

► **The Delaware Region Missions Brunch** will be held on **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, at Hope Community Church in Fogelsville, PA. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and finish by approximately 11:30 a. m. Come to hear an update on what's happening in EC missions! Rev. Randy Sizemore will give an update on the international churches, and we will even have a few live missionaries! There is no charge, but an offering will be taken to help cover the cost. **Reservations are required.** Please email or call the GMC office (1-800-866-7584 or [ecglobal@eccenter.com](mailto:ecglobal@eccenter.com)) by **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** to let us know if you are coming. This brunch is open to anyone who would like to attend.

► **Rev. Randy & Carla Sizemore** will be spending a week in Honduras with **Ed & Val Schubert** at the end of this month. Please keep them in prayer as they travel to see firsthand all that the Schuberts are doing in their ministry to families, women and children.

► As many of you know by now, **Janice Stoltzfus** had to have surgery in late January for breast cancer. The surgery went well, but she will have to have follow-up treatments for the better part of a year. If you want to send a note of encouragement to Janice, send it to: Mrs. Janice Stoltzfus, 38 E. Orange St., Lititz, PA 17543. Lamar and Janice serve at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya and are currently on extended home assignment.

► **Joe Toy** had a busy February on the road, traveling to Houston TX early in the month to do open air ministry at the Super Bowl, and then to New Orleans at the end of the month for Mardi Gras. In between, he planned to head to Daytona Beach, FL for beach ministry to the college students on spring break there.

► **The Global Ministries Commission and the National Ministry Team** will both be meeting this month, in addition to many other sub committees. Please keep these meetings and those who serve on these boards in prayer as they do the work of the GMC and the denomination. Many members travel from out of state or the other end of PA, so pray for traveling mercies as well.

► **Beth Grimm** will be spending two weeks in Mexico this month to test and assess some MK's. She will be traveling to two different locations while there, so please keep her in prayer for safety in traveling to and from as well as in Mexico.

► **Dan Moury** will be traveling to northeastern Africa early this month to film the story of a translation project which is now celebrating the publication of their New Testament. He will be away for two weeks in an area that has seen some civil unrest, so please keep him and his team in prayer for safety, health and no equipment failures. Also keep Melinda and the children in prayer while Dan is gone for two weeks.



# Who Do You Think You Are

Recently there was a TV series called “Who Do You Think You Are?” It was sponsored by Ancestry.com, and it helped American celebrities find their ancestors. Many Americans, whose families have been in this country for several generations, like to research their heritage to find their cultural and ethnic roots.

Sometimes, however, there are surprises; family legend is supplanted by facts. A family member of mine took the DNA test offered by Ancestry.com. He had always been told his heritage was Russian and German. The results came back that he was over 70% Romanian!

The Jews in Jesus’ time were very proud of their heritage. They were the children of Abraham, and most knew from which tribe of Israel they were descended. The Pharisees and Sadducees in particular were proud of being the elite of Jewish society.

But Jesus had some strong words for them. In the second half of Chapter 8 in the book of John, Jesus points out that they are not acting as if they are Abraham’s children; Abraham listened to and followed the Lord and they did not. Jesus told them that they were acting as if their father was someone completely different (and what was inferred was definitely not a compliment!)

Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus revealed who he was, and who his Father was, by his teachings and his actions. Many who heard and followed him understood and believed. When Jesus asked Peter, “Who do you say I am?” Peter responded “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” (Matthew 16:13-16) Even non-Jews recognized his authority, such as the centurion in Matthew 8:5-10.

The Jewish leaders however, never accepted the obvious truth. Every time Jesus healed someone in body and spirit, they muttered among themselves, “Who does he think he is?! Isn’t this Joseph the carpenter’s son? How dare he forgive sins; that’s blasphemy!” They never saw the family connection because they didn’t know the Father.

