

▶ Congratulations to **Hannah Wagner**, who graduates from Rift Valley Academy this month. Hannah will be attending Messiah College in the fall. Her parents **Brian & Missy and brother Micah** will be coming to PA in July and August to help her get settled in. The Wagners will be staying at the former Millersville church parsonage, now missionary housing owned by Grace Community Willow Street Church.

▶ July is summer break for students and faculty at Rift Valley Academy, and **Dan Dixon** is welcoming some special visitors during his break – his parents! **Rev. Norm and Arti Dixon** will be spending two weeks with Dan at their old stomping grounds in Kenya. I'm not sure who is more excited about the trip; Dan or his parents!

▶ **Ron and Brenda Anderson** have both been dealing with some health issues recently and would appreciate prayers for healing. They also ask for prayer for their newest grandson, Jackson, born on Ron's birthday of March 17th. He is having some issues with aspiration that put his lungs in danger.

▶ Just a reminder that our **VBS project for this year is Literacy for Liberia**. The offerings are to help our Liberian churches promote literacy in their communities by using the Bassa language translation of the Bible as a textbook. Our goal is \$10,000. Five minute VBS materials to promote the project are on our website, www.eccenter.com. You can click on them directly from the right hand channel.

▶ **Dan and Melinda Moury** along with Hannah, Josiah, Leah, and Rebekah will be the missionaries in residence at Herndon Camp Meeting in Herndon, PA this month. The dates are July 21-30. For more information, go to www.herndoncampmeeting.org or find them on Facebook.

▶ **Beth Grimm** will be logging the miles this month. She leaves for a conference in Dallas, TX in early July for several days, then leaves for Papua New Guinea in mid-July for a month and a half of observing, testing and working with MK's there to develop a learning plan for those who have learning disabilities. She will return in early September.

▶ **Ivy Limbert**, one of our newest missionary candidates, will be commissioned this month at her home church of Trinity E.C. in Lititz, PA before she leaves to serve as a teacher at Black Forest Academy (for missionary children) in Germany. Please keep Ivy in prayer as she begins her missionary service.

▶ It may seem that the kids just got out of school, but summer whizzes by quickly. **Joe Toy** asks that when you start shopping for school supplies, you remember the Backpack Project that Open Air Ministries sponsors for disadvantaged children in inner city Philly. The list of needed supplies can be found on Joe's website, www.oamphilly.org. Or call the house at (610) 583-2266. He needs the supplies by August 10th.

▶ Congratulations to **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** on the birth of their 3rd grandchild. Isla Rose Nash was born June 6th to daughter Sarah and her husband Brady. Kathy was able to be there with her daughter.



Japan

The E.C. Church of Japan became its own National Conference in 2015. Since then, the three established churches and one church plant have been moving forward, finding creative ways to reach out to the Japanese people to share the love of Christ.

Here are some of the outreaches, as well as prayer requests, from our E.C. brothers and sisters in Japan:

Sagamihara Grace Church – pastored by Rev. Nobuo & Keiko Abe, Chairman of the E.C. Church of Japan. This church has an outreach to children and mothers, as well as continuing to visit the northern region of Fukushima, where the tsunami and nuclear reactor meltdown has done so much damage. They ask for prayer for their plan to start a “Cancer Philosophy Cafe.” [former English teacher] Jean Buss Hino’s husband, Dr. Okio Hino has been organizing this ministry. His medical team is creating a place where people with cancer and their families can gather and share their struggles. They are currently working at about 100 sites all over Japan. In our city, two churches are engaging in this ministry and visitors are connected to the churches. SGC would like to join this ministry to help people with cancer as well.

Kyodo Grace Church – pastored by Rev. Kenichiro & Megumi Sudo. This church is the oldest established congregation, having been founded by the late Rev. Dr. John and Machi Masuda. It also has the largest church building, and that has been used as an outreach. Currently a community choral group uses the sanctuary for its rehearsals, and in return Rev. Sudo is allowed to bring a devotional at each meeting. Christian concerts are held throughout the year, to which the community is invited.

