

Why do I do this? Read Matthew 24:14 and see Christ's answer to the question posed to him on when He would return. You will see God's heart to have the Gospel shared with all the nations. Around 7,000 of these people groups still need to be reached before His words are fulfilled.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

- 1) That Cafe 1040 and other Christian organizations would send well-equipped workers passionate about reaching the more than 3 billion people who have never heard the Gospel.
- 2) That God would give me wisdom as I mentor these eager young people to fulfill their calling.
- 3) For \$400 in support each month that will allow me to continue to serve full-time with Cafe 1040.

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Tomoyuki and Jessica Abe** along with daughter Alyssa are in the USA for two weeks in late May. They want to meet with as many supporters and friends as possible, so contact them by email to see what their availability is. The Abes will be meeting with any interested parties during Thursday morning breakfast at National Conference.

▶ **Ron and Brenda Anderson** are in the USA until late July, visiting family and doing deputation among the EC and Primitive Methodist churches. They will be helping two family members pack and move along with deputation duties, so please keep them in prayer for good health, stamina and safety in travels that will take them from Georgia to Indiana.

▶ **Yoriyoshi Abe**, one of our E C church planters in the Tokyo area, is currently taking training to help with the Billy Graham Crusade featuring Franklin Graham which will take place in Tokyo this November. Yoriyoshi will also be doing some translating for the crusade.

▶ **Joe Toy** spent a week in early April doing open air ministry at the Big Four Basketball Championship in Indianapolis, IN. He will also be at the Indianapolis 500 this month over Memorial Day weekend. Please keep him and his companions in prayer for safety in travel to and from these events.

▶ **The five VBS lessons on Nepal** are now available on our website. Go to www.eccenter.com and check the right hand panel on the main page. You can click on the header and will be taken to the lessons for download or printing.

▶ **Roy and Sue Haglund** spent about 10 days in PA and IL in mid April, visiting supporters and catching up with daughter Sarah and family in Chicago.

▶ **Ken Sears** was recently surprised at his college by students, teachers and administrators who came together to celebrate his 20 years of service there. There was cake and punch, and Ken was presented with a plaque. Congratulations, Ken! Ken will be returning in July for an 8 month furlough in the USA.



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Graffs' 37 year journey with our EC family - KURT

I remember returning to my hometown, Dixon, Illinois, after spending several months as a missionary in Argentina. It was 1978, and even though I was already serving the church, I was relatively young in the Lord. I needed a place where I could be disciplined and developed as a leader.

Back at home, God led me to Bethel EC Church for a foundation that still anchors me today. I would need that foundation to fulfill my future calling. Now I work to build that kind of foundation in young people whom God is calling to serve in the "1040 Window," where three billion people live without the hope of Christ. But first, God would lead me and my family to work directly with unreached people in the Muslim world.

The Graffs in Tatarstan and Central Asia -

After serving as a pastor in several EC churches, my family moved to Tatarstan in western Russia. For eight years, we lived among a Muslim people group where we mentored new Christians who now lead the Church there. In 2003, we moved to Central Asia where we developed leaders who planted more than two hundred churches in countries like Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan.

Return to the U.S., but still connected to the 1040 Window - When we returned to the U.S. in 2008, we prayed that God would keep us directly tied to unreached people. He led us to work with an organization called Cafe 1040 that mentors young people to courageously work in countries that actively persecute Christians.

And so just as I was mentored and developed by faithful believers, I now spend my time equipping passionate and capable workers to spend their lives promoting the Gospel. This means interviewing college students interested in my organization's program to ensure that they are ready to face the challenges they will meet on the mission field.

Mentoring for ministry to the unreached -

Once a student is accepted into the Cafe 1040 training program, I mentor the person individually, helping them to grow closer to the Lord and clarify His will for their lives. I spend hours every day meeting in conference calls for the three months before they leave for the field. When a student returns from an intensive field experience in the 1040 Window, I work with them to develop a one, three and five-year plan for returning full time to the mission field.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | PRAYER NEEDS Gloria Smethers - nurse at AIM Retirement Center in FL | Janet Baker , retired missionary in Lebanon, PA |
| 3 | 4 - Nancy G. Conce Roof | 5 - Valerie Schubert | 6 - Carolyn Miller - Jamie Farr | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Lalrosiem Songate , principal elect for Evangelical College of Theology, NE India | Pray for the EC Church of Mexico as they continue to work towards National Conference status | Ron & Brenda Anderson - health, travel and family responsibilities while in the USA | David Hershey - finishing up semester with PSU-Berks students | Dan Dixon - doing deputation while in the USA - pray for safety on the road | Randy & Chris Amberman - working with Navajo youth and church leaders in NM | BJ & Rachel Whitaker - serving as church planters in Alcora, Spain |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| PRAYER NEEDS Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - finishing up last village trip in PNG before furlough | Jamie & Anita Farr - serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators at home office, FL | Brian & Missy Wagner - serving as teacher & administrator at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya | Kurt G. - training young people to work in closed countries | Ed & Val Schubert - working with at risk women and children in Honduras | Eunice Wanjema , retired missionary in Kenya | Chris & Emily Bowers - training missionary pilots for Moody in Washington state |
| 17 - BJ Whitaker | 18 | 19 - Genevieve Ehrman (2002) | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| PRAYER NEEDS Traveling mercies for Rev. Janga & Mercy as they fly to USA for first time | Pray for the EC Church of Nepal as they grow despite persecution | Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe - coming to USA for brief visit to see supporters and share their vision | Pray for the EC Church of India as they continue to minister to neighboring states | David & Celia Dick - serving at OMS headquarters in IN | Pray for our EC Leadership Team as they prepare for National Conference | Pray for the persecuted church , especially in Nigeria |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 - Jonita Wilson (1997) | 28 - Emily Bowers (2014) | 29 | 30 |
| PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Japan as new school year & day care program begins | Remember those who gave their lives for the freedom we have as Americans | Pray for EC Church of Liberia as it continues to recover from effects of ebola epidemic | National Conference USA begins - pray for Holy Spirit's presence to be felt | GMC luncheon with Rev. Janga from Nepal as speaker | National Conference finishes with noon meal | David & Conce Roof - building the church, figuratively and literally, in northern Brazil |
| 31 - Rev. Jack Murray * - Mary Lynne Wills | *DENOTES RETIREE | | | | | |
| PRAYER NEEDS Ken Sears - teaching at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine | | | | | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

May 25 - Brian & Missy Wagner
 May 25 - Jamie & Anita Farr
 June 15 - BJ & Rachel Whitaker

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 5 (2002) - Hannah Moury
 June 6 - Bonnie Bound *
 June 6 (2000) - Kent Ehrman
 June 11 - Wendy Toy