

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **CORRECTION** – Seems that I really goofed on the Wycliffe emails. Sorry! The correct emails for Chris Bowers and the Wilsons are listed below. Please disregard what was listed in last month's Prayer Guide.

Chris Bowers – chris_bowers@wycliffe.org

Kathy Wilson – Kathy_wilson@sil.org

Jonathan Wilson – jonathan_wilson@sil.org

► **Joe Toy** will be going to England from the 4th – 14th this month for the NFL London games. He asks for prayer coverage as they reach out to those attending these football games.

► **Praise!** Many thanks to all of you who participated in raising funds for our **VBS-Japan project**. As of September, we have met and exceeded our goal of \$10,000. Thank you so much!

► **Joe Toy** will be doing the Christmas stocking project again this year. If you or your church would like to participate, go to Joe's website, www.oamphilly.org, for information on how to make the stockings and what to put in them. If you are participating, please contact Joe at Oamphilly@aol.com and let him know. He needs all stockings by November 30th.

► **Praise** that none of our EC folks in Florida suffered damage from Hurricane Dorian last month. **Dan & Melinda Moury, Jamie & Anita Farr, Jim & Joan Farr, Wes & Mary Reimer and Rev. David & Elaine Hornberger** initially were right in the storm's path, but it veered north instead of slamming into the coast. They had high winds and heavy rain, but no damage to homes and property.

► **Dr. Juliana Lesher**, National Director of Veteran Affairs Chaplaincy, will be the guest speaker at Evangelical Seminary's banquet on Thursday evening, October 10th at Eden Resorts. Juliana was appointed to this two-year position at the beginning of this year. She is in charge of all of the US military chaplains, a daunting responsibility. Please keep her in prayer as she strives to meet the heavy demands of her position. (NOTE: If you want to know more about the banquet, go to Evangelical's website, www.evangelical.edu, or call 717-866-5775.)

► Retired missionary **Janet Baker** has been having some serious health issues. Please keep her in prayer. You can drop a note of encouragement to her at: Apt 315, 609 N. 12th St., Lebanon, PA 17046 or email to yawniebaker@yahoo.com.

► **Jim & Janet Stahl** were in Jamaica in late August/early September, leading a Bible Story telling workshop among people there. Many folks struggle with illiteracy, so even though they go to church, they can't read or don't own a Bible. Being able to hear God's Word through the stories and parables from scripture helps them to understand His Word better.



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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

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NEPAL

Nepal lies along the southern slopes of the Himalayan mountain ranges. Roughly 75 percent of the country is covered by mountains. It is a land-locked country located between India to the east, south, and west and the Tibet



Autonomous Region of China to the north. Its territory extends roughly 500 miles from east to west and 90 to 150 miles from north to south. The capital is Kathmandu. Wedged between two giants, India and China, Nepal seeks to keep a balance between the two countries in its foreign policy—and thus to remain independent.

Almost all Nepalese live in villages or in small market centers. Outside of Kāthmāndu, there are no major cities. Smaller urban centers are located in the Tarai (flat land along the Indian border), and one is situated in a valley in the mid-mountain region.