Fuchinobe Community Church – pastored by Rev. Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe. This church started another Marriage Course in late May, with four couples attending. Two ladies will be baptized soon, as FCC kicks off its 8th year! They continue to search for a more adequate facility than the one they are currently renting, as they have outgrown it.

Ebina Garden Church – pastored by Rev. Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe. This church celebrated its 1st anniversary at the end of March. The theme for this year is ‘Team Work’, encouraging church members to use their talents to grow the church. An English Bible Study group was started with a native English teacher leading it. This is free, and may encourage Japanese to attend in order to expand their English skills.

God is on the move in Japan! Please keep our churches and leaders in prayer.

Pat Strain



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS August 8 (2010) – Sierra Farr August 15 – John Miller *		ANNIVERSARIES July 14 – Dan & Mary Lynne Wills August 3 – Jim & Bonnie Bound * August 13 – Jonathan & Kathy Wilson		*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE		1 PRAYER NEEDS As a new church year begins, pray that the info shared at Nat'l Conf will be applied
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PRAYER NEEDS Chris & Debbie Bowers – Chris taking on supervisory role, Deb taking counseling training at her church	David Hershey – campus minister with Christian Student Fellowship at Penn State-Berks campus	Americans should give thanks for the freedoms they enjoy; civil, personal, and religious	Roy & Sue Haglund – looking forward to another grandchild next month c/o daughter Bethany and Nathan	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia , that they may be leaders in the reconstruction of their country after civil war and Ebola	Pray for all the churches holding VBS programs , that many children may be reached with the Gospel	EC Church of Nepal – continued progress on orphanage/ EC headquarters building, safety for pastors
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
– Rev. Dan Dixon 	Kurt & Nancy G. – safe travels back to MI after two weeks of deputation in PA	Pray for the need of a vehicle for Evangelical College of Theology in NE India	Rev. Dan Dixon – good school break and visit from parents	Pray for all of our EC Church planters , both in the USA and around the world	– Kurt G. 	– Hannah Wagner (1999) 
PRAYER NEEDS Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Navajo church leaders and youth in New Mexico					Art & Mary Ellen Davis – retired missionaries living in Kenya	Pray for the EC Church of NE India as they reach out to neighboring regions
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
PRAYER NEEDS Ivy Limbert – commissioned to serve as MK teacher at Black Forest Academy, Germany	Beth Grimm – leaving for 6 weeks in PNG, to test MK's with learning difficulties	Pray for the persecuted Church everywhere , especially the Egyptian Copts	Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson – missionaries in Spain – health issues for them and family	– Pat Strain 	– Janet Baker * 	
				Rev. Dan & Melinda Moury and family – safe travels to PA for Herndon camp meeting	Pray for those leading and attending Herndon Camp Meeting	Rev. Jim & Bonnie Bound , retired missionaries – Jim's health
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
– Carla Sizemore 	– Rev. Don Kunkel* 					
PRAYER NEEDS Dr. Juliana Leshner , Chief of Chaplain Services for the S. Texas Veterans Health Care System	Jamie & Anita Farr – Summer schedule with four active kids and traveling to PA for three weeks	Rev. Dave & Celia Dick – give praise for a good but hectic trip east to visit supporters this past spring	EC Church of Japan – that outreaches to community can continue to soften hearts so they will listen to the message of the Gospel	EC USA delegation goes to Mexico to celebrate National Conference status with EC Church of Latin America	Pray for Carlos and Marta Reyes , directors of El Retiro, as they transition from a children's home to an adult facility	Pray for the EC Church of Mexico , that there may be a smooth transition of leadership from Elias Martinez to Juan Zuniga
30	31					
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Yoriyoshi and Emiko Abe – church planters of Grace Garden Church in Ebina City, Japan	The EC USA delegation returns home from Mexico; pray for traveling mercies					