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CENTRALIA — Dr. Cecil Todd, founder and president of Revival Fires International Ministries, will be speaking today at Greenview Christian Church in Centralia.

Todd, who is getting ready to turn 80, is in his 62nd year of ministry, and hopes he has more years of doing what he loves in front of him.

Since its inception, Revival Fires has

touched millions of lives all around the world. Recently the organization constructed a four story hospital and a nursing college in India, as well as two orphanages and over 60 different churches.

The ministry has also done a number of works in Russia, which is a big part of Todd's past.

"I was the preacher from the Ozark Mountains who taught on Red Square in Moscow. Over one million people saw that message. I was the first preacher to preach on a Mayday Celebration," said Todd.

Revival Fires has donated over 2.5 million Bibles to schools and 2 million to military men and women in Russia. According to Todd over two million

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people in Russia have turned to Christianity because of the work being done there.

Here at home, Todd and Revival Fires work hard on their "Yellow Ribbon Rallies" for service men and women currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We donated 50,000 Bibles during Desert Storm, and currently we have shipped 160,000 to Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, Afghanistan is needing more, and that is what we are currently working on. We must not send a soldier into battle without a Bible," Todd said.

He cited the current high rate of suicide in men and women fighting in the Middle East, explaining that for the first time in United States history more soldiers died by taking their own lives than were killed by the

enemy. He explained that the soldier suicide rate is nearly 87 percent lower for a soldier who owns a Bible.

Todd will host one of his Yellow Ribbon Rallies at 6 p.m. today at Greenview Christian Church in Centralia and all are welcome to attend.

The church is hosting Todd in conjunction with its Faith Promise Program in which members of the church renew their efforts to aid mission and missionaries all around the globe.

According to Terry Edson, president of Country Bob's Inc. and member of Greenview Christian Church, in spite of the poor economy the church raised almost \$60,000 dollars above and beyond their normal tithes and has managed not to make any cuts to their missions support.

Todd is looking forward to speaking at the church and knows the importance of missions work.

"I am the product of a missions field, and I have always felt that I have had a heart

for missions. Because of that, I have talked to millions of people about Christ in 30 different countries," he said.

The other subject that occupies Todd's heart is the military.

"I care deeply about the military, deeply about the soldiers. My family has a strong military background, and it is something that is near and dear to me," said Todd.

"We defiantly want area military men and women to come out Sunday. All veterans will be recognized and honored at the service," added Edson.

Yet, a man who has traveled the world, talked to and taught millions of people and touched even more lives through his actions took no credit.

"It's a God thing. I can't take any credit for this. When I look at what God has done I can't help but stand amazed. I am just happy that he decided to let me have a hand in all this."

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