

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ In April, **Dan Moury** and a friend rode 363 miles in one day to raise monies towards the scripture translation for the Akebu people in Togo, West Africa. Their goal was \$13,000 and it appears they made it. Congratulations!

▶ Please continue to pray for our **EC church members in Nepal**. We learned that some church members live in Katmandu, the capital which was devastated by the earthquake. At least five families have lost their homes. Others have had their houses damaged by the aftershocks, so they are afraid to go back inside them. Many people are living and sleeping in the streets. Relief efforts are underway, but the streets are still filled with rubble, and the mountainous terrain makes it difficult to get around. The Global Ministries Commission is accepting funds to help our Katmandu church members to rebuild/relocate their homes. Donations should be made payable to "Global Ministries", and 'World Emergency Fund-Nepal' noted in the memo section. Please send to Global Ministries, 100 W. Park Ave., Myerstown, PA 17067.

▶ **Address change** - **Rev. David and Celia Dick** have downsized and moved to another home. Their new address, effective immediately, is 2484 Blue Ridge Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143. Please make this change in your directories and mailing lists.

▶ Remember that our **VBS Project** for this year is to raise funds for **Nepal**. These funds are to be used to help build Mercy Home for the care of EC orphans, as well as help purchase a van since Rev. Janga and his wife are responsible to transport the children to school and any appointments. Any giving that goes above the designated amount can be used to help earthquake victims. There are Five Minute VBS lessons on our website that can be downloaded or printed out for use with your Vacation Bible School. Go to [www.eccenter.com](http://www.eccenter.com) and look on the lower right hand side of the main page. Click on VBS Lessons 1-5 on Nepal to access the material.

▶ **Ken Sears** arrives in the USA this month to begin seven months of furlough. Ken doesn't have any more Sunday mornings available, but there are still some weekdays/nights if you would like to have him share with your small group or bible study. Contact the GMC office for available dates.

▶ Please keep former EC missionaries **Will and Connie Wright** in prayer. Will was seriously injured at his job when a piece of large equipment came down on him, breaking his legs as well as causing internal injuries. He has a long road of recovery ahead of him. The Wrights attend our Reedsville Bethesda EC church. If you wish to send a note of encouragement, please mail it to Mr. & Mrs. Will Wright, 830 Bear Creek St., Auburn, PA 17922.

▶ We also learned that the mother of former EC missionary **Mai Lou Stiles Garcia** passed away in early May. Please keep Mai Lou and her family in prayer during this time of loss.



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## EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

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## When God goes on Vacation

**T**his month officially begins the summer season, and with summer come thoughts of vacation. Webster defines a vacation as "a period of time for pleasure, rest or relaxation." Many families plan a week at the shore, or camping in the mountains, or road trips to national parks. Whatever the destination, many of us will look forward to a vacation this year.

Does God ever take a vacation? Your first reaction is probably to say, "Of course not! God is ever present, and always watching over us." Scripture says the Lord neither slumbers nor sleeps (Psalm 121:3b). However, turn to Genesis 2:2. Verse one tells of the completion of Creation, stating that 'the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.' (NIV) The next verse states 'By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all work of creating that he had done.' (Genesis 2:2-3, NIV)

Now obviously, creating universes is a lot of work! So the triune God, after expending an enormous amount of energy, took a break, a vacation if you will. Not only did he rest, but he blessed that time of resting and made it holy, i.e., set aside for his own honor. That is where we get the concept of a Sabbath day. Even the land is to be given a Sabbath rest every seven years, to recoup in order to be fruitful. (Leviticus 25:5)

Unfortunately, the idea of time set aside to honor God seems to be fading away in American Christianity. Oh, we still give Sunday morning for worship, but what about the rest of the day? Most of us make sure to use some, if not all, of our vacation days each year. What about combining your vacation and your Sabbath? Many Christian organizations welcome volunteers to help with various ministries (see the Short Stops section of our Window on the World magazine for some ways our EC churches are doing this.) Some organizations welcome families; what a great way to teach your children about serving the Lord in a meaningful way while enjoying quality time together! Our EC camps (Camp ECCO, Rock River Bible Camp, Twin Pines Camp & Conference Center) all rely on volunteers to help keep their facilities in good shape for ministry.

As you plan your vacation this summer, think about how you might be able to use your time away from your job in God-honoring service. Start a new family tradition of a Sabbath vacation. What a blessing it will be to others and to you!

*Pat Strain*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <small>*DENOTES RETIREE</small> <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the country of <b>Nepal</b> , for our EC churches as they try to recover from the earthquake	2 <b>Jim &amp; Joan Farr</b> – translating scripture in PNG for the Baruga and Korafe peoples	3 Pray for all the <b>VBS programs</b> planned for this summer, that they may reach children who need to hear about Jesus	4 <b>Dan Moury</b> – photographer/videographer for Wycliffe at Orlando, FL headquarters	5 – <b>Hannah Moury (2002)</b> 	6 – <b>Bonnie Bound * - Kent Ehrman (2000)</b> 
7 <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for <b>Rev. Th. Janga</b> , field leader of our EC churches in Nepal –trying to help those affected by earthquake	8 <b>John &amp; Carolyn Miller</b> – helping with language groups related to Bru	9 Pray for our <b>church planters</b> , both in the USA and around the world	10 Pray for our EC churches in <b>Japan</b> – preparations for a Billy Graham Crusade this fall	11 – <b>Wendy Toy</b> 	12 Pray for the <b>persecuted church worldwide</b> , especially those in countries targeted by ISIS	13 <b>Jim &amp; Janet Stahl</b> – heading overseas to SE Asia for more Bible storytelling seminars
14 <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Yoriyoshi &amp; Emiko Abe</b> – church planters in the greater Tokyo area, Japan	15 Pray for the <b>leaders of our EC Church-USA</b> , as they implement any changes approved at National Conference	16 <b>Robert &amp; Bettina Schaeffer</b> – serving with LIFE Ministries in NY & PA	17 – <b>Miriam Whitaker (2010)</b> 	18 – <b>Missy Wagner - David Roof</b> 	19 <b>Lamar &amp; Janice Stoltzfus</b> – administrators for Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	20 Pray for <b>Rev. Matthew Gueh</b> , field leader of EC churches of Liberia – on going care for ebola orphans
21 <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Praise God for <b>Christian fathers</b> who train their children in the faith	22 – <b>Janice Stoltzfus</b> 	23 – <b>Kitty Miller *</b> 	24 – <b>Rachel Whitaker</b> 	25 Pray for the EC churches in <b>Liberia</b> as they continue recovery from the ebola crisis	26 <b>Jim Ehrman</b> – work with Rivendell Institute and Love 146	27 <b>Rev. Nobuo Abe</b> , Chairman of the EC Church-Japan – preparation for Billy Graham crusade
28 – <b>Wes Reimer *</b> 	29 – <b>Bettina Schaeffer</b> 	30 Pray for those churches and pastors who will have <b>new assignments</b> as of next month	<b>JULY BIRTHDAYS</b> July 7 – <b>Jim Ehrman</b> July 9 – <b>Rev. Dan Dixon</b> July 13 – <b>Rev. Kurt G.</b> July 15(1999) – <b>Hannah Wagner</b>		<b>JULY ANNIVERSARIES</b> June 15 – <b>BJ &amp; Rachel Whitaker</b> July 14 – <b>Dan &amp; Mary Lynne Wills</b>	
28 <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the EC churches in <b>Mexico</b> as they plan summer evangelistic campaigns in the south	29 <b>Dan &amp; Mary Lynne Wills</b> – serving with Wycliffe/ The Seed Company in NC					