

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Dan Dixon** returned to Kenya in time to celebrate New Year's Eve at his house at Rift Valley Academy. He will resume his responsibilities as Bible teacher/class sponsor when classes resume this month.

- ▶ **Chris & Deb Bowers** will relocate to Washington state this month while they pursue US citizenship for Deb. Chris will serve as an instructor at Moody Aviation School during this time. Their address is 11113 E. Valleyway Ave., Spokane Valley, WA 99206.

- ▶ **Jeremy & Kristen Kunkel** also have a new address. They are now at 1534 Mt. Everett Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

- ▶ **CORRECTION** – We reported in last month's Global Prayer Guide that Rev. Lalrosiem Songate would be spending his Christmas break with Rev. Randy Sizemore and his family. Thanks to the generosity of friends and benefactors, Rev. Songate was able to go home to India and spend the holidays with his family. Many thanks to all who helped to make that opportunity happen.

- ▶ **The Spain Vision Tour** that was advertised for September of 2013 has been put on hold temporarily due to some unexpected changes. We will update you as to the status of the tour and give you trip details later this year.

- ▶ Please note that **BJ Whitaker** is no longer using his hotmail email address. Please use the following email to reach him: bj.whitaker@ecmi.org.

- ▶ **ALASKA WORK TEAMS** –The Global Ministries Commission is once again sponsoring two summer work teams to Camp LIWA in Anchorage, AK. The dates are **July 20-August 3**, and **August 3-17**. You can download an application from our website at www.ecglobal.org under Short Term Opportunities tab, or call the GMC office at 717-866-7584 to get an application mailed to you. A \$200 deposit must accompany your application; this is applied to airfare. Deadline for applications is January 31st, so don't wait! Contact the GMC office if you have questions or need more information.



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LIBERIA

Located on the western coast of Africa, the country whose name literally means “Land of the Free” was established in 1822 (with the support of the American government) as a colony for free-born and formerly enslaved African Americans. From its inception, though, ethnic issues divided the population of Liberia and fueled hostility between people groups. Though Liberia is a country which boasts natural resources including diamonds and timber, the recent decades of war and political corruption have left Liberia poor and destitute. Road systems and buildings are in shambles. Worst of all, the people are left traumatized and scarred by a nation in constant conflict.

Over 65% of the population have been (and in many cases remain) refugees, without a home to call their own. An estimated 200,000 people were killed during the wartime that spanned from 1989 to 2003. Children were robbed of their youth and forced to act as soldiers, trained to carry guns and kill on demand. And every Liberian child has been affected. Many are orphaned. Some suffer from hunger, homelessness, and uncontrollable violent tendencies; they live in constant fear.

This picture of tragedy need not be a perpetual state for Liberia. The end of the fighting in 2003 and a new governmental leadership team elected in 2005 have brought hope for recovery in Liberia. The E.C. church is directly involved with restoration efforts. In fact, the Global Ministries Commission has had works in Liberia since the 1950's. Thirty-six E.C. churches have remained resolute, even through the destruction of the war-torn years. There are currently more than 9,000 members in the E.C. church of Liberia and the numbers are growing every day. **Field Superintendent Reverend Matthew Gueh** has experienced firsthand how God is working in the lives of Liberians. “Peace is here and the gospel is being preached at every street corner. Crusades are hosted every month and hundreds of people, including ex-combatants, are accepting Christ and his deliverance. Healing is taking place.”

At the end of this month, Rev. Randy Sizemore, Director of Global Ministries, Bishop Bruce Hill, Rev. Joshua Reinders, pastor of Seneca E.C. Church, and Rev. Th. Janga, field leader of the E.C. Church of Nepal, will travel to Liberia to participate in the annual conference of the Liberian E.C. Church. Keep them in prayer for safety in travel, for health, and wisdom to know how to encourage our Liberian brothers and sisters to move forward and share God's Word in their ravaged country.

–Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore	2 - Jim Farr	3 - Lamar Stoltzfus	4	5 - Jim Stahl
ANNIVERSARIES February 6 - Dan & Melinda Moury <small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small>		PRAYER Celebrate new opportunities to share the love of Christ!	Janet Baker - retiree in TX	E.C. churches of Mexico - safety from drug cartel violence	Jim Ehrman - serving with Love 146 and Rivendell Institute at Yale	Rev. Tomoyuki and Jessica Abe, church planters in Japan
6	7 January 7 - Planning meeting for Delaware Region Mission Leaders Brunch - morning	8 - Celia Dick	9	10 - Dan Wills	11 - Alyssa Stoltzfus (1994)	12
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted church, especially in closed access countries	Jim & Joan Farr - relocating to PA for final 6 months of furlough	Jeremy Kunkel - serving as a CAD draftsman for Engineering Ministries Int'l in CO	Dan & Melinda Moury - serving with Wycliffe at headquarters in Orlando, FL	Kurt G. - training interns to serve in 10/40 Window, support needs	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - on furlough, raising support to return to Mexico with OMS	Rev. Jim & Bonnie Bound - retired but ministering in VT
13	14	15	16	17	18 January 18 - India/Nepal Committee meeting - afternoon	19
PRAYER NEEDS E.C. churches of Japan - for growth and increasing influence on their culture	Gloria Smethers - safety in travel during furlough, guidance for new assignment	Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, president elect of ECT in India - doctoral studies in Indiana	Dave & Celia Dick - serving with OMS at headquarters	E.C. churches of North East India - praise for the growth and expansion of God's Word in this area	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at headquarters in ID	E.C. churches of Nepal - praise for rapid growth, pray for safety from religious persecution
20	21 January 21 - Cabinet meeting at noon	22 January 22 - Student orientation, Evangelical Theological Seminary	23 - Anita Farr January 23 - Church Center staff meeting - noon	24	25	26 - Kathy Wilson - Alejandro Ruiz*
PRAYER NEEDS Ed & Val Schubert - working with children and women in Honduras	Our international church leaders: Rev. Abe-Japan, Rev. Martinez-Mexico, Rev. Angam-India, Rev. Janga-Nepa	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - working with LIFE Ministries in NY and central PA	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - translators with the Binandere people in Papua New Guinea	David & Conce Roof - church planters in northern Brazil with OMS	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - working with the Seed Co - Wycliffe, to raise funds and awareness of need for translation	Jim & Janet Stahl - teaching oral Bible telling techniques to national translators
27	28	29 January 29 - Spring Convocation, Evangelical Theological Seminary	30 - Randy Amberman - Melinda Moury	31 - Christopher Bowers	January 30 - February 9 - trip to Liberia for annual conference of E.C. churches	
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the Global Ministries Commission and our financial shortfall	Brian & Missy Wagner - teacher and administrator at RVA Academy, Kenya	Rev. Matthew Gueh, field leader of the E.C. Church of Liberia - conference arrangements	Randy, Bishop Bruce, Rev. Josh Reinders, & Rev. Janga leave for Liberia	E.C. churches of Liberia - pray for unity as they prepare for annual conference		