

April 2013

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Evangelism boot camp

Special evangelism training will be offered on Wednesday evenings through April 24. Join Armando Zuniga, an EvanTell master instructor, 7-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to learn how you can take part in the Great Commission.

Annual church work day

Redeemer's annual all-church work day will be held April 27 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will work on many projects inside the building and on the church campus.

Annual garage sale

The annual garage sale, which raises money to support short-term mission trips, will be held May 24-25. Watch the bulletin for important information.

Tuesday Women's Fellowship

April 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m.: The guest speaker will be Linda Tomczak, a DTS graphic designer and a volunteer with ALERT Ministries. She will speak about human trafficking, which is not a problem exclusive to Asia or Africa. It's a local issue, too, with more than 100 girls trafficked in Dallas each year. Linda will identify those most vulnerable to human trafficking and give practical ideas about how we can prevent the victimization of women and children. We will also pray for victims of human trafficking.

April 30, 10 a.m. to noon: The Tuesday Women's Fellowship will conclude its Spring term with a brunch. KCBI Morning Show host Rebecca Carrell will be the guest speaker.

Get Involved in World Missions

Redeemer's Missions Conference scheduled April 12-14

Redeemer's annual missions conference is an opportunity to learn more about how God is working around the world and about our responsibility as believers to fulfill the Great Commission. The conference, to be held April 12-14, also will offer times for fellowship. The conference includes several events and some special projects.

Events

April 12: Dinners 'til 8 or 9. These evening meals will be held in homes and will provide opportunities to fellowship and learn more about how God is working around the world. Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office at 214-340-3633.

April 13: Saturday evening activities will include an international meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. and then a session at 7 p.m. featuring guest speaker **Dr. Ed Smith**. Ed has spent more than 30 years in evangelism and discipleship ministries while he was serving as a university professor. He and his family, who attend Redeemer, served most recently in Egypt for 15 years.

April 14, 9:15 a.m.: Special sessions during the ABF hour will provide opportunities to learn more about three specific ministries:

- **RREACH** is a global proclamation ministry working to change the way 1 billion people think about and hear about Jesus Christ.

- **Asian Christian Academy** is a multi-faceted ministry in India that includes a seminary, a home for destitute children, a Christian high school, and a low- or no-cost hospital.
- **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.

April 14, 10:30 a.m.: The guest speaker during the morning worship service will be Douglas Livingston, president

of Dallas-based missions agency Camino Global.

Special projects

During the missions conference, Redeemer will raise money for two special projects and encourage people to participate in a third:

- We will provide scholarship money for young people to attend Word of Life camps in Hungary and Serbia.
- Funding opportunities for our summer missions youth outreach program.
- Voice of the Martyrs action packs help persecuted Christians around the world. Redeemer people are encouraged to visit www.persecution.com/actionpacks and learn how to send very practical items such as blankets, sweaters and clothes to persecuted believers.

How Can I
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“Please pray for spiritual revival in Serbia”

Q & A with Miro Cizmanski

Miro and Milotka Cizmanski, with their children, Rebeka and Peter, are Redeemer’s missionaries in Serbia. Miro was in Dallas recently, and answered some questions for The Link.

What is your ministry in Serbia?

The ministry is multifaceted. I am an assistant director of the Christian Evangelistic Center, which includes:

- Christian radio
- A DVD subtitling and dubbing ministry
- Literature projects — mostly printing the New Testament and Gospel of John
- Evangelism
- Children and youth camps — together with Word of Life
- Humanitarian ministry, such as Samaritan Purse’s Operation Christmas Child project
- Emmaus Bible correspondence courses
- Seminars on various topics

I am also one of the elders in my local Brethren assembly, where I preach at least once a week and my wife works with the children. I also serve as a secretary of the Brethren movement in Serbia. I am member of the boards of Word of Life Serbia and a Christian recreational camp called Bethel.

What are the biggest challenges you face?

It is the issue of need vs. the will of God. There are so many needs and so little resources. Which needs does God want to fulfill through me? There are challenges everywhere — not enough volunteers to serve at the camps, limited financial resources to maintain the radio ministry, literature projects to complete and others.

What is the state of the Christianity in Serbia?

A majority of Serbs would say they are Orthodox Christians. In reality, they kind of believe in God, but live as if He does not exist.



From left, Rebeka, Milotka, Miro and Peter Cizmanski are our missionaries in Serbia.

We all do that, actually, don’t we? To them, reading and interpreting the Bible is a job for a priest, not for ordinary believers.

They are very strong about worshiping God through icons and saints — and there are plenty of those — and keeping the orthodox traditions and rituals. On the other hand, there are a small number of evangelical believers — mostly Pentecostal, Baptist, Church of God, independent Christian fellowships, the Brethren Assemblies, to which I belong, and others.

Unfortunately, in the recent past, the testimony of evangelical believers has been afflicted by marital and business affairs, disputes about nonessential issues and leadership positions in the church, and an overall phlegmatic attitude toward the mission and witnessing.

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Redeemer Sending Two Teams to Word of Life Hungary

Redeemer will send two short-term mission teams to support Word of Life camps in Hungary this year.

