

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► Congratulations to **Chris and Deb Bowers** on the birth of their second daughter! Emily Bowers was born May 28th in Australia. She joins big sister Katelyn. Please keep the Bowers family in prayer for healing (Deb had a C-section) and that proper paperwork is processed so they can return to the USA in July.

► Remember that our **VBS project** for this year is to aid Liberia with funds for equipping a youth camp. The **2014 VBS lessons** are on our website, [www.eccenter.com](http://www.eccenter.com). Look for the note on the right hand panel of the main page. You can download them or if you prefer a hard copy, call the GMC office at (717) 866-7584. The MMK lessons for the 2014-2015 school year should be available and online by the beginning of this month (July.)

► After many decades of service as an EC missionary both in Kenya and in the USA, **Marcia Hopley** has retired from active service with InterVarsity as of the end of June. Of course, she will continue to mentor young men and women within the urban setting and the church plant she attends in Philadelphia. If you would like to send a card or note to Marcia thanking her for ministry to the EC Church and the Body of Christ, her address is 1535 S. 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146. Email is [annehopler@aol.com](mailto:annehopler@aol.com).

► **John and Carolyn Miller** are wrapping up a mini-furlough and returning to Thailand early this month. Please keep them in prayer for safe travel and that there will be peace in the country. As of this writing, Thailand is still under martial law. The Millers are still in need of financial support.

► **David and Conce Roof** are also returning to their field early this month. The Roofs came to the USA to see son Andrew graduate from high school and do some deputation. They are church planters in northern Brazil.

► **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** gave praise in their last Whitaker Wire that they are very close to renting a storefront hall for their ministry center. Praise that they have outgrown having a home church, and pray that all will work out so they can have their ministry center.

► **David Hershey** is inviting individuals and churches to participate in a Christian Student Fellowship project of giving goody gift bags in August to incoming students at Penn State-Berks, where he is a campus minister. For details on what can be included and when/where to drop off the items, you can contact Dave at [campusminister\\_dave@yahoo.com](mailto:campusminister_dave@yahoo.com). (NOTE: Do not bring items to Church Center.)

► Congratulations to the **EC Church of Japan**, which became our third National Conference at the National Conference of the EC Church-USA this past May. A group from the USA will go to Japan in late September to help our newest National Conference celebrate on their own turf.



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## EC CHURCH OF NEPAL

**The Land and the People:**

The kingdom of Nepal is the world's only Hindu kingdom; however, the constitution guarantees some religious freedom. People can choose their faith, but it is illegal to convert others. An isolated mountainous land, containing 8 of the 10 highest mountains in the world, Nepal is just slightly larger than Pennsylvania and New Jersey combined. The 27,000,000 people represent approximately 95 people groups; however, caste is more crucial socially than ethnicity. The capital city, Katmandu has 1,500,000 people.

The main livelihood of the people is from subsistence agriculture, but the chief foreign exchange is earned through tourism. While 75% of the population is Hindu, Buddhists are also well represented at 16%. An estimated 450,000 people are Christians (about 2%). The first group of Christians was formed in 1959. At the climax of persecution in 1990, Christians numbered about 200,000.

**The Evangelical Congregational Church of Nepal:**

The E C Church of India began the E.C. mission outreach to eastern Nepal resulting in the planting of churches; currently there are 16 chartered congregations. We officially inaugurated the E.C. Church of Nepal in June, 2003. Some of the Nepalese leaders have been trained at the Evangelical College of Theology in Churachandpur, India.

**The Leadership:**

In June, 2003 the churches elected a leadership team of five people to lead this new conference of the E.C. Church, and a church center was established at Dharan, in eastern Nepal. In January 2009 the E.C. church of Nepal became its own international conference. **The Director is Rev. T. Janga.**

**EC Response:**

The EC Church of Nepal is meeting the spiritual and physical needs of this nation through the planting of local churches, intentional discipleship, leadership training and a variety of hands-on ministries that meet the physical needs of orphans, widows and families. Rev. Janga and his wife are currently caring for 10 orphaned boys in their rented home/orphanage.

**Prayer and Financial Needs:**

The Mercy Home orphanage needs to move from its rented facility this August. There is land to build a home/church center, but they need financial assistance. In addition, there is a need for funds to purchase a portable generator for Rev. Janga's village ministry. If you would be willing to help, please contact the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584, or email to [ecglobal@eccenter.com](mailto:ecglobal@eccenter.com)

JULY PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

—Pat Strain

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EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES  
ENGAGING THE LOCAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</b> August 8(2010) - Sierra Farr August 15 - John Miller <small>* INDICATES RETIREE</small></p>		1	2	3	4	5
		<p><b>PRAYER</b> Pray for <b>Bishop Bruce Hill</b> as we begin a new conference year</p>	<p><b>Joe Toy</b> - open air ministry at 4<sup>th</sup> of July events in Washington, DC.</p>	<p><b>Jane Heck</b> - officially retired as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. She continues to care for her parents and teach in Ohio</p>	<p>Americans should <b>thank God</b> for all their freedoms, including freedom of religion</p>	<p><b>David &amp; Conce Roof</b> - returning to their work in northern Brazil as church planters. Pray for travel safety</p>
6	7 - Jim Ehrman	8	9 - Dan Dixon	10	11	12
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>David &amp; Celia Dick</b> - working on materials to help Christians learn about Islam, with OMS in IN</p>	<p><b>John &amp; Carolyn Miller</b> - safe return to Thailand and stability in that country</p>	<p><b>Ron &amp; Brenda Anderson</b> -serving in Spain as church planters and missionary care resourcers</p>	<p>Congratulations to <b>EC Church of Japan</b> on becoming a National Conference! Continue to pray for growth</p>	<p><b>Jamie &amp; Anita Farr</b> - serving as Mobilization Coordinator for Wycliffe at FL headquarters</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. L. B. Angam</b>, General Director of the EC Church of Northeast India</p>	<p><b>Chris &amp; Deb Bowers</b> welcomed new daughter Emily on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations! Pray for traveling mercies as they return to USA this month</p>
13 - Kurt G.	14	15 - Hannah Wagner (1999)	16	17	18	19
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Randy &amp; Carla Sizemore</b> - balancing shared ministry responsibilities</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Th. Janga</b>, leader of the EC Church of Nepal</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>persecuted church</b> everywhere</p>	<p><b>Dan Dixon</b> - serving at RVA in Kenya as Bible teacher, coach, and class sponsor</p>	<p><b>Ken Sears</b> - continued prayer for situation in Ukraine, wisdom to know God's will</p>	<p>Pray for our <b>church planters</b>, both in the USA and abroad</p>	<p>Pray for <b>EC pastors</b> beginning new church assignments this month</p>
20 - Pat Strain	21 - Janet Baker *	22	23 - Carla Sizemore	24 - Rev. Don Kunkel *	25	26
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>David Hershey</b> - doing Camp Noah again this year in MD to help children who have gone through trauma</p>	<p><b>Janet Baker</b>, retired missionary in Lebanon, PA - health concerns</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Lalrosiem Songate</b>, currently back in India with his family for summer break</p>	<p><b>Kurt &amp; Nancy G.</b> - serving with Café 1040 to train a new generation of workers</p>	<p><b>Yoriyoshi &amp; Emiko Abe</b> - auditing courses at Evangelical this summer in preparation for returning to Japan</p>	<p><b>Jim Bound</b>, retired missionary pastoring in VT. Praise for continued recovery</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Elias Martinez</b>, field leader of the EC Church of Mexico, and their outreach in Vera Cruz area</p>
27	28	29	30	31		
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for <b>Rev. Matthew Gueh</b>, leader of the EC Church of Liberia</p>	<p><b>Marcia Hopley</b> - transitioning into 'retirement' at the end of this month</p>	<p><b>Randy &amp; Chris Amberman</b> - ministering to Navajo people in NM</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Nobuo Abe</b>, Director of the EC Church - Japan</p>	<p><b>Lamar &amp; Janice Stoltzfus</b> - serving as administrators at RVA in Kenya</p>	<p><b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> July 14 - Dan &amp; Mary Lynne Wills</p>	