

► Congratulations to **Ron and Brenda Anderson** on the safe arrival of Jackson Biddulph, their second grandson and grandchild #5. Only Brenda was able to make the trip to be with Jenny and her family when Jackson arrived, but Ron wasn't forgotten – Jackson arrived on his birthday! Now that's a birthday present!

► Please continue to keep **Lamar and Janice Stoltzfus** in your prayers. Janice has begun her chemo treatments, and will have to do radiation after that. Pray that she can maintain the stamina she needs and fight off any germs or infections. Pray for Lamar as he continues with their deputation schedule in addition to caring for Janice.

► Congratulations to **Rachel Wagner** who graduates this month from Millersville University with a degree in Social Work. Rachel plans to continue her education to get her Master's degree, and has been accepted into two schools. Please pray that she will receive a Graduate Assistant position which will help pay for her education costs. Proud mom Missy will be in the USA to see Rachel graduate; unfortunately dad Brian can't come because school is still in session at Rift Valley Academy where the Wagners serve. So Brian will be Mr. Mom for Hannah and Micah while Missy is in the USA.

► Remember that our **2017 VBS project** is to raise \$10,000 for the Liberian Literacy Project. Bishop Rev. Abraham Powell is finalizing plans to set up teaching stations at various EC churches in Liberia, to teach children and adults how to read the Bassa language by using the Scriptures as the main textbook. Five minute VBS Lessons will be available on our website soon.

► Congratulations to **Yoriyoshi and Emiko Abe**, who celebrated the first anniversary of Grace Garden Church, Ebina, Japan in late March. The Abes are currently renting space in a community center, but would like to find a facility that they could use exclusively. Right now they have to share their space with other organizations.

► Congratulations to the **EC Church of Mexico**, which will become its own National Conference at the EC Church-USA National Conference this month at Messiah College. The EC Church of Mexico will be the third international church to become a National Conference, joining India and Japan. A delegation, including the current field leader Rev. Elias Martinez and his wife Myrna, along with another couple in leadership, will be in attendance.

► We wish to offer our sympathies to **Rev. Nobuo Abe**, Chairman of the EC Church-Japan, and his extended family, on the passing of his father. Rev. Abe's father passed away in late March. Mr. Abe was also grandfather to **Tomoyuki and Yoriyoshi Abe**, our church planters in Japan. Mr. Abe accepted the Lord and was baptized several years ago, so the family has the joy of knowing this is not a final goodbye. Please keep the extended Abe family in prayer.



Gloria Smethers

Gloria is an "MK", the daughter of the late Herb and Betty Smethers who served 36 years in Kenya and Zaire with AIM. She has been working with Africa Inland Mission for 31 years as of September 2016.



Gloria first went to Congo (formerly Zaire) from 1985-1996 as a nurse. Due to political unrest AIM removed their missionaries from Zaire for a period of time. For 8 months in 1997 she assisted in the care of elderly AIM missionaries at the Retirement Center in Florida.

At that point it was obvious that she and other missionaries would not be able to return to Zaire. The Lord opened up the avenue to minister in Northern Kenya after obtaining her Kenyan RN license in 1999. The work in Northern Kenya was among a traditionally nomadic people.

Unfortunately, after almost 10 years, there was unrest in that area as well and it was targeted towards missionaries, particularly Gloria, so AIM felt it best for her to relocate. She then went to Rift Valley Academy (an MK boarding school) in Kijabe, Kenya to help the resident nurses and medical staff, and served there for a little more than three years.

Gloria writes, "Since September 2013, I have been working at AIM Retirement center in Minneola, Florida. The original property was donated to AIM in the 1930's. Fortunately the mission leadership had the vision to keep this property for a retirement center for missionaries. By the end of this year there will be at least 78 residents. I am one of 2 nurses who spend most of our time caring for the medical needs of 12 residents who live in our boarding facility on the property. I can be asked to care for medication pick up from drugstore, insurance questions, trip to get blood-work done, going to doctor appointments, or call 911 for a resident really not well. I am glad to be able to help a number of missionaries living here who had input in my life as teenager or when I was in Zaire. It is also a privilege to take the opportunities of sharing the Lord with medical staff whom I have gotten to know in the ER, doctor's office, and Walgreens while getting tasks done. I am pleased to be here, and know the Lord wants me here just as much as when HE led me to Rethy, Zaire in 1985, to Kalacha, Kenya in 1999, to RVA, Kenya in 2009. THE LORD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!!! Thanks to everyone who continues to pray, support and write to me. I appreciate your sacrifice towards my support and don't take it lightly. It means a great deal to me. THANKS SO MUCH!!! "

EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	PRAYER NEEDS Jamie & Anita Farr – working in recruitment and personnel with Wycliffe at the Orlando, FL headquarters	Pray for the EC Church- Japan as they provide services in their communities in order to share God's love	Pray for GMC Associate, Rev. Randy Sizemore , as he prepares for National Conference both as pastor and GMC leader	Kurt G. – working with young people who want to serve missionally in closed access countries	– Nancy G. – <i>Conce Roof</i> – Valerie Schubert	– Carolyn Miller* – Jamie Farr	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Th. Janga , field leader of the EC Church of Nepal and his family – safety and health	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia as they continue to help their country recover from civil war and the ravages of Ebola	Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Navajo youth and believers	Pray for Rev. G. Abraham Powell , bishop of the EC Church of Liberia – unifying and leading the church	Rev. Jack Murray , retired missionary living in California	Pray for the EC Church of India as they reach out to neighboring states and countries with the Gospel	– Cassie Wells + Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson – training church planters & prison ministry in Spain	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
PRAYER NEEDS Thank God for Christian mothers who raise their children to know the Lord	David Hershey – campus minister at PSU-Berks campus. Training Christian Student Fellowship leaders.	Roy & Sue Haglund – serving at the headquarters for Mission Aviation Fellowship in Idaho	– Rev. BJ Whitaker Pray for Rev. Kaitinkap Vaiphei , General Director of the EC Church of India	Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill as final plans are made for National Conference next week	Pray for Rev. Elias & Myrna Martinez , field leaders of EC Church of Mexico	Pray for the EC Church of Nepal as they share the Good News in a hostile environment	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Dan Moury , videographer for Wycliffe Bible Translators at their Orlando, FL headquarters	Wes & Mary Reimer , retired missionaries living in Florida	Pray for the persecuted church worldwide, especially in Syria and other Muslim nations	EC Church of Mexico becomes our 3 rd International church to become a National Conference	National Conference USA continues at Messiah College, Grantham, PA	Pray for those traveling as National Conference finishes with lunch today	– Jonita Wilson (1997) Chris & Debbie Bowers – training missionary pilots & helping their wives in Washington	
28	29	30	31	JUNE BIRTHDAYS June 5 (2002) – Hannah Moury June 6 – Bonnie Bound * June 11 – Wendy Toy		ANNIVERSARIES May 25 – Brian & Missy Wagner May 25 – Jamie & Anita Farr June 15 – BJ & Rachel Whitaker	
– Emily Bowers (2014)	This Memorial Day Remember those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy	Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe , Chairman of the EC Church of Japan	– Rev. Jack Murray* – Mary Lynne Wills Dave & Celia Dick – providing encouragement and resources for OMS missionaries and administrators				