers have taken them from Dallas to Houston, San Antonio, Atlanta and back to Dallas. Now in McKinney, the Cleveland household is greatly enriched by Riley, who just turned 2 in May.

Joel was born in Portland, OR the 2<sup>nd</sup> of four boys,

but moved to Ohio when he was 8 years old. He grew up in the church and cannot remember a time of not knowing Jesus as Lord. After high school (and the stint in marching band), Joel earned his degree in marketing at Miami of Ohio; he now works for Nutro Products as a sales manager. In addition to spending time with his family, Joel enjoys golfing and following Ohio State football.

Edie is also the 2<sup>nd</sup> child in her family; she has an older and younger brother. She also cannot remember a time when she did not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Edie left Ohio for college, earning a degree in Political Science from Anderson University in Indiana. In addition to managing the home and being "mom" to Riley, Edie enjoys "anything artistic" : baking, painting, and playing the flute. If you partici-

pated in VBS last year and enjoyed the lovely props in the hallways, you have glimpsed a bit of Edie's painting talent.

**How is God working today?** Edie : "God has blessed us with our son Riley. We tried for 7 years before we became pregnant with him. Being a wife and mother is my true heart's desire. God daily reminds me of his power, glory, discipline and expectations through Riley. I am pleased to be in relationship and Bible Study with so many godly women who challenge me to be the best Christian wife and mother that I can possibly be."

Joel : "God has blessed us with a beautiful family. I am also blessed with the job that I have. The search for a traditional church has been ongoing throughout our marriage. To find a vibrant, growing church with such powerful preaching has truly been a blessing to our family."



**Edie, Riley and Joel Cleveland**

## Pray for the Persecuted Church

### **ALGERIA** Christian Sentenced for Carrying a Bible - Compass Direct News

On April 29, a court in Djlifa, south of Algiers, charged a 33-year-old Muslim convert to Christianity with "printing, storing and distributing" illegal religious material. According to Compass Direct News, "An Algerian Christian detained five days for carrying

a Bible and personal Bible study books was handed a 300 -Euro (US \$460) fine and a one-year suspended prison sentence." Compass reported this conviction was the latest in numerous detentions and court cases against Algerian Christians. "Since January, police and provincial officials have ordered the closure of up to half of the country's estimated 50 Protestant congrega-

tions," Compass Direct said. The 33-year-old Algerian Christian converted from Islam to Christianity eight years ago. On April 25, he was stopped at a police road block while riding in a shared taxi. Compass Direct added, "Officials took the convert into custody upon finding a Bible and several religious study books in his *(continued on page 3)*

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## “WHILE I AM AWAY ... PRAY”



**Bryant McGee,  
Senior Pastor**

By the time you sit down to read this article, I will have begun my sabbatical for the summer months. First let me say how thankful I am to serve a body who delights in taking care of their pastors. I have many friends in ministry who do not have similar reasons to be thankful. Thank you for letting me step away for refreshment, renewal, mediation, prayer, reading, and planning.

In addition to your generosity in allowing me to step away, I want to ask you to pray for my family and me over these next few months. To that end, I have been thinking through the three months I am going to be gone and have come up with a Scripture verse for each of these months. The verse I have chosen for each month is directly related to what I hope will be the very thing I am going to be reading, reflecting, and praying for. Would you join me in praying to that end?

**JUNE** – My verse for the month of June is Philippians 4:3 – *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”* As I start my time away, the family and I will be spending some time on South Padre Island with Jennifer’s mother. I hope to spend time this month concentrating on rejoicing in the gift of pastoral ministry, serving the saints of Redeemer, the blessings of working with such a wonderful

staff, and the general goodness of my Heavenly Father to me and my family. We will be visiting 4 different churches this month where we hope to rejoice with other believers as we “participate” in the means of grace instead of “officiate” over them.

