

FRIENDLY VISITOR

The Newsletter of the Warren Park Presbyterian Church ~ November 2011

Pastor's Page

We have had two important prayer events at Warren Park this week. On Tuesday, Oct. 11, a group of us met in my study for prayer, as we joined together in a special day of prayer and fasting for the Lord's direction as we move forward by faith. Then on Saturday, Oct. 15, nineteen people from WPPC and Emmanuel met in the Board Room for prayer (8 from WPPC and 11 from EPC). I was personally moved to a new moment of faith by both of those prayer sessions. As we prayed with EPC, my heart kept whispering that we have taken a turn in our relationship in the right direction.

We continue to talk with Emmanuel about their request to remodel the Kastle and use it as a Community Ministry Center. As your Session has exchanged ideas and concerns with them, we have committed ourselves to prayer about this matter, and that was one of our purposes in the prayer meeting on Saturday the 15th. It is important that you be aware of these discussions, as it affects all of us in various ways. We will have more to say in the near future to bring you up to date on these developments.

The Good News Club is off to a good start, for which we praise the Lord. I am asking all of you to pray for that ministry, especially on Thursdays. The Club meets from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., and is open to children in grades K-5.

On November 13 the Presbyterian Church of Berwyn will hold their final service of worship as a congregation. Let's join them in thanksgiving for God's grace through their long and illustrious history in our community. November 13 is also the day we will celebrate our 70th year of Harvest Home, and we hope you will plan to be at the Crystal Sky Banquet Hall at 1:00 p.m. Norm and Gwen Bowman, our music missionaries to Spain, will be our guests, and we are looking forward to welcoming them home. They will also minister in the worship service at 10:30 that morning.

For the third year in a row, Emmanuel and Warren Park will share in a Veterans' Day Service on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11:00 a.m. in our sanctuary. This is a wonderful time to thank God for those who have served our country, and to pray for them, for our country, and for those who serve us faithfully today.

Grace and peace to you all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Savior's unfailing love,
Hassell Bullock

Notes from Eric & Hope...

Living in Light of Eternity

A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish. -Psalm 49:20

You may have recently heard about the death of Steve Jobs, one of the founders of Apple. He was a man, who by outward appearance, seemed to have it all: success, fame, and money. Yet, he was still missing something. He was missing God. We recently read an excerpt of his biography that told of his dabbling with psychics and various religions. Yet, it seems he never embraced Jesus as his savior.

Despite whatever earthly successes we achieve, we will all die. In fact, death and eternal separation from God is something we sinners deserve. That's not an obstacle we can overcome by ourselves. But, God has made a way through the death and resurrection of Jesus for us to have an eternal, redeemed relationship with Him. Life on earth is temporary. Let's live in light of eternity.

The Chronicles of Narnia Continues....

We enjoyed watching *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* last month. The imaginative story reminded us how powerful God is and what He can do when we simply have faith in who He is. In November, we will complete the Narnia series with *The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. Why not join us November 4th at 7pm?

Men's Prayer Breakfast...

Men and boys are welcome to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on November 12th. We enjoy hot pancakes, sausage, coffee and great fellowship. Men & boys ages 8 & up are invited to join! Our breakfast starts at 9:30AM.

After School Good News Club...

In late September, we started an afterschool Good News Club at the church. It is a club for children grades K-5. Every Thursday from 3:30-5pm, we teach the children more about God through games, stories and songs. And, we also enjoy yummy snacks together. This club has been both a joy to volunteers and the children and their families who come.

If you know of any children who may enjoy participating in the club, please tell them about the club or bring them on a Thursday afternoon. Please pray with us that God will draw many children and their families to Himself through the club. If you have questions or would like more information, call 708-529-8873 or go to our website to download an informational brochure: www.warrenparkchurch.org.

Missions Report

Paul and Ruth Philippi say they felt tremors in Antigua 65 miles from the quake's center, but there was no earthquake damage to buildings in their area. They are experiencing continual heavy rain that may cause dangerous landslides and destroys crops which is a hardship on the poor. Keep them in your prayers.

Ernie Lee reported on his trip to Southeast Asia to help check a translation in the Rug language. This is a language he had learned and used in the '60s and '70s, so communicating was a challenge. Much time was spent in one small room 8' x 20' with three helpers and three teams, each speaking a different language. Ernie knew his team, Grandmother, Pastor Zach, and Tim. Grandmother and Tim, her nephew, had lived with them years ago; the reunion was a blessing. The team, having no training in translation principles, had created a literal translation from existing Bibles in the national language and a minority language. It didn't sound natural and at times even gave wrong meanings. One problem is that their language uses double negatives like French while the others do not. They worked well together, but were able to cover only 8 chapters of the lot that should help them for the future. Pray for the translation to move ahead. Forty years ago there were about 200 hundred Rug believers; now there are over 7000. At home Lois was busy working with the refugees. Some are able to get homes through Habitat for Humanity, but the moves often mean that children must enroll in new schools. Once again Lois is called in to smooth their way.

Marlin and Sherry Leaders' letter opened with Ps. 112:2, "Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments." The letter was mostly a tribute to his dad, Lauren Leaders 1923-2011. Years alone are not the sum of a man and Marlin's dad was a man of God. Every Christmas he sent out an ABC acrostic letter to many friends. Marlin's favorite item was "B Bible--The Bible is the bread of life and it never becomes stale." Our prayers are with the Leaders family—four siblings and their many children. Marlin had successful cataract surgery Sept. 28. He continues to use drops, yet computer work is stressful and tiring. Praise for a new pair of glasses. The Leaders lived in a village in Papua New Guinea in the mid -1980s. From a couple of stories he recorded, Marlin created a small dictionary. He is trying to update the spelling to a modern sound alphabet (IPA). He thanks us for helping them train the 110 students registered at GIAL institute this fall and affect many places around the world.

Jim and Carolyn Fasold are grateful to the Lord for giving them opportunities to use their years of experience at Spanish Bible Institute and Theological Seminary. Five activities are listed: (1) advising and teaching in seminaries outside of Spain, (2) serving as conference speakers for gatherings of pastors, missionary and Christian workers, (3) giving seminars in Spanish churches, (4) writing a book on hermeneutics, and (5) mentoring graduates in the ministry. On November 11-13, Carolyn will speak at a women's retreat in southern Spain on the subject of, "Becoming more peaceful and less provoking." Please pray for her and for Jim as he reads the remaining material in preparation for beginning to write his book.

John and Sharon Stacknik ask for prayer as CHAFI moves forward with a change in name—the H in the acronym now represents 'Helping' instead of 'Housing.' "CHAFI's purpose is to involve the broad Christian family in building with felt needs in whatever area of life so that they can experience the love of Jesus Christ in action and come to know and serve Him personally as Savior and Lord." Initiatives may include Bible studies, Evangelism and discipleship, Bible and literature sending, new believer friendships, work projects, language learning/ESL, car repair, dinners, home care of individuals, new immigrant friendships, and building bridges of friendship across cultural barriers. Pray for David and Gracia Tader who return to the Gulf Coast for several months of Katrina relief work.

Last year as **Misha and Gina Zverev** prayed about a ministry with Russian-speaking immigrants in Toronto, Canada, it became clear that this door was shut. Thoughts often lead back to Russia. In June they visited Misha's parents and extended family. As expected, meeting friends and neighbors, stirred their hearts to minister there. Volgograd, Misha's home town, is the only place in Russia they could legally live. The hope would be for Gina to get a 'home-stay' visa and eventually obtain permanent residency. The paperwork would need to be done in Volgograd. Unfortunately a short-term visa lasts 3 months and the needed paperwork takes 5-6 months. Although OM currently works in Russia, there is no plan to place a ministry team in southwest Russia. The Zverevs ask us to pray with them about these difficulties. Misha has kept close ties with his home church, Church of the Nazarene; they have been praying about possibly working directly with that church. Nothing is settled but they trust that if God is behind these plans for them, He will move forward in wonderful ways. Their vision is to see many Russians learn who God is and worship Him. Gina and Alisa are enjoying homeschooling. Misha continues to work for OM USA in the short-term mission department training staff and volunteers, managing projects and coordinating trips. They praise God for his goodness in healing a small growth on Sofia's leg after a friend joined them in prayer for her.

Donna Tulach
Missions Chairman

November 2011 at Warren Park

Sundays	Adult Sunday School Class Meets in the Board room	9:00 am
Thursdays	Good News Club Bible stories, songs, snacks, fun Grades K - 5	3:30 to 5:00 pm
Friday, November 4	Neighborhood Movie Night 3 rd Narnia movie, Voyage of the Dawn Treader	7:00 pm
Tuesday, November 8	Women's Prayer Fellowship Share this special time with us (Note the new meeting day)	2:00 to 3:30 pm
Friday, November 11	Veterans' Day Service Pay tribute to Veterans and pray for Service men and women	11:00 am
Saturday, November 12	Men's Prayer Breakfast Food, friendship and prayer	9:30 am
Sunday, November 13	Harvest Home Dinner At Crystal Sky Banquets	Punch 12:30 pm Dinner 1:00 pm
Sunday, November 27	Missionary Christmas Party	following Worship Service