

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **Rev. Ted Rathman** and **Rev. John Friedlund** made a whirlwind trip to Nepal in early January (6th – 12th) to participate in the ordination of pastors there. Since Nepal is still technically a mission conference, not a National Conference, only the Global Ministries Associate or the Bishop of EC-USA can ordain these pastors. Rev. Friedlund, pastor at Trinity EC Church of Boyertown, PA is also the vice-chairman of the Global Ministries Community and has visited several of our international church locations.

► **REMINDER – Jim and Joan Farr** have a new email, beginning this month. You can now reach them at jim_farr@sil.org. The Farris are in the States permanently now, and will be in PA until the end of March.

► **Beth Grimm** spent January 8-29 in Guatemala, testing, evaluating, and developing lesson plans for MK's at Christian Academy of Guatemala, her former mission field. Beth works with MK's who have been diagnosed or are suspected of having learning disabilities.

► **Rev. Joe Toy** reports that he was able to distribute 800 Christmas stockings to underprivileged children throughout the greater Philadelphia area. A good number of these came from EC churches; thank you for your generosity.

► Please keep **Dr. Juliana Lesher** in prayer as she begins a new position within the Veteran Affairs organization. Juliana had been serving as the Chief of Chaplain Services for the South Texas Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio, TX. She has been tapped to serve as the new National Director of Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy. This will require a move to suburban Washington D.C. (Hampton VA area) and is a two-year term, with the possibility of only one additional two-year term. Juliana will be in charge of 1,000 Veteran Affairs Chaplains of various faith traditions, nation-wide. This is a great privilege and an even greater responsibility. Pray for wisdom and peace as she seeks to serve God and country well.

► **Robert and Bettina Schaeffer** will celebrate 20 years of marriage this year. They are planning a celebration vacation next month to the Bavarian Alps in southern Germany with Bettina's brother and sister-in-law. Happy Anniversary!

► **Rev. Joe Toy** will be traveling quite a bit at the beginning and the end of this month. From the 1st to the 4th, he and his team will be doing evangelism at the Super Bowl in Atlanta, GA. Then at the end of the month (and into early March), he and his team will return to Mardi Gras to witness to people on the streets. Both events bring large crowds and some very inebriated individuals, so pray for safety for Joe and his fellow workers as they witness. Joe would also appreciate prayer for travelling mercies to and from both the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras.

► **Our Riverhill E.C. Church** sent a work team earlier this year to work with David & Conce Roof in Belém, Brazil. An article about the team (with photos!) was featured in the Jan-Apr 2019 *Action* magazine, the official magazine for Men for Missions. MFM specializes in work teams and hands on help for missionaries, and is associated with OMS International, the missionary organization under which David and Conce serve.



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Dan & Mary Lynne Wills

Dan and Mary Lynne Wills grew up in the Lancaster County, PA area. They met and were married in 1984.

Although they were raised in different faith traditions, both accepted Jesus as their savior during their junior high school years. As the demands of their jobs kept them from church, God became less of a priority in their lives.

During their first year of marriage Mary Lynne attended church with a co-worker and realized that she was really missing something. Several weeks later she asked Jesus to be not only her savior, but master of her life. Dan saw the changes in Mary Lynne and they started attending different churches.

In 1991 Dan became reunited with a friend who had become a Christian and saw the difference his faith made in his life. Dan dedicated his life to the Lord, and the Wills began attending Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church (Lancaster) and soon became members. Their family grew with the additions of sons Justin and Troy.

While attending Trinity E.C. Church they had their first exposure to missions and missionaries. Dan had felt for some time that the Lord wanted him to do something else with his abilities so he started looking into Christian organizations to see if there was a need for a graphic artist. He and Mary Lynne applied to Wycliffe Bible Translators, and in July of 1999, the Wills family moved to Dallas, TX to begin their first assignment with Wycliffe.

In 2003, the Wills started thinking about taking an overseas assignment. They were assigned to the Philippines and arrived in December 2003. Dan served as the Assistant Center Director in charge of the day-to-day operations. Most of the completed translations for South-East Asia were typeset at this LAP site. Mary Lynne spent her mornings as an education assistant tutoring a student in math and reading and spent her afternoons in the finance department.

The Wills returned to serve at the JAARS Center in NC in 2006. Dan is an (RC) Resource Coordinator and (AD) Associate Director, assisting missionaries who are going through transitions in their lives. Mary Lynne continues in her role as administrative support for the eastern partner development team.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	ANNIVERSARIES February 6 – Rev. Dan & Melinda Moury February 21 – Jim & Joan Farr March 8 – David & Conce Roof		BIRTHDAYS March 6 – Rev. David Dick March 9 – Joan Farr		1	2
					PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Joe Toy – open air ministry this month at The Super Bowl in Atlanta and Mardi Gras at end of month	Rev. Jim & Bonnie Bound – retired but still active in Vermont
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PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Ken Sears – teacher, administrator and pastor at Zaporozhzye Bible College in Ukraine	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – bible translators in Papua New Guinea, working with the Binandere language group	Pray for the EC Church of Mexico as they try to reach into more southern areas and eventually even into Central America	Gloria Smethers – serving as a full time nurse at the AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, Florida	Pray for the EC Church of India , as they try to spread the Gospel in NE India, despite growing antagonism to Christianity	Pray that our missionaries don't get so focused on their work that they neglect their devotions	Pray for our EC church planters , both in the USA and abroad, that they may reach their communities for Christ
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PRAYER NEEDS Cassie Wells – serving in campus ministry with Disciple Makers at Kutztown University and Cedar Crest College in the Lehigh Valley area of PA	Dr. Juliana Leshner – new position as National Director of Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy; relocation to Washington DC	Ed & Val Schubert – ministry to women and children in Honduras; public health lectures, children's programs, and much more	Rev. BJ & Rachel Whitaker, church planters in Alcora, Spain with ECMI– for continued inroads with the community through outreaches	Tell someone that God loves them, and then demonstrate that love! Be the hands and feet of Christ to a hurting world	Brian & Missy Wagner – teacher and administrator at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya – plans for furlough this year	David & Conce Roof – church planters with OMS in northern Brazil. Pray for guidance for future ministries in Brazil
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
PRAYER NEEDS Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – working at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya – continued stamina for Janice	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia , as they continue to reach out to their communities with literacy programs	Jim & Janet Stahl – training national speakers to tell Bible stories accurately to their people in their heart language	Pray for the EC Church of Nepal , as they ordain new pastors and continue to spread the Gospel in the face of persecution	Pray for Rev. Les Cool , the Kingdom Extension Associate, as he provides resources for church growth and revitalization	Pray for the stationing elders , as they begin the work of bringing together pastors and churches that will flourish	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving at JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC – Associate Director and Accounting
24	25	26	27	28		
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for all those in leadership in our EC churches , both in the USA and internationally, as they make plans for the way forward	Janet Baker – retired missionary living in Lebanon, PA	Pray for the EC Church of Japan as they seek to reach their communities for Christ	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – counselors with LIFE Ministries in NYC and PA	Pray for the persecuted church , especially in Iran, where Christians have been targeted by ISIS		*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE