



The Trumpet Psalm 150:3a

Member Spotlight: The Phillips Family

Doyle and Kay Phillips are both native Texans who enjoy a distinctively cold climate activity - dog sledding. For the past two winters, Doyle, Kay and their ten year old son, Jake, have traveled to Ely, Minnesota for a long weekend of traveling from lodge to lodge by dog sled. They hope to one day have the unique experience of dog sledding in the North Pole!

Both Kay and Doyle grew up in Garland. Doyle joined the Marines after high school and served his country for six years. He then became a police officer in Garland and served his community for ten years. During his last four years as a police officer, Doyle attended school full time to earn his bachelors degree in Industrial Technology. While on the police force, Doyle met Kay through a mutual friend. Doyle jokes that he knew Kay was the "one" when she

passed her background check.

The Phillips enjoy living in the Farmersville area. Kay has welcomed a number of stray animals into their home. Currently, they have four adopted stray dogs and one cat.

Doyle is an industrial engineer at Raytheon. He is pursuing a PhD in Operations Research at Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Doyle serves as adjunct faculty at Walden, teaching on line classes for the university.

Doyle grew up as an only child. He was raised in the Catholic church but drifted away during his teenage years. While stationed in North Carolina during his military service, Doyle was invited to a Baptist church where he came to know Jesus Christ as Savior. Kay is the youngest of three

children. As a child, Kay attended a Baptist church with her grandmother and came to a saving faith at age eleven.

The Phillips began attending Redeemer last November. They were led to a PCA church through the radio ministry of R. C. Sproul. In reflecting on how God is at work in each of their lives today, Doyle replies that "God has blessed us with much more than we deserve, a wonderful son, a loving relationship with Him and each other, and the list goes on. Most recently by leading us to Redeemer as we looked for a church that takes worship seriously, a church that is God-centered rather than man-centered. This has sparked a renewed hunger for His word, and we are looking forward to growing closer to Him as we worship with our brothers and sisters at RPC."



Doyle, Kay and Jake Phillips

Pray for the Persecuted Church

ERITREA

Students Imprisoned in Shipping Container, Bibles Burned.. On August 5, Eritrean authorities locked eight high school students in a metal shipping container and burned hundreds of Bibles at Sawa Defense Training Centre.

According to Compass Direct News, the students were imprisoned in the

container after they objected to authorities confiscating and burning 1,500 Bibles taken from new students who arrived at the training center for the new 2008-2009 school year. "During the time that the Bibles were set on fire, the Chief Commander of Sawa, Col. Debesai Ghide, gave a warning to all the students by telling them that Sawa is a place of patriotism,

not a place of Pentes [Pentecostals]. Eight male students to whom God gave boldness to speak against the burning of the Bibles have been taken into custody in one of the metal containers that the military uses as prison cells for Christians who have been found practicing in the center," Compass reported. *(continued on page 3)*

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**Stewart Teasley,
Building
Committee Chair**

Building Committee Report

The Building Committee is now working with the architects as they produce the detailed construction drawings scheduled for the end of September. These drawings will first be used to solicit bids from several building contractors and then they will be used by the selected contractor during the construction phase. We anticipate receiving construction bids during the month of October and actually breaking ground in early November.

We are also in conversation with several financial institutions who might provide us with appropriate construction and permanent financing

for the project. After we get cost updates from the building contractors, we will know with much more certainty exactly how much money we will need to borrow and when we will need it.

If you have not yet made a pledge to the building program or if you are in a position to increase your pledge, please consider turning in a pledge card in the offering plate. Although our design is now complete, we will not be able to sign a construction contract in October if it forces us to exceed the \$1,000,000 debt limit established by the congregation. In making this computation we can only use

income that is pledged to the program, so if pledged funds are not available, we may have to scale back certain aspects of the project to stay within our debt limit.

The work of the Building Committee is now transitioning from design to construction as the architects produce detailed construction drawings over the next 30-45 days. If you have expertise in the areas of building construction, remodeling or managing a bidding process, please feel free to contact the committee chair, Stewart Teasley at 972 562-4111. We can use your help.



SHARING HOPE IN MCKINNEY



With the arrival of two family planning clinics in McKinney this past spring, one being Planned Parenthood, there is more need than ever for a strong voice in our community to point young men and women to the Voice of Truth, Jesus Christ.

HOPE Resource Center takes a firm stand for biblical values and is a beacon of light and hope for

those struggling with unplanned pregnancies and post abortion pain.

Please join HOPE for their annual fall fundraising banquet, **The Voice of Truth**, on **Sept. 25, 2008** at **6:15 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Allen**

This special time is to help this pregnancy resource center step up to the

next level to provide even more effective ministry to our community.

Support HOPE!

Compassionately sharing truth, meeting needs, saving and changing lives.

Attached to this newsletter is a brochure on the banquet.