**JULY** – My verse for the month of July is Luke 21:31a – *“Their eyes were opened and they recognized him.”* This passage is from the disciples encounter with the risen Savior as they walked with him on the road to Emmaus. They traveled with him for some time as he taught them about himself from the law and the prophets, but they did not even know it was Jesus. I think ministry is this way many times. I get so busy doing ministry I fail to do ministry because my focus is not on the Savior but on accomplishing the task. At the end of July and the beginning of August, Jennifer and I are going to be taking a trip to Greece to trace the steps of Paul’s second missionary journey. We will be standing before the stream where Lydia was baptized in Philippi, we will be having communion where Paul addressed the Corinthian church in their poor practice of the sacrament, we will be standing in Berea where the saints searched the Scriptures to see if what Paul was teaching was true, we will be in Ephesus where Paul stayed for 2 years preaching

and teaching, we will be in Thessalonica where Paul was persecuted, and we will be in Athens and stand before the “unknown god.” My prayer will be that seeing these places with my own eyes will dramatically impact not only my preaching upon my return, but the opening of my eyes to better understand the love of my Savior and the formation of His bride, the church.

**AUGUST** – My verse for the month of August is 2 Corinthians 12:9 – *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”* As I begin to wind down and think about “re-entry,” I will be taking a couple of private retreats where I will be going away to refocus, re-evaluate, and prepare to return. I hope my return will be marked with greater dependence upon the grace I seek to preach about each week as one who continually experiences it. Ministry is service and I hope to return with a deeper passion for it and a deeper reliance upon God’s grace to accomplish all that He desires to accomplish through me.

Thank you again, my friends, for this wonderful opportunity, for making ministry a joy to my heart, and for your prayers while I am away.

With all sincerity I say to you, GRACE AND PEACE!  
Bryant

## Change for Life for Hope Resource Center of McKinney



Okay everyone, if you haven’t noticed the Baby bottles piled up in that basket on the table in the Narthex, then you’re not very observant! And if you haven’t picked up one or two to fill with your loose change, then it’s not too late to pick up your baby bottle! This is a wonderful opportunity to support HOPE Resource Center, the pregnancy

care center ministry here in McKinney. Especially since Planned Parenthood has opened an office in McKinney in the last month, along with another abortion (they don’t call themselves that, but we know what their mission is!) center. So Hope needs all the help we can give them!

Therefore, get that

Baby bottle/bottles and fill them with coins, bills and/or checks and return them to the church on Father’s Day, June 15th! Your spare change really can help to transform and even **save lives!**

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Lenhard, Director.

## Pray for the Persecuted Church continued from page 1

luggage. Police appear to have previous knowledge of the Christian's connections. Officers refused to let the convert call friends to let them know of his detention, naming a church member in Tiaret whom they claimed he would contact." Pray believers in Algeria will remain faithful despite persecution. Ask God to protect and give courage to this Algerian Christian who is standing for Christ.

### [Psalm 37:28](#)

#### **CHINA & BURMA** Pray for Believers Affected by the Cyclone and Earthquake - VOM Sources

VOM is encouraging believers to pray for those affected by the cyclone in Burma (Myanmar) and the earthquake in China. Pray God will comfort Christians who have been displaced and lost loved ones during these natural disasters. Ask Him to provide for them during this difficult time and for the Holy Spirit to be their comforter.

### [Isaiah 61: 1-3](#)

#### **WEST BANK** Pastor's Son Recovering after Bomb Attack - VOM Sources

Praise God! Amiel Ortiz, the teenage son of Messianic Pastor David Ortiz, is recovering after he was seriously injured when a bomb delivered to the family's home in the Jewish settlement went off in his hands. According to

The Voice of the Martyrs contacts, Amiel's father reports, "We checked out of the Schneider Children's Hospital last week after a six-week stay, eight days in the ICU and the rest on the children's floor. Ami received excellent care from the doctors and nurses in that hospital, but in response to prayer from the four corners of the earth, Ami has been healing at a rate that is extraordinary. The plastic surgeon that worked on Ami said that in his 15 years of experience, he had never seen such extensive wounds. He said he has at least 100 pieces of shrapnel in his body from his head to his feet, which his body is slowly bringing up under the surface of the skin, which will come out by themselves." Pray for Amiel's continued recovery as he has transitioned into a rehabilitation center. Pray specifically for both eardrums to be restored, for him to regain use of his hands and arms, and healing for the burns and scars on his body. Also for the emotional healing for Amiel and his family, and for those responsible for the attack to be brought to justice. Ask God to give this family strength to forgive their attackers.

### [1 Corinthians 1: 3-5](#)

#### **VIETNAM**

**Government Officials Confiscate Evangelist's Home - Compass Direct News**  
Government officials in Viet-

nam's Lao Cai province have confiscated the land and home of a former opium addict because of his phenomenal success as an evangelist. According to Compass Direct News, "Local Christians report Sua Vinh Siong of Lau Chai village, in Sapa district in the Northwest Mountainous Region, had long been a desperate opium addict, leading to destitution for him and his family. In 2004, after becoming a Christian, Siong broke from his addiction and his animistic past, taking down paraphernalia for ancestor worship and other spirit-related articles and burning them. His joy over his liberation soon spread to others, and eventually more than 200 families also decided to follow Christ." The Compass report added, "Earlier this month, Siong told other Christian leaders that government harassment had reached a crisis point - in April, local and provincial officials had confiscated his land, citing 'illegal religious activities.' In the first few days of this month, Siong said officials evicted him from his home and threatened to destroy it." Pray for protection for Siong and his family and for their land and home to be returned. Ask God to use his testimony to draw more nonbelievers into fellowship with Him.

### [Philippians 4:13](#)



*Pray for strength and boldness for our brothers and sisters, who suffer for their faith.*

***"Be joyful always; pray continually;"***

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)

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## Redeemer Day School



**Shelli Phillips, Director  
Redeemer Day School**

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RDS celebrates the end of the year on May 29th with the theme of "Splash Day". We are so excited to celebrate this day with water balloons, sprinklers, bubbles and much more. Each class will also be having a picnic as well. Teachers are working hard for this wonderful and fulfilled event.

RDS will not be in session during the summer so we hope that all our children have a fun and restful summer and look forward to seeing everyone back here on September 2nd when we start back to school.

We had 72 students this year and 6 classrooms. Each classroom consisted of a teacher and an aide and approximately 10-12 students in each class. The 4's class had 14 students. This year we had 3 classrooms of just 2 year olds and 1 classroom of infants, 3's and 4's.

For the school year of 2008-2009, we will have 2 classrooms of 2's and 3's and 1 classroom of infants and 4's.

### Youth Report

The youth have been continuing in their study of I Timothy on Wednesday evenings. Pastor Meintjes has been teaching on Paul's injunction to find our contentment in Christ alone. Paul warns that many people will seek to use even their spiritual gifts for personal gain, and that many will be lovers of money. But Paul, who suffered such terrible abuses and injustices at the hands of men, truly has credibility when he says that we find great gain in being satisfied with food, covering, and Christ. When we are satisfied with these very good things, we will actually receive

We currently have 50 students enrolled and still enrolling. Our school will only hold up to 75 students at full capacity. We are very excited about the



growth of RDS and looking forward to growing in the future with a new education wing that will break ground in November of 2008.

The preschool classrooms of 3's and 4's have completed their first evaluations of academic learning. They were evaluated for letters, shapes, numbers and did very well.

The school had a review week and discussed all the bible stories that were read throughout the year, such as Noah's Ark, Baby Moses, the birth of Christ and the resurrection of Christ as well.



RDS's main focus is to teach each and every student about the Lord and the bible and prayer. We want to teach them through the mind, body and soul. Also, the teachers reinforce good behavior in each child and represent a good role model to each student daily.



*"Godliness with contentment is great gain."*

I Timothy 6:6

the great gain of complete contentment here on earth, and we store up riches in heaven. Pastor Meintjes invited the youth to weed out of their hearts and minds those things they long for more than Jesus.

