

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Jonathan & Kathy Wilson** will be heading out to their village of Nindeware again in mid-January to continue work on translating the scriptures into the Binandere language. Keep them in prayer for safe travels, good health while in the village, and that they and the native translators can make much progress.
- ▶ **GMA Rev. Ted Rathman and Rev. Rick Sergi** will be traveling to Liberia from January 28th to February 9th. They will take part in the annual conference of the EC Church of Liberia, as well as visit and preach in several churches. Please keep them in prayer for safe travels and good health while overseas.
- ▶ **Rev. Ken Sears** will finish his six-month furlough and return to Ukraine around January 12th. He spent the Christmas holidays in Texas with his parents and will leave from there to return to Zaporozhye.
- ▶ Congratulations to **Dan Quigley**, who was approved as a missionary in the fall Global Ministries Community meeting. Dan serves in Nicaragua, working with at risk children in the capital city of Managua. Tentative plans are to commission him in spring at his home church of Brownstown Ebenezer E.C.
- ▶ **Brenda Anderson** had gall bladder surgery scheduled for December 16th. Keep her in prayer that all (goes) went well, and that she will be able to enjoy at least some Christmas goodies!
- ▶ **Cassie Wells** has moved again. Her new address, effective immediately, is 2321 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104. She is excited to have a Christian landlord, who was even involved in Disciple Makers (her mission agency) when he was in college. Praise!
- ▶ **Dave Hershey**, who serves as a campus minister with Christian Student Fellowship at the Berks campus of Penn State, is also filling in at the Brandywine campus right now. He feels they need their own full time campus minister and has asked for prayers for that issue.
- ▶ Congratulations to **Ivy Limbert**, who finished her master's degree in mid-December. It was a hectic couple of years, but she hung in there. Good job, Ivy!
- ▶ **Ron Anderson** spent much of December either meeting with international ECMI leaders throughout Europe, or hosting Christian leaders from other countries when they visited Spain. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work throughout Europe!
- ▶ **Brian & Missy Wagner** were grateful for the opportunity to spend the holidays with their three children and extended family this year. Keep them in prayer as they continue to travel to do deputation throughout the winter months.
- ▶ **BJ & Rachel Whitaker** were invited in November to share about Thanksgiving with daughter Laura's second grade class. Of course, they were expected to bring some American style goodies as well!
- ▶ Please keep **Kurt and Nancy G.** in prayer for health concerns. Kurt shared that Nancy is still recovering from breast cancer and skin cancer, while he is dealing with heart challenges as well as some other health issues.
- ▶ GMA Emeritus **Rev. Randy Sizemore and his wife Carla** spent Thanksgiving in India, speaking at Evangelical College of Theology. They were invited by Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate, the principal. Randy and Lalrosiem worked together for many years.



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India

Northeast India is home to the largest number of EC'ers on the planet, with approximately 60,000 members and over 400 churches. The EC connection to the work in Manipur state began with Paul and Ella Rostad who went as missionaries to the head hunting tribes in that area before WW II. They had to evacuate during the war, but returned afterwards to continue their ministry.



From seeds planted by Watkin Roberts in the early 20th century and watered by Northeast India General Mission and the Rostads, God grew a bountiful harvest. Manipur state is considered to have a high percentage of Christians. The EC work is concentrated among six presbyteries (each of which represents a tribal group) which have their own languages. This region is among the poorest in India.

Rev. Dr. Kaitinkap Vaiphei is the General Director of our EC Church of India (ECCI). Kap, as he is affectionately known by his friends, is familiar to many in the USA from his time of studying at our Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown. He is emphasizing unity among the presbyteries and training of the pastors during his leadership.

Part of that training comes from the Evangelical College of Theology, also located in Churachandpur, Manipur state. Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate is the principal of ECT. He did much of his advanced studies in the USA and is familiar to many here from his tenure as the General Director of ECCI. ECT trains students in English, and has both men and women training as pastors and missionaries.

A new General Director will be elected at ECCI's national conference in April. Global Ministries Associate Rev. Ted Rathman and Bishop Bruce Hill will be going to attend this very important conference. Please keep the selection committee in prayer as they seek God's choice for the next man to lead the largest part of our EC Church.

We are excited by the zeal we see and read about among our EC brothers and sisters in Northeast India. They truly have a heart to see their people hear the Good News about Jesus. Please continue to pray for them as they sacrifice much to take God's Word to neighboring states and countries.

Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Happy New Year PRAYER NEEDS Celebrate God's gift of a new year to serve Him	2 - Jim Farr * - Lamar Stoltzfus	3	4 Pray for the EC Church of India , as they continue to reach out to neighboring tribes and states with the Gospel
5 - Jim Stahl	6 Pray for Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe , church planters in Japan - larger location, second child due in March	7 Ivy Limbert - starting the new semester teaching missionary children at Black Forest Academy in Germany	8 - Celia Dick *	9 Beth Grimm - leaving for Guatemala. She'll spend this month testing and working with MK's with learning disabilities	10 - Dan Wills	11 Pray for all those teaching in MK schools , that they are refreshed and ready for the challenge of a new semester
12 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Japan as they seek new ways to interact with their communities and shine the light of Christ in a country that so desperately needs Him	13 Randy & Chris Amberman - working with afterschool programs and community center for Navajo youth and families	14 Dan Quigley - serving in Nicaragua with at risk children and youth in the capital city of Managua	15 Pray for David & Conce Roof , as they seek God's will for where and when to start a new church plant in Brazil	16 Pray for Dr. Juliana Leshner , serving as National Director of Veteran Affairs Chaplaincy in Washington, D.C.	17 Pray for the EC Church of Nepal which continues to grow, despite persecution from militant Hindus and government harassment	18 Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson - meetings last month with international church leaders; pray for forward movement
19 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for all those working in campus ministry , that they can reach a generation that has mostly rejected evangelical Christianity	20 John & Carolyn Miller - retired missionaries living in Houghton, NY	21 Pray for those missionaries who are the 'sandwich generation' - kids in MK school, aging parents at home	22 Kurt & Nancy G - health issues for both of them, need for more support funds	23 - Anita Farr	24 - Rev. Ted Rathman	25 Gwen Melger , retired missionary living in Florida
26 - Kathy Wilson	27 Pray for the EC Church of Latin America as they seek to reach beyond their current geography of northern Mexico	28 Pray for Rev. Ted Rathman & Rev. Rick Sergi as they travel to Liberia	29 Pray for the persecuted church , especially in northern Syria, where Turkey has been attacking	30 - Randy Amberman - David Hershey - Melinda Moury	31 - Chris Bowers	*DENOTES RETIREE
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for those young people who have felt the call to ministry , either as pastors, church planters or missionaries				David Hershey - working with college students on Penn State - Berks campus	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia as they hold their annual conference and conduct business while planning for the future	