Pray for the Persecuted Church continued from page 1

The Eritrean government cracks down on Christians, often placing believers in metal containers which are extremely hot during the day and cold during night. Nearly 1,800 Eritrean Christians are believed to be under arrest because of their religious beliefs, held in police stations, military camps and prisons in 12 known locations across Eritrea. It is believed more than 28 clergymen are being held.

Jailed Christians are routinely subjected to physical beatings and severe psychological pressure to deny their religious beliefs. Police and military authorities continue to demand the prisoners return to one of the three "official" Christian denominations recognized by the government. But even the legally recognized denominations—the nation's historic Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran churches—have come under government disfavor in recent the past year, incurring threats and even jailing by security police officials.

VOM encourages you to pray these students will be released. Ask God to encourage other Christians suffering for Christ's sake in Eritrean prisons.

Olympic Persecution:

China Customs officials confiscated 315 Chinese Bibles from a Vision Beyond Borders team on Sunday, August 17, 2008. The Bibles were hidden in the group's suitcases. They were discovered as the group passed through customs in the Kunming airport. Forrest Higginbotham, age 78, an area coordinator in VOM Volunteer Network (VON), was a member of the team, along with his grandson, Stephen Constantinou, 15.

The event had significant foreign media coverage. By cell phone from the airport, Patrick told the Associated Press, "I heard that there's freedom of

religion in China, so why is there a problem for us to bring Bibles?" He told them the customs officials said they could only have one personal Bible each.

In a press release from VBB, Klein reiterated China's desperate need for Bibles. There are thousands of Chinese believers who do not have Bibles while **30 to 40,000 people in China become Christians every day.** "Many pastors don't even have a Bible," Patrick said. Continue to pray that God's Spirit will penetrate into China and that followers of Jesus will have access to his Word.

Inspiration for Olympic Prayer Band Arrested—Pastor Zhang "Bike" Mingxuan, known for traveling across China on a bicycle to evangelize, was arrested by Chinese police just two days before the Olympics began. Pastor Bike was the inspiration for the recent partnership between VOM and China Aid Association to create the Olympic Prayer Ban.

Earlier this year, Pastor Bike pleaded with VOM staff to ask Christians to pray for persecuted Christians in China during the Olympics. The pastor voluntarily preaches the gospel openly in China despite being persecuted. He has asked for his identity to be revealed to bring continued attention to the persecution of Christians in Communist China.

Thanks to Pastor Bike's inspiration and the commitment of concerned Christians across the United States, more than 800,000 prayer bands have been circulated. On Aug. 6, Pastor Bike was arrested while trying to deliver medicine to his ailing wife. His wife and another pastor were also arrested. We have also learned that Chinese officials are opening a full investigation of the Olympic Prayer Bands that were distributed to house church members within

China.

Pastor Bike, president of the Chinese House Church Alliance, rode his bike more than 10,000 miles, visiting 24 Chinese provinces to introduce non-believers to Jesus Christ. Armed with a Bible and his business card, which declared "Believe in Jesus, Be Granted Eternal Life," Pastor Bike brought the gospel to thousands of people. He and other Chinese evangelists have been repeatedly harassed by Chinese officials during this Olympic year.

Please pray for the release of Pastor Bike and his wife.

Pastor Re-arrested Sunday, Escapes...Pastor Hua Huiqi, who was evicted from his rental apartment in Beijing on July 2, and subsequently forced to leave China's capital, was arrested Sunday while trying to attend a service at a state-approved church. The service at the Three Self-Patriotic Movement's Kuanjie Church was attended by U.S. President George W. Bush. According to China Aid Association, Pastor Hua was walking to the state-approved church early Sunday morning when he was detained by the Chinese police. After about six hours, Pastor Hua took an opportunity and fled. He is now at large. Pastor Hua once had his door welded shut by Chinese police to keep him inside. In another incident, a policeman used a 10-pound hammer to break the locks on his door to evict Pastor Hua and his family including his 90-year-old father. Since that incident a couple of months ago Pastor Hua has been basically homeless. Government officials have labeled Hua a trouble-maker and stated their intention was to detain Hua until after the Olympic Games.

Please pray for Pastor Hua and all the Chinese Christians who have been persecuted during this Olympic season.



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)

www.persecution.com

www.prisoneralert.com



Redeemer Day School



**Shelli Phillips,
RDS Director**

Exciting news for RDS!!! We are anxious about starting our first day of school this year on Sept 2nd. To prepare for another great year, we had staff development days on August 26th-27th. Teachers and teacher assistants were able to meet our very first school board, which consists of members from our church and receive some great resourceful information from them.

RDS is very blessed to have such a great group of men and women from our church to reach out to our school.

Meet the Teacher was on Thursday, August 28th. This gave our children time and involvement in meeting their new teacher and getting to know one another.