The youth girls enjoyed a night of fellowship in March at our Girls Night Out with event hostesses Laura Meintjes and Anne Chamberlin. Olivia, Miranda, and Courtney were the winners of our First Ever Stonebriar Mall Scavenger Hunt. After the auspicious event (where many able-bodied patrons of Stonebriar Mall had doors opened for them), we all

gathered for a casual evening of ice cream sundaes and conversation.

We are now approaching the end of the school year and the youth have lots of important tests and papers. Please pray for them as they study...that they would have a complete recollection of what they study, skill as they communicate in tests and papers, rest and health so they may finish strong, and that they would bring glory to God in their vocation as students!

## Christ's Sympathy to Weary Pilgrims by Octavius Winslow 1808-1878

The world passes away. Everything here in this present world is changing.

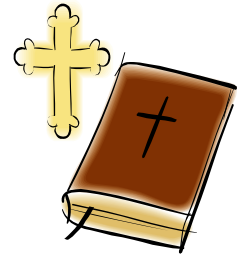
"Life is like a painted dream;  
Like the rapid summer stream;  
Like the fleeting meteor's ray;  
Like the shortest winter's day;  
Like the fitful breeze that sighs;  
Like the waning flame that dies;  
Darting, dazzling on the eye;  
Fading in eternity."

A rope of sand, a spider's web, a silken thread, a passing shadow, an ebbing wave, are the most fitting and expressive emblems of all

things belonging to this present earthly state. The homes that sheltered us in childhood we leave. The land which gave us birth we leave. The loved ones who encircled our hearths pass away. The friends of early years depart. And the world that was so sunny, and life that was so sweet, is all beclouded and embittered—the whole scenery of existence changed into wintry gloom. Such are the saddening, depressing effects of life's vicissitudes.

But in the midst of all, "this God is our God for ever and ever!" All beings change but God. All things change but heaven. The evolutions of time revolve, the events of

earth go onward, but He upon whom all things hang, and by whom all events are shaped and controlled, moves not. "For I am the Lord, I change not." Our affairs may alter. Our circumstances may change. Our relations and friends may depart one by one. Our souls in a single day pass through many fluctuations of spiritual feeling. But He who chose us to be His own, and who has kept us to the present moment, is our covenant God and Father forever and ever, and will never throw us off and cast us away. For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death."



**"For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death"**  
Psalm 48:14

**Life is Like a Painted Dream**

## Women In the Church

Well ladies, the months of June and July are the planning months for the upcoming Fall activities for our Women In the Church and the first meeting of the new Board will be on Saturday morning, June 7th. So please pray for us as we plan and organize for the upcoming year.

Some of the things we will be doing are deciding on a theme and scripture for the year, planning our annual retreat, planning the opening meeting, and working on the WIC bible studies to name a few of our responsibilities.

So you can see that we really need your prayers!

In case you missed the names of your Board, they are as follows:

**President:** Linda Clark  
**Vice President:** Nancy Kerr  
**Secretary:** Heather Conrad  
**Treasurer:** Laura Anderson  
**Historian:** Sherry Arp

Also, very important are our Council leaders:

**Prayer Chain:** Kelley Burgess  
**Social Committee:** Linda Teasley  
**TLC:** Rachel Keller & Marilyn Van Pelt

Now, we have openings on 2 committees for Chairwomen and helpers. Those are the **Outreach Committee**

and the **Cheer Committee**. Outreach is self explanatory, but our other committee is the one which plans our baby showers and wedding showers! So you can see that both of these committees are very important for the ministry to the women. So please pray about taking on one of these responsibilities for the Lord's work and contact me or one of the other Board members.

Okay now, remember to pray for your WIC Board as we plan for next year. Also, if you have any requests or suggestions, please be sure to tell them to one of us.

