

# Boerop's Bulletin

Summer 2008



## 50th Wedding Anniversary 1958-2008

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness, Oh  
God, Our Father"*

This summer we celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary with our children and six grandchildren. It was a meaningful time, reminiscing about the Lord's goodness and yet at times difficult leading since we first joined hands in marriage fifty years ago. He was and is always faithful!!!

We met in Paris, France as students, married in Antwerp, Belgium and then served God with Youth for Christ International, working with the youth of that land. Finishing college in Kansas City, working with the local Youth for Christ chapter, and as senior pastor of a church rounded out our time in Kansas. God led us to Columbia International University and Seminary in South Carolina where Bill got his Masters degree. Work with Columbia Youth for Christ and more pastoral work gave valuable experience for the task that lay ahead.

Moving to Atlanta, Georgia, serving the Lord with the Billy Graham Association and then under the auspices of Greater Europe Mission proved to be a meaningful involvement for the next fourteen years. Young men and women responded to the



need for the gospel in one of the darkest mission fields, Europe, as Bill challenged them. Our years of ministry in eleven southeastern states raised up champions of prayer and millions of dollars so that men and women, boys and girls in Europe could hear the good news.

The Lord Jesus burdened Bill for more churches to be involved with reaching the lost not only here at home, but especially in the uttermost parts of the earth.

After two years struggle the ministry of leadership training, focusing on the Senior Pastor, was born in the mid eighties. The vision statement of World Thrust International is: **"To see every local church in the world become a sending base for the Gospel of Christ so that a clear presentation and demonstration of that gospel is available to all people."** That is our mission, ambition and calling!!





At first this message was proclaimed all over the Southeast here in our nation. The Lord used our ministry to expand the vision of hundreds and hundreds of pastors. Millions of dollars were given and scores of lives touched to move out and preach the gospel in the uttermost parts of the world. Our home church of First Baptist Atlanta is a great example of this, once we helped get their missions program started in 1979.

Soon requests from overseas came in. As a result we have taught our Winning Strategies Seminar in over thirty different countries. To travel to far away places, endure discomfort, heat, strange foods, filth and misery is not always easy. But what a joy to plan, pray and trust for all we need, physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially. Then go and co-teach pastors and church leaders in the uttermost parts of the world is a humbling experience. Hundreds of churches around the world are now supporting and sending some of their own to reach the lost. Where we could never go, they have been able to share the good news.



The opportunities for next year, 2009, are staggering. The President of a Reformed Theological Seminary in the Philippines invited us to come teach their students. Our friends in the southern state Karala, India want us to come back and in Orissa, India they again have asked us to return to teach their pastors and church leaders. The Seminary in Indonesia also has invited us to come again. Pray with us for our urgent need for an Asian director



The ministry in Barbados is right on track and our co-coordinator for the Caribbean is reporting much encouraging news. South Africa continues with pastors' seminars and teaching opportunities all over that vast land. Our Africa director continues to find open doors in many South African black churches, as well as in other countries of that continent. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come alongside many of these churches to help.

**Many of you have stood with us, prayed and given sacrificially and we are so very grateful.** Without you we could have never done all the Lord has allowed us to do. After fifty years we still sing: **“Great is Thy faithfulness, oh God, our father.”**

**If you have not been helping us in the past, this may be the time for you to pick up the baton and run the race with us**

**with your prayers and finances. We desperately need additional partners to stand with us to enter the open doors next year.**

Gratefully yours,  
Your Missionaries,

*Bill and Joy Boerop*