

Remember all our missionaries who serve at boarding schools for missionary children as the new school year begins. This includes **Rev. Dan Dixon, Brian & Missy Wagner, and Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus** who serve at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya. Also **Ivy Limbert** serving at Black Forest Academy in Germany. Pray that the new school year will go well for the teachers, administrators and students.

**Jim and Joan Farr** give praise for the wonderful celebration on June 9<sup>th</sup> of the dedication of the Baruga New Testament. They are now in the process of closing and turning over their village homes among the Baruga and Korafe and will return to Ukarumpa, SIL headquarters in PNG, until the end of the year.

**David and Conce Roof** shared that they will be starting a new work in Bairro Fidelis which is on an island behind their home. The church in Icoaraci is now established, and the Roofs have felt called to start a new church plant. Please keep them in prayer as they begin the work of making connections with people in that area.

**Gloria Smethers** finishes a two week period of deputation at the beginning of this month. Gloria focused on meeting with her supporting churches in western PA and Ohio to give them updates on her ministry at AIM Retirement Center in Florida. She would normally come up in the fall, but has the opportunity to go on a trip to Israel with family members in October. Have a great time, Gloria!

**Ed and Val Schubert** along with daughter Cheynece will be returning to the USA this month and remain until the end of this year for extended furlough time. Val is also facing another surgery (unrelated to her recent emergency appendectomy.) They will be staying primarily in the IL area. This has been a physically and emotionally demanding year, so they will be doing very limited deputation.

Congratulations to **Rev. Tim King**, one of our EC church planters and member of the GMC board, on his marriage July 14<sup>th</sup> to **Christe** in the Philippines. Tim and Christe are hoping her US visa comes through quickly so she can join Tim in PA. Christe currently lives and works in Singapore.

**Rev. Ted Rathman**, the Global Ministries Associate, has a new email address for his GMC work. It is [trathman@eccenter.com](mailto:trathman@eccenter.com). Please use this email if you want to contact Ted regarding Global Ministries matters. Thank you!

Change of plans - **Brenda Anderson** will remain in the USA with her daughter Jenny for an extended period. Jenny's husband Phil is in the military and will be deployed this month, so Brenda is remaining to help Jenny and her family for a bit. Brenda thanks everyone for their prayers; she is feeling better (as of this writing.) Ron will return to Spain early in September to resume his work there.

**Troy Wills, son of Dan & Mary Lynne Wills**, is getting married this month on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup>. He and his bride Lacie will be living about an hour from his parents. Congratulations to the newlyweds and to the parents of the groom!

Please keep **Chris & Deb Bowers** and all the folks at Moody Aviation in Spokane, Washington in prayer. In July a plane with an instructor and two students crashed, killing all on board. Chris had worked with the instructor and knew him well. Pray for emotional healing, especially for the families of those lost in the crash.

**Dan Moury** was in Uganda in August to video another story-gathering of the impact of having scriptures in a tribe's heart language.



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# Eyes on the Prize

This phrase has been used by many groups and organizations throughout the years. Many coaches of sports teams use this as a motivational phrase for their players. The idea is not to get distracted or sidetracked by what's going on around you, but focus on your goal. For sports teams, that might be anything from improving their win ratio to winning the championship.

We as Christians need to remember to keep our eyes on the prize as well. Our goal should be to focus on living for the Lord Jesus and telling others about Him. Instead, we often get distracted by what's going on in our society and discouraged by what we see as antagonism towards evangelical Christianity in our culture. Or we get into our holy huddle, exercising a 'circle the wagons' mentality that divides 'us' from 'them' - anyone who doesn't think and/or act the way we do.

Most often, though, American Christians are just complacent. We're not trying to win the game; we aren't even in the game. We're spectators, sitting on the benches, often not even particularly paying attention to what's going on. We occasionally cheer for our team, but we aren't emotionally invested in the players or the score.

How different that is from what the apostle Paul wrote to fellow believers in the Corinthian church! In I Corinthians 9:24 Paul writes, *"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."* He is encouraging the believers in the Corinthian church not to give up, not to get distracted, but to focus on living for Christ. Many came out of a pagan background and had to struggle not to be dragged back into that lifestyle. Believers who were of Jewish ancestry had to fight their inclination to look down on Gentile Christians but were to treat them as equals.