The first team will support the camps from July 26 through Aug. 4. Members of this team will teach English and baseball skills. A second team will travel later in August or the early fall to refurbish some of the camp’s rooms. There are spaces available on both trips.

“Only 6 percent of Hungarians attend church and fewer than 2 percent are born-again believers,” said **Paul Ramler**, chairman of Redeemer’s Missions Leadership Team. “The Word of Life camps provide a fantastic opportunity for young people to hear the gospel and be surrounded by Christian love, fellowship and nurturing support. Redeemer is deeply committed to reaching the world with the life-transforming gospel of Christ.”

Watch the bulletin for updates about these trips, or contact **Janet Ramler** for more information.

“It’s time for you to come this year,” said Laci Kadar, Redeemer missionary and camp director at Word of Life Hungary.



Laci and Szandra Kadar, our missionaries in Hungary, with their children, Fanni, Laci Jr., Luca

Scouts Enjoy Camping Trips, Court of Honor

In the midst of a busy season of backpacking, canoeing and camping trips, the members of Boy Scout Troop 48 held their semiannual Court of Honor on March 27.

Scoutmaster **Gordon Robinson** and leaders **David Tatom** and **Clark Rodgers** highlighted the various trips of the Winter and Spring seasons and shared the many successes of the troop as the boys persevered through stormy and rain-soaked hiking and camping trips.

The Court of Honor also celebrated the achievements of many scouts who earned merit badges at the Advance-O-Ree and progressed closer to the Eagle rank. Among those receiving honors were **John Barbre**, **Thomas Barbre**, **Elijah Howard**, **Luke Rodgers**, **Nathaniel Tatom**, **Jonathan Hepp** and **David Robinson**.



Members of Troop 48 participated in a Court of Honor on March 27.



Hannah Regier and Lydia Robinson enjoy riding zip lines at Camp Eagle.

Youth Group Enjoys Spring Break at Camp Eagle

Spring break was the perfect time for members of Redeemer's youth group to leave Dallas behind and seek out adventure and fun. This year, the students traveled to Rock Springs, Texas, for a week at Camp Eagle's youth retreat: ReFuel.

With trip leaders **Jeremiah Bakk** and **Gail Rodgers**, the students enjoyed climbing and rappelling from limestone cliffs around camp, soaring on the 60-foot super swing, and making new friends from other Texas churches. The group also teamed up with students from other churches to complete fun challenges designed to help them realize the need for good relationships as they navigate their Christian lives.

Throughout the week, they were greatly encouraged from God's Word to persevere in their faith and live differently as disciples of Christ.

Members Enjoy Martial Arts

Several Redeemer members are working hard to learn martial arts, and appreciating the discipline, confidence, balance and strength that come with that ability.

The brothers **Matthew** and **John Wattron**, members of the youth group, are both black belts.

Matthew says, "I used to be bullied a lot in middle school. My confidence level is higher than before."

Other individuals at Redeemer who are currently in martial arts training include **David Robinson**, **Elijah Howard**, and the three **Regier** sisters and their mother, **Jan**.

John has learned some valuable lessons during his training. "Don't give up at the last minute," he said. "You're going to get better over time. Some people give up at the last minute. Just push through."



Jan Regier, left, John Wattron, top, and Matthew Wattron, above, practice martial arts.



Members of the Grace Notes Handbell Choir helped lead worship during the Good Friday service and on Easter morning.

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The Reformation never reached the area of Serbia in the past, so the evangelical churches were planted much later than in Western Europe — only at the turn of the 20th century. As a result, a majority of the Orthodox people consider Protestants — they also include here Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Seventh-Day Adventists, Satan worshipers and others — as sects that steal the sheep from their flock.

Tell us a little about your family.

I am married to **Milotka**, my sweetheart of almost 27 years. She is a great companion and helper in ministry. We have a 16-year-old daughter, **Rebeka**, and an 11-year-old son, **Peter**.

Rebeka is talented piano player, artist and athlete. She is in the ninth grade. We are glad to see her mature spiritually, and she will be a helper at the Christian Camp Bethel for the first time this year, helping with the first- and second-graders. She has a desire to go to the Word of Life school in Hungary.

Peter, who is in the fifth grade, is a very active boy with an ADD problem. He should catch up with his peers by his late teens, according to a school psychologist.

We adopted both of them when they were toddlers.

They are special gifts from God, and we are privileged to teach them God's way of life. Milotka and I both come from families of believers, which is rare in Serbia. We consider that to be a great privilege and responsibility.

How can we pray for you?

Please pray for spiritual revival in Serbia. Maintaining a close relationship with God, living a holy life, and being sensitive and obedient to His call is the most important thing in life.

We would appreciate your prayers for our family, especially for Peter and his mental and physical maturity. Pray for the country of Serbia generally, for wisdom for the leaders that we might continue to have freedom and use it to advance the kingdom of God.

We appreciate so much the overwhelming love and generosity of Redeemer Bible Church. **Dr. Roy Zuck** introduced us here, and we are so blessed to enjoy your love, prayers, financial support and generosity. Please come to Serbia and visit us. We'd be glad to show you around.

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