Grace and peace,  
Linda Clark  
President

1 Peter 2:3-4

**"Do not let your adornment be merely outward, arranging the hair, wearing gold or putting on fine apparel, rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God."**

## Mercy Ministry Report



Stephanie  
Hanson,  
Chairman

*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*  
Galatians 6:9

The Silver Threads Thrift Store (McKinney) is in need of all sizes of gently-worn summer clothes for men, women, and children.

If you aren't aware, the Silver Threads Thrift Store benefits the Collin County Committee on Aging and in turn the Meals on Wheels program. The store is open to the public and benefits the community by providing discount merchandise to those in

need and in turn provides benefits to CCCoA with proceeds from the store.

If you have clothing you would like to donate, you may:

1. Take it to the Silver Threads Thrift Store and receive a tax deductible receipt (the address is 600 North Tennessee in McKinney) or
2. Bring the clothing to church (a bin will be placed under the name tag bulletin board) on Sundays (through June 15) and Marilyn Van Pelt will de-

liver your donations to the thrift store for you.

In addition, if you are clearing out any unwanted items, Silver Threads is a great alternative to many of the other collection agencies in town.

To all of you who brought bags of beans during our April Bean Drive for the McKinney Food Pantry, many thanks. Ed Kaylor made our delivery and thinks there were about 118 bags of beans.

Thank you for every service and act of kindness!

## A Smoother Way to Glory?

*“Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”*

Acts 14:22 (ESV)

The Lord has chosen that His people should pass through deep and cutting afflictions, for it is “through *many tribulations*” they are to enter the Kingdom of God above, and into the sweetness and power of the Kingdom of God below. *But every man will resent this doctrine, unless God has led him experimentally into it. It is such a rough and rugged path—it is so contrary to flesh and blood—it is so inexplicable to nature and reason—that man, proud, rebellious man, will never believe that he must enter into the Kingdom of God through many tribulations.*

And this is the reason

why so many find, or seek to find, **a smoother way to glory** than the Lord has appointed His saints to walk in. But shall the Head travel in one path—and the members in another? Shall the Bridegroom walk and wade through seas of sorrow—and the bride never so much as wet her feet with water? Shall the Bridegroom be crucified in weakness and suffering—and there be no inward crucifixion for the dearly beloved of His heart? Shall the Head suffer, grieve, agonize, groan, and die—and the members dance down a flowery road, without inward sorrow or outward suffering?

But perhaps, there are some who say in their heart, “I am well convinced of this—but *my coward flesh* shrinks from it. I know if I am to reach the Canaan above, I must pass through the appointed portion of tribu-

lation. But my coward flesh shrinks back!” It does! It does! Who would willingly bring trials upon himself? Therefore the Lord does not leave these trials in our hands—but He Himself appoints a certain measure of tribulation for each of His people to pass through. They will come soon enough—you need not *anticipate* them—you need not *wish* for them. *God will bring them—in His own time and in His own way.* And what is more, God will not merely bring you *into* them, but God will bring you *through* them and God will bring you *out of* them! It will be our mercy if enabled to ask the Lord to bless us with faith and patience under tribulation—to give us strength to bear the storm—to lie as clay in His hands—to conform us to the image of His Son—to guide us through this valley of tears below—and eventually to take us to be with Him above!

## Report from the Building Committee

May 3 was an exciting day in the life of Redeemer. Praise God for the wonderful response to our April capital campaign which now stands at \$673,000 pledged through 2010. The congregation voted overwhelmingly to authorize the construction of Phase 2A and 2B and also authorized borrowing up to \$1M to finance the project.

Floorplans and an overall view of our expanded church are available as posters for your viewing in the Narthex.

Phase 2A includes a new educational wing with 9 classrooms, 2 offices, a workroom, restrooms and a large foyer with a covered entry into the building. The wing will be used by both the Sunday School and the Redeemer Day School. It also includes a framed-in upstairs section that can be quickly

finished into 5 additional classrooms and restrooms plus an elevator when money is available.

