

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Nick and Lisa Lakatos** will be leaving active missionary status as of the end of this month (August). Various circumstances have indicated that now is not the right time for them to consider returning to Mexico (where they had served with OMS.) A letter of explanation was sent to all our churches. Please continue to keep Nick, Lisa, Hannah and Samuel in prayer as they seek the Lord's will for the next season of their lives.

▶ **Ed and Val Schubert** are finishing up a summer home assignment this month. This time they return to Honduras with only daughter Cheynece, as both AJ and Wes remain in the USA for their higher education.

▶ **Rev. Matthew Gueh**, field leader of the EC Church of Liberia, recently had to have medical treatment in order to get his diabetes under control. It is very hard to control this disease by diet alone in a country where the main food is rice.

▶ **Joe Toy** is once again collecting backpacks filled with school supplies to distribute to underprivileged children in Philadelphia. For information on what to collect and how to get it to Joe, go to his website www.oamphilly.org. The deadline for getting things to Joe is August 12th.

▶ **Brian & Missy Wagner**, Hannah and Micah will be returning to Rift Valley Academy in Kenya early this month to settle in just in time for the next school year. Oldest daughter Rachel remains in the USA for her second year of college. The Wagners have been on furlough in the USA for the past year.

▶ **Ron Anderson** went a bit far afield from his European ministry in early July. He was part of a presentation at China Mission Vision conference. Then in late July he returned to be part of a church planting symposium in Belgium (along with son-in-law and fellow EC missionary **BJ Whitaker**). After that he and Brenda will have a well earned time of rest and restoration.

▶ **Jim & Janet Stahl** are coming east for a couple of weeks this month to visit with friends, family and supporters. Keep them in prayer for safe travels during deputation throughout PA.

▶ **Mission Minded Kids lessons** for the 2014-2015 school year are now available on line at the EC website. Go to www.eccenter.com and click on the tab on the right hand side of the main page where it is listed. It will take you to the eight lessons posted.

▶ **Kurt & Nancy** narrowly avoided injury when a severe storm whipped through their town in early July. Kurt was closing a window when a branch came crashing through, knocking him down. He was stunned but not hurt. Their home sustained some minor damage and the neighborhood lost most of its trees.



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James Ehrman *Working bi-vocationally alongside the Rivendell Institute at Yale University and Love146*

Whoever influences the upstream of society will always control the downstream, and there are few influencers of the upstream like the modern-day university.

At the Rivendell Institute at Yale, we are convinced that a way to influence universities is to disciple a new wave of professors and educators who carry out their work with “gospel lenses”. Similar to a lobbying group, the Rivendell Institute works to influence future academics and the curriculum that is used at a major research center like Yale—knowing its influence will trickle through society. See more, www.rivendellinstitute.org



While Jim is receiving some support as an EC missionary to work at the Rivendell Institute, the bulk of his resourcing is made available by working bi-vocationally with Love146, a pioneer in combating modern-day slavery, or human trafficking. There are over 25 million people alive today who are victims of the horror of slavery, and Love146 works to raise awareness and provide solutions to that crisis. Check out their work at www.Love146.org or watch a short video at <http://love146.org/video>

Aiyana launched Imagine Goods, an organization that provides empowerment through employment to some of the most marginalized people in Southeast Asia, particularly women rescued from modern-day slavery situations. She and Michelle Kime, spouse of EC pastor Joel Kime, co-direct the work and are doing fantastic things! Check out their work and the products they create in partnership with some of the world's most marginalized at www.imaginegoods.com

In the midst of all these wonderful happenings, Jim is working part-time on his PhD in Organizational Leadership at Eastern University, in an attempt to think-through better and better ways to bring social movements to bear on pressing world issues.

Kent is now 14 and Eve is 12 going on 22. They are both doing well and have completed their first year at a new inner-city charter school which concentrates on the sciences and engineering. Eve is constantly dissecting things and Kent is regularly performing a complicated math problem with ease—one that Jim could not do if he spent a day trying.

Pray for the Ehrmans – for their family, their busy schedules, and for the favor of God on their lives.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
31		ANNIVERSARIES August 3 - Jim & Bonnie Bound* September 3 - Dave & Celia Dick August 13 - Jonathan & Kathy Wilson September 3 - Ron & Brenda Anderson August 18 - Roy & Sue Haglund September 3 - Ed & Val Schubert August 22 - Robert & Bettina Schaeffer		SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS September 3 - Laura Whitaker (2012) September 5 - Aiyana Ehrman September 13 - Gwen Melger*		1	2
PRAYER Pray for the persecuted church , especially in the Middle East					Joe Toy is collecting filled backpacks for city children (see back section for details)	Pray for the EC Church of Mexico and its outreach to children in poor areas	
3	4	5	6	7	8 - Sierra Farr (2010)	9	
PRAYER NEEDS Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - translators with the Binandere people in Papua New Guinea	Brian & Missy Wagner family - return to Kenya after a year in USA	Please keep Bishop Bruce Hill and our EC-USA leadership in your prayers	Pray for the EC Church of Nepal and its pastors who are persecuted for faith	Art & Mary Ellen Davis - retired but still serving in Kenya	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with JAARS and The Seed Company, respectively	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at their headquarters in Idaho	
10	11	12	13	14	15 - John Miller	16	
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Matthew Gueh - personal health, ebola virus outbreak in Liberia	Pray for our many EC missionaries who are struggling financially; perhaps God is calling you to help	Ed & Val Schubert return to Honduras after 3 months of furlough/deputation	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planters in Alcora, Spain; plans to rent building for ministry	Jim & Janet Stahl - in PA to visit family, friends and supporters for a couple of weeks	Jim Ehrman - serving with Rivendell Institute at Yale and Love 146	Pray for our EC church plants and church planters , both in the USA and around the world	
17 - Katelyn Bowers (2012)	18	19	20	21	22	23	
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Japan as it prepares to celebrate its status as a National Conference	Jim and Joan Farr - serving as translators for the Baruga and Korafe peoples of PNG	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - work with LIFE Ministries, need for more support	Pray for those MK's who are starting college away from family and friends	Kitty Miller - continuing to settle into life in USA, furlough until fall, prayers for new ministry with Wycliffe	Rev. Lalrosiem Songate - return to finish Ph.D. work in States, need for financial support for this school year	Dan & Melinda Moury - working at Wycliffe headquarters in FL; traveling this summer	
24	25	26	27	28	29 - Samuel Lakatos (2000)	30 - Rachel Wagner (1995)	
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Liberia and its leadership	Pray for the children at El Retiro home in Mexico. Pray for needed finances.	Barbara Erb - Retired but still helping in Surinam	Pray for the EC Church of India as it reaches out to the areas around Manipur	Gloria Smethers - serving as a nurse at AIM Retirement Center in FL	Pray for GMC Director Randy Sizemore as he continues in a shared ministry position	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - transitioning to a new season of life	