As evangelical Christians, we have a rich spiritual heritage. Let us try to live up to that and honor the name of Christ so people can see a ‘family’ resemblance. The world is always watching and judging those who claim to be Christ followers; let us be true to our new nature, not the old one.

*“Then he (Jesus) looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.’” (Mark 3:34 NIV)*

–Pat Strain

# EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> March 8 – David & Conce Roof March 22 – Joe & Wendy Toy March 25 – Dave & Emily Hershey April 4 – Chris & Debbie Bowers		<b>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b> April 1 – Mary Reimer * April 5 (2007) – Abigail Farr April 12 – Deborah Bowers	1	2	3	4
			<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the <b>EC Church of Nepal</b> , which continues to face persecution from militant Hindu groups	<b>Yoriyoshi &amp; Emiko Abe</b> – church planters at Grace Garden Church, Ebina City, Japan	<b>Gwen Melger</b> – retired missionary living in Florida	Pray for <b>Dan Moury</b> as he leaves for two weeks of shooting video in NE Africa for Wycliffe
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	– Rev. David Dick			– Joan Farr		
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the <b>EC Church of Mexico</b> as they make application to the National Ministry Team to become a national conference	<b>Ron &amp; Brenda Anderson</b> – training church planters and doing prison ministry in Spain	Pray for <b>Rev. Lalrosiem Songate</b> as he finishes his doctoral work and returns to lead the seminary in Churachandpur	<b>Dr. Juliana Leshner</b> – Chief of Chaplain Services for S. Texas Veterans Health Care System	Pray for all the <b>upcoming meetings</b> for the denomination and for the GMC committees, which will be meeting throughout next week	<b>Beth Grimm</b> leaves tomorrow for 2 weeks in Mexico to test students at a Christian academy there	<b>Randy &amp; Chris Amberman</b> – working with Navajo church and youth in Four Corners area
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					– Rev. Ron Anderson	– Rev. Randy Sizemore
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Today is the <b>Self Denial Offering</b> which helps international conferences and benefits the GMC with their costs	Pray for our <b>missionaries who are traveling</b> , for their safety and health	Pray for the <b>GMC board meetings</b> being held today and the business to be discussed.	Pray for <b>Bishop Bruce Hill</b> and his heavy schedule of meetings this week	Pray for the <b>National Ministry Team</b> as they meet today to discuss the denomination's business	<b>Delaware Region Missions Branch</b> held today at Hope Community church, Fogelsville	Pray for the <b>EC Church - Japan</b> as they seek ways to reach the Japanese people for Christ
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	– Donovan Stoltzfus (1998)				– Marcia Hopler *	
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Kurt &amp; Nancy G.</b> – training young people to minister in closed access countries	Pray for the <b>persecuted church</b> around the world, especially in areas controlled by ISIS	Pray for <b>Randy &amp; Carla Sizemore</b> as they head for Honduras to visit the Schuberts	Pray for the <b>EC Church of India</b> as they reach out to surrounding regions and countries with the Gospel	<b>Chris &amp; Debbie Bowers</b> – training pilots and helping their families in Washington	Pray for our <b>EC church planters</b> , both in the USA and overseas	<b>Roy &amp; Sue Haglund</b> – working at MAF headquarters in Nampa, Idaho
26	27	28	29	30	31	
– Cheynece Schubert (2005)					– Kathryn Kunkel * – B. Micah Wagner (2001)	<small>*DENOTES RETIREE</small>
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Jamie &amp; Anita Farr</b> – working at Wycliffe at headquarters in Orlando, FL	<b>Dave &amp; Celia Dick</b> – working at OMS headquarters in Indiana	Pray for the <b>EC Church of Liberia</b> , as the leadership tries to rebuild their conference after civil war and Ebola	<b>David Hershey</b> – CSF campus minister at PSU-Berks campus	<b>Rev. Don &amp; Kathryn Kunkel</b> – retired missionaries living in Idaho	Pray that our <b>missionaries will not be discouraged</b> but can persevere	