The Phase 2B sanctuary expansion will involve moving the wall behind the pulpit back 40 feet which will increase our seating to about 500 and allow us to remain united in a single worship service for the foreseeable future after construction is complete.

We also plan to expand the kitchen area and make it more functional for supporting large congregational meals. The kitchen redesign was not complete when our posters were made, so if you look at them, you will not see this part shown.

Thanks to the foresight of Session and the generous financial support of the congregation, we were able to start the architectural design last fall and

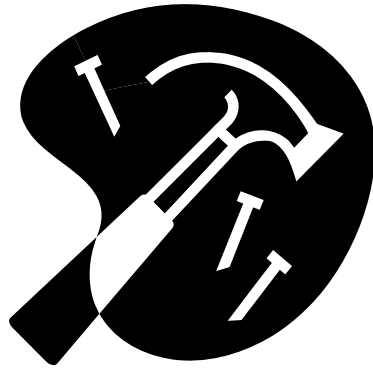
trim many months off a normal development cycle.

We anticipate breaking ground in late fall this year and occupying the new buildings about a year later. The amazing gift we received at year end to pay off our existing mortgage was the key enabler that made this new phase possible from a financial perspective.

Truly God is faithful to us when we are faithful to Him.

The members of the Building Committee are Stewart Teasley (chair), Cindy Blagburn, Steve Buchanan, Lee Hall, Matt Lenhard, Steven McDermott, Tina Meintjes, and Karen Skogsbergh.

Feel free to talk to any of them if you have any questions or concerns about this project.



## Report from the Diaconate

The deacons met on April 30th.

All deacons were present.

The meeting focused on Mercy Ministry, and the Annual Budget.

### One item was scheduled:

The floors will be refinished the first week of July.



**Submitted by  
Steve  
Buchanan,  
Clerk**

## Missionary Spotlight



**Dave and  
Darlene Eby**

God led Dave and Darlene Eby to be missionaries after Dave pastored in San Diego for 20 years in a PCA church. He served as a Sr. pastor for a total of 31 years. During this time Dave and Darlene made short term trips to Uganda and God continued to nudge them to serve there full-time. It was the relationships they established with the Ugandans that drew them to their new call. Dave and Darlene love working and living in Africa.

They have five children. Matt is married to Sharyn and live in New York. Josh is married to Robin and they have four children. (Jonathan, Jacob, Caroline, and Caleb). Josh, Robin and their four children have recently moved to Peru to live in

Trujillo, to work with the Peru mission. Katie is married to Nate and they have two children. (Connor & Alyssa). The last two children are Andrew and Peter.

Dave and Darlene's mission is to train and equip Pastors, Preachers, Church Planters and Leaders who have a passion for the gospel of grace and a zeal for building and multiplying healthy, strong, Biblical, God-centered and Christ-exalting churches in Uganda, Africa and to the ends of the earth. Africa needs trained Pastors and leaders who will be able to equip a huge African Church in the Word of God for a worldwide harvest.

Westminster Theological College and Seminary Uganda seeks to glorify God

by educating and equipping pastors and leaders to serve Christ's church and advance His kingdom in Africa. February marked the beginning of the new academic year for the College. They welcomed 52 students (up from 34 last semester), including 32 new students. Darlene (as the Registrar and Director of Admissions) has contact with all the incoming students and as a result has developed a big heart for the refugee students. Last semester's three refugee students are now up to 12. Dave and Darlene both teach in the Seminary. This year Darlene is teaching English, Christian Education, and is the Dean of Women for their female students who number 12. Dave is teaching Introduction to Self-Counseling ( a course based on Matthew 7:1,5), Preaching II

## Aid for Burma

A devastating cyclone has claimed the lives of as many as 22,500 victims in Burma, leaving hundreds of thousands more without homes, food or clean drinking water. Over 41,000 other victims have been declared missing in the storm's aftermath.