With our new school year approaching, we have a wonderful, well trained staff waiting for our RDS children.

We have our very first Redeemer Day School t-shirts and tote bags. They are a wonderful addition to our school and I'm sure not only will the children enjoy wearing, but our teachers as well.

Our teachers are busy making preparations to provide a loving Christian environment conducive to learning and we can't wait for the school year to begin.

We are currently seeking teacher aide positions for anyone interested, please see me, Shelli Phillips, Director or email me at: s.phillips75@yahoo.com

Looking forward to the upcoming school year.
Shelli



**Marty Sudac
Nurse &
Writer**

Introducing our new Writer for the *Trumpet*: Marty Sudac

Marty is a new member of our family at Redeemer and I am especially glad to have her since Caroline Ong moved away and Marty will take over writing the articles on the Spotlight families.

Marty has lived in Plano the last 12 years and has two grown children: Michael, who is 36 years old and Anne, who is 27, who also live in the area.

Some of her areas of interest are reading theology books and a few fiction and non-fiction too. Teaching is another activity she enjoys (she tells me that she loves teenagers & even taught a youth bible study in the past), but her real love is being a neonatal nurse, where she teaches parents about the medical conditions of their children and also, gets to teach other ICU nurses about taking care of ill premature infants.

Marty was raised Dallas in a Catholic family and is the second of five children, all who are Christians. In fact, her older sister is her best friend. She graduated from Ursuline Academy and is very grateful for her Catholic background, because it gave her a firm belief in basic doctrinal truths—Jesus is the Son of God, the Trinity, the virgin birth, the Resurrection. However, she didn't not know the Gospel and had no idea that she was a sinner.

Eleven years ago, after a crisis in her life, in which God humbled her and opened her eyes to her desperate state, Marty began searching for the Truth and heard the gospel on Christian Radio. Once the Word of God did its work in her heart, she began attending an Episcopal (now Anglican) church and grew in her faith. A few years ago, she was drawn to

the sovereignty of God and did an internet search on it. This introduced her to reformed theology, so after another internet search for reformed churches in this area, she found Redeemer.

Our God is working in Marty's live today by:

"Giving me a hunger to study the Bible and by changing my affections, so that I desire Him more and more."

So now you know who Marty Sudac is and when your family is to be one of our Spotlight Families, you will know who it is that is calling and asking so many personal questions. Also, you can read her first article on page 1 of this Trumpet.

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

"Jesus wept." These are among the most wonderful words recorded in the Bible. They mark the most exquisitely tender, touching and expressive incident in His whole life. "Jesus wept"—wept from emotion, wept from sympathy. Is there a more consolatory, soothing view of Christ's love than this? *It is a compassionate, sympathizing, weeping love!*

The sympathy of Jesus never wearies or slumbers, it never chills or forgets. It entwines with our every cross—attaches to our every burden—and frosts with sparkling

light, each darkling cloud. It is not the vapid sentiment of fiction, nor the morbid sympathy of romance. It is a divine-human reality. *It is the sympathetic love of the Incarnate God!*

Let your faith, then repose with confidence on the reality of Christ's sympathy with your grief. Oh how sacred and precious are the tears of divine love—the tears of Jesus! Soothed and sustained by such a sympathy as Christ's, we may well drink meekly the cup our Father mingle—we can well afford to be severed from all other sympathy, and weep out our sor-

row in lonely places—Jesus sympathizing with us by the couch of languor, by the bed of darkness, and at the grave of buried love.

O afflicted one, tossed with tempest and not comforted, refuse not this cup of consolation which the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, would give you—the sympathy of your Lord and Savior, your Friend and Brother in the time of your calamity. Yield yourself to its irresistible power, and it will draw you submissively to His feet, and hush to rest your sobbing heart upon His bosom!



The Tears of Jesus

**"Jesus wept."
John 11:35**

Women In the Church

Well ladies, September is the month for beginning our new year of the WIC and our Fall Kick-Off will be on Monday, September 8. Please be sure to respond to the E-vite, so we can plan properly.

Our Guest Speaker is Mary Hartnett, who is an expert in the power of eating. This promises to be a really fascinating and informative time and we will have the opportunity to actually taste some of her recipes! She has a web site, if you're interested in learning more:

So sorry we are not having childcare, but since most Fathers are home evenings, we felt this was an opportunity for the men to help their wives and give them a night out by taking care of the kids for a few hours. So thank you to the men for helping!

Also, our WIC Bible Studies begin the following

week of September 15. We will be doing a study of the Gospel of Mark and are using workbooks from NavPress.

The two groups are:

*Monday evenings at 7:30pm, meeting at the church and led by me. (no childcare)

*Wednesday mornings at 9am, meeting at the church and led by Teri Lytle with help from Nancy Kerr. (childcare available for a small cost)

The sign up sheets are in the Northex and the books are in the Library. The cost of the workbook is \$9.00.