Our struggles today are no more difficult than those of believers in Paul's day. Most of us in the American Church will never know persecution for our faith, as the early Church did and many brothers and sisters in Christ do in other countries. Paul's words are as applicable today as they were then, press on towards the goal, keep your eyes on the prize.

*"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* PHILIPPIANS 3:13b-14 (NIV)

Pat Strain

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# EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE SEPTEMBER 2018

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**PRAYER NEEDS**  
Pray for the **persecuted Church, especially in China** where there has been more targeted violence

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**PRAYER NEEDS**  
Pray for **Rev. Th. Janga**, leader of the EC Church of Nepal. Pray for stamina and wisdom to lead the growing body of churches in a hostile environment

3 - *Laura Whitaker (2012)*  
**Labor Day** – Praise God for the opportunity to work in ministry or secular jobs, and to share Good News with coworkers

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**Chris & Deb Bowers** – serving at Moody Aviation in the Spokane area. Chris is a pilot/instructor, and Deb works with wives of students.

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**Rev. Dan Dixon**, as school year at RVA gets started again. Dan teaches Bible and coaches various teams

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**David Hershey** – campus minister with CSF at Penn State-Berks Campus. Pray for good opportunities to interact with students on campus

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Pray for **Roy & Sue Haglund**, still in the first year of retirement and enjoying it very much!

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Pray for **Rev. G. Abraham Powell**, Bishop of the EC Church of Liberia, that he and other EC leaders may be a healing influence in their country

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**PRAYER NEEDS**  
**Ron & Brenda Anderson** – getting back into their routine after several months in the USA; health and stamina to serve

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**Jim & Joan Farr** – praise for finishing Baruga NT, in process of closing up village houses and preparing to return to USA later this year

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Several of our **missionaries** are **suffering severe support shortage**; prayerfully consider if you can help

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Pray for **Dr. Juliana Leshner**, Chief of Chaplain Services for the south Texas Veterans Health System in San Antonio, TX

13 - *Gwen Melger\**  
Pray for **Rev. Juan Zuniga**, Superintendent of the EC Church of Mexico (Latin America) that they may continue to spread the Gospel

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Pray for Church Health Associate, **Rev. Gary Kuehner**, as he works with our churches to adopt healthy lifestyles and grow

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**Randy & Chris Amberman**, working with Navajo churches and after school children/youth program

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**PRAYER NEEDS**  
Pray for **Rev. Nobuo Abe**, Chairman of the EC Church of Japan – for wisdom and guidance to impact Japan for Christ

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Pray for **Barbara Erb**, retired missionary who served in Suriname for many years

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Pray for **Bishop Bruce Hill** and the **leadership team** of the EC Church - USA

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**Ivy Limbert** – teaching ESL classes at Black Forest Academy in Germany. Pray for a good fall semester and good health

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**Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe**, church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan – seeking direction

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**Kurt G.** – helping young men prepare to serve short term missions in closed access countries

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Pray for **Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate**, Principal of Evangelical College of Theology, NE India

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**PRAYER NEEDS**  
**Beth Grimm** – Education specialist who helps MK's by diagnosing learning issues and preparing lesson plans

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Pray for the **members of our EC international churches** as they witness for Christ in their respective countries

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**Jamie & Anita Farr** – serving at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL

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**David & Celia Dick** – serving as Vice President at Large for OMS at headquarters in Indiana

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Pray for **Rev. Kaitinkap Vaiphei**, General Director of the EC Church of India

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**Dan & Melinda Moury** – serving as videographer for Wycliffe at headquarters in Orlando, FL

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Many of our missionaries have sensed spiritual darkness or oppression lately; **pray for safety** from the enemy and his forces

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**PRAYER NEEDS**  
Pray for **our church planters**, both in the USA and around the world

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
September 3 – *Dave & Celia Dick*  
September 3 – *Ron & Brenda Anderson*  
September 3 – *Ed & Val Schubert*

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**  
October 10 – *Chrisanne Amberman*  
October 11 – *Mary Ellen Davis\**

\*DENOTES RETIREE  
+ DENOTES CANDIDATE