

What Ropes Means to Me Personally

by Sharon Merz

When a person enters into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, they become a part of God's family. We think that believers attending Karl Road Baptist Church should bear some family resemblances, and we should all know the ROPES.

ROPES is an acronym for those traits that we believe disciples of Christ should possess – kind of like family birthmarks. As a part of that family, I try to tie ROPES into the things I do each day. The cool part is that in each of these things, Jesus gives us a great example to follow.

The "R" is for relationships. My primary relationship in life is with the Holy Trinity. That relationship spills over into all my other relationships, and needs to be visible to all. Jesus told His disciples in John 13:35: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." I've been learning the importance of building relationships so I can help build the kingdom of God.

"O" stands for obedience. The apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians Chapter 2: "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus ... He humbled Himself and became



obedient to death – even death on a cross!" (vv. 5 & 8b) Jesus did what His Father wanted Him to do, and I have no excuses for doing anything else.

Jesus also modeled prayer – the "P" in ROPES. Often times we read in the Gospels how Jesus took time to pray – often getting up early in the morning or staying up late at night to talk to God. The 17th chapter of John records Jesus' prayer the night before He began the path to die on the cross. He prayed for Himself and the situation He was facing, He prayed for His disciples – those to whom He was closest – and then He even prayed for me! That humbles me, so I know it's important to pray for others.

After His death on the cross and His subsequent resurrection, Jesus commanded us to tell others all about that good news. The "E" is evangelism, and we see how Jesus made that our #1 family activity in what is often called "The Great Commission" found in Matthew 28:19 and 20: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of

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Goal \$2,500

We will designate the WMO this year to development of small group gatherings of local pastors in Thailand. Chuck and Ruth Fox are missionaries to Thailand and Chuck works to equip local, indigenous pastors for the work of the ministry.



Ruth and Chuck Fox and pastoral

skills. Chuck is finding that the pastors easily give up and decide to leave the pastorate because the pay is so low and they don't have much encouragement to continue, as well as the fact that they have very little biblical training which makes it very hard for them to teach and preach. Because of dwindling finances, the ACT doesn't have the funds to hold the traditional Bible training sessions at their center. Chuck has felt that it can be more effective and efficient to have local gatherings of pastors which means there might be 10-12 pastors at each gathering of local villages in a particular district. The cost is quite inexpensive this way, just food and a small amount to cover their

Ruth Fox writes....It is often difficult for these itinerant preachers to come the long distance to the Akha Churches of Thailand (ACT) training center to learn the necessary Bible lessons



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LAST CALL FOR UGANDA MISSION

July 24 to August 6, 2017

Do you want your faith to grow? Do you want to trust God in new ways? Do you want to experience God at work in a foreign country? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, **there's still time to join the team going to Uganda next summer--but don't delay!**

Our first team meeting will be

Friday, October 14

at 6 p.m. (in the KRBC chapel). You won't want to miss it. We will be getting to know each other better and setting



our fund-raising goals. Pick up your **KRBC Missions Application** in the lobby at the Welcome Center and return it to Aimee Worley as soon as possible by emailing aworley@karlroadbaptist.org, or dropping it off at the church office in person.

God is putting together a wonderful group of people to travel to Uganda to serve in partnership with The African Children's Choir and we're so excited about what He is going to do in and through us! Come be part of it!



**Decision America Tour
Prayer Rally with Franklin Graham
Capitol West Plaza
Thursday, October 6
12—1 p.m.**

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the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey (there's that "O" again!) everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Jesus says I need to tell others about Him, but He also reminds me that He is with me always, because families stick together.

"S" stands for Scripture, and I am reminded how Jesus knew and used Scripture. After His baptism, we read in the first 11 verses of Matthew 4 how Jesus was tempted by Satan in many ways. Each time, Christ answered Satan by quoting Scripture. That's an example of how God's Word holds many answers to the things we face every day, and it also convicts me to not only read it more, but to also commit more of it to memory.

These aren't the only family traits for disciples at Karl Road Baptist Church, but Jesus is an example of the importance of Relationships, Obedience, Prayer, Evangelism, and Scripture in my daily life. It's changed how I live my life for the Lord. Jesus knew and modeled the ROPES for me and all my family at



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travel. Chuck estimates that he would like to hold these twice a month. He has had several already and they have been well-received. The cost for each gathering is about \$75, so that would be \$150 a month. There will be some months when they will not be able to hold them, particularly around Christmas and New Year's, as these are very busy months for all of them. We are estimating a total need of about \$1500 for 10 months of gatherings.

Please join in this great work of discipling Pastors so they can continue to disciple others. Your gift is helpful and will be used for God's glory and the development of His Kingdom! Please use the special World Mission Offering Envelope (included with your newsletter or available in the pew pocket) to give your gift.

Thank You

A big thank you for the flowers, prayers and encouragement you provided at this time of family loss.
Julie Large

Thank you to those of you who sent such lovely cards and prayers to me while I was recovering from stomach and intestinal problems. Tom is doing fairly well also.
Rita Lewis

Thank you so much for all your expressions of sympathy and concern in the recent death of my mother. Your kindness was very comforting in this difficult time. We rejoice knowing her suffering has ended and she is with her Savior. Don Middleton

Women's Connection Bonfire Gathering



Friday, October 14

6:30—9 p.m.

Fellowship Hall & Outside Kitchen Area

Hot Dogs and Drinks Provided

1. Sign up on the Connection Card Sunday or call the church office.
2. Bring \$3 for a donation to help fill Christmas Baskets the Branches Class prepare in December.
3. Bring a side dish to share.
4. Invite you friends.

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OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Guys Campout— Marengo
2 Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 12:00p Welcome Brunch	10 Office Closed	11 12:00p Prime Timers	12	13	14 9:30a No MDO 6-8p Uganda Mtg 6:30p Women's Connection Bonfire	15
16 12:00p Wu Prayer/Lounge	17	18	19	20	21	22 8:30a Men's Breakfast/FH
23 4:30p Youth Party 210,FH & Lounge	24	25 7:00p Ministry Council	26	27	28	29
30 12:00p Worship Response Lunch	31 8:30a No Home- schoolers					

Weekly Events

8:30a Homeschoolers Chapel, 103 & 7, 201

Sunday—

- 9:00a Bridge Class
- 9:00a Sunday School
- 10:15a Praise Prelude
- 10:30a Worship

Monday—

- 7:00p Westerville Group

Tuesday—

- 8:00a Work Team
- 9:15p Bible Study Fellowship Leaders
- 5:30p Football Practice till 8:30p
- 7:00p RopeHolders
- 7:00p Al-non (306)
- 7:30p Worthington Group

Wednesday—

- 6:15p Clubs, Engage
- 6:30p Choir, Sewing
- 8:00p Praise Team

Thursday—

- 9:15a Bible Study Fellowship
- 1:15-2:15p Reading Buddies
- 5:30p Football Practice till 8:30p
- 6:00p Manney Group
- 6:30p Battalion

Friday—

- 9:30a Mother's Day Out

Saturday—

- 8:30a-5p Another Level Football Games