Why do a Bible Study?

Psalm 119:97-105 gives us several good reasons:

"O, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey

your word. I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

From these verses we see that being able to meditate on the word increases our love of God's law; memorizing increases our wisdom; meditating increases our insight; obedience increases our understanding and increases our obedience; understanding increases hatred of sin and God's word shows us the way to live. Wow, that's a lot of blessings from taking the time to study God's word! So be sure to make every effort to join one of the groups, it will really bless you.

Linda Clark
President
Women In the Church



"This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word."

Isaiah 66:2b (ESV)

Life Together *by Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



**Rolf Meintjes,
Associate
Pastor**

Beloved,
We have been exploring areas of the Christian life that often escape us living in North Texas. Family Worship, Hospitality, Christian contentment... are not prominent aspects of the Christian life predominantly because of the hectic pace of life and other factors as well. As we continue to explore some areas of the Christian life that will strengthen our families and church, I came across a very good article while in Philadelphia. Reflect on these words carefully – read each sentence intently. Our day and age of technological advancement, television, lack of time... make this article particularly timely and helpful.

Life Together

by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Ministry of Listening:

The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. It is God's love for us that He not only gives us His Word but also lends us His ear. So it is His work that we do for our brother when we learn to listen to him. Christians, especially ministers, so often think they must always contribute something when they are in the company of others,

that this is the one service they have to render. They forget that listening can be a greater service than speaking.

Many people are looking for an ear that will listen. They do not find it among Christians, because these Christians are talking where they should be listening. But he who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either; he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God, too. This is the beginning of the death of the spiritual chatter and clerical condescension arrayed in pious words. One who cannot listen long and patiently will presently be talking beside the point and be never really speaking to others, albeit he be not conscious of it. Anyone who thinks that his time is too valuable to spend keeping quiet will eventually have no time for God and his brother, but only for himself and for his own follies.

Brotherly pastoral care is essentially distinguished from preaching by the fact that, added to the task of speaking the Word, there is the obligation of listening. There is a kind of listening with half an ear that presumes already to know what the other person has to say. It is an impatient, inattentive listening, that despises the brother and is only waiting for a chance to speak and

thus get rid of the other person. This is no fulfillment of our obligation, and it is certain that here too our attitude toward our brother only reflects our relationship to God. It is little wonder that we are no longer capable of the greatest service of listening that God has committed to us, that of hearing our brother's confession, if we refuse to give ear to our brother on lesser subjects. Secular education today is aware that often a person can be helped merely by having someone who will listen to him seriously, and upon this insight it has constructed its own soul therapy, which has attracted great numbers of people, including Christians. But Christians have forgotten that the ministry of listening has been committed to them by Him who is Himself the great listener and whose work they should share. We should listen with the ears of God that we may speak the Word of God.

Friends at Redeemer.
While this article is convicting, and rightly so, be encouraged. This is a small area of life in which we can truly love one-another. We can be good listeners and take a sincere interest in one-another because of our common faith in Christ. God cares even about the little things, and here's a simple, meaningful and valuable way for us as a body to embody the love of Christ.



Youth Report

The youth spent an incredible, exhausting, spiritually energizing and challenging time in urban St. Louis this summer ministering to widows and children.

The days were full. During the day, they broke into teams and worked on projects

in and outside of widows' homes. In the evening, they ministered to local kids -- playing, teaching, and sharing the gospel. It was a privilege for them to work hard to advance God's Kingdom on earth!

A very special thanks to Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Cox,

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Yates, Mr. Stem, and Mr. Blagburn for chaperoning the mission trip.

In August, the youth enjoyed a back-to-school fellowship cookout with volleyball, swimming, and a slide show of the mission trip.



It is in these storms *by Joseph Charles Philpot (1802-1869)*

The very storms through which the believer passes, will only strengthen him to take a firmer hold of Christ. As the same wind that blows down the shallow-rooted tree, only establishes the deep-rooted tree, so the same storms which uproot the "shallow professor," only establish the "true believer" more firmly in Christ. Though these storms may shake off some of his "leaves," or break off some of the "rotten boughs" at the end of the branch, they do

not uproot the believer's faith, but rather strengthen it.

It is in these storms that he learns more of his own weakness—and of Christ's strength; more of his own misery—and of Christ's mercy; more of his own sinfulness—and of super abounding grace; more of his own poverty—and of Christ's riches; more of his own deserving of hell—and of his own title to heaven.

It is in these storms that the same blessed Spirit who

began the work carries it on—and goes on to engrave the image of Christ in deeper characters upon his heart—and to teach him more and more experimentally the truth as it is in Jesus. **"Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast."**

Psalm 57:1

"As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation."
Proverbs 10:25

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