Cyclone Nargis hit the Southeast Asian country in the early morning hours of May 3, 2008, where the 120-mile per hour winds tore the roofs off homes, hospitals and schools, and cut electricity in Yangon, Burma's largest city. Reports from the low-lying Irawaddy region are indicating that as many as 95 percent of the homes in neighboring villages have been destroyed. Many other villages are still under water, cut off from all communications and with no relief aid in sight.

According to experts, reconstruction of many of the devastated towns could take

years, and at least 40 days to reinstall electrical lines in some areas.

In the wake of the destruction, Burma's government is now facing criticism from the international community for failing to properly alert its citizens of the impending storm. First Lady Laura Bush, a long-time critic of Burma's repressive military regime, has also condemned the country's leaders for not accepting U.S. disaster relief aid, claiming that their response to the cyclone is "the most recent example of the junta's failure to meet its people's basic needs." After a meeting with foreign diplomats and U.N. representatives, Burmese officials were said to welcome international assistance; however, the restrictive conditions on what type of relief aid will be permitted into the country from outside agencies is potentially costing the lives of

thousands of desperate victims.

CFI is among the independent humanitarian organizations preparing to deliver emergency assistance to cyclone victims in Burma. Fortunately, none of CFI's existing schools, orphanages or medical clinics were destroyed in the storm, but we are preparing to dispatch backpack medical teams and other supplies into storm-ravaged areas where help is needed most.

As hundreds of thousands of victims in Burma face one of the worst disasters in recent history, you can help with our effort to get desperately needed aid into the region. Time is of the essence and your donation makes all the difference. Will you step forward for those suffering in Burma today?

Sincerely in Christ,  
Jim Jacobson, President  
CFI

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and Introduction to Reformed Theology.

In December they reported the ground breaking for the new campus (which will serve both the College and the Seminary). Dave and Darlene are now thrilled to report that there are five buildings under construction. They are also humbled and full of gratitude to report that in answer to prayer and through the generosity of God's people the construction costs for both phases 1A and 1B (\$419,832) have been pledged in their entirety.

### Prayer Needs:

- For strength for us to persevere in the rewarding work here
- Wisdom and love in teaching, discipling and counseling students
- Personal feeding on the Word and private prayer to be strong
- Protection and wisdom for Gordon and Sally Thomason from Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL. Gordon leads the construction project as our field manager and works with a crew of 40 to 50 daily, except Sunday. This is a challenging job in another culture. Sally is a nurse and helps at the Zana Clinic. They need strength, protection, wisdom and love. Instead of retiring to relax, Gordon took an early retirement to use his vast experience in construction to build for the Kingdom in Uganda. We praise the Lord for the Thomasons!
- For spiritual protection for all of our faculty and staff at the College and Seminary. We are at war and the enemy hates

what we are doing and continually throws his flaming arrows. We need humble dependence on the One Who gives grace through the Cross.



### Prayer Requests

### Geography Lesson:

Uganda is a landlocked nation of 91,000 square miles (about the size of Michigan) that rests on the equator in central Africa. The population is about 23 million, with a life expectancy of only 42 years (1 in 12 Ugandans is an orphan). The country and their people are poor, especially compared to American standards: 77% live on rammed earth floors; 92% do not have electricity; the main source of information is word of mouth; only 4.5% have a television.

## Habitat for Humanity House



The Canela family moves into the Habitat house, which Redeemer and Trinity PC in Plano, along with Blockbuster, co-sponsored in East McKinney this past year. Volunteers

from each of the groups helped build this house over the past 4 months. After lots of hard work, Maria Canela and her 3 children took possession of the home this past April 19th.

Also, on that day was a dedication ceremony at the home, with McKinney Mayor Bill Whitfield and Commissioner Joe Jaynes offering opening remarks. RPC

Deacon Bob Burgess also spoke a few comments in Spanish, ably translated via email from daughter Laura. It was a great dedication with Maria and her kids so excited to finally move into their first house. If you're interested in getting involved in such a project give Bob a call and I'm sure he can put you in touch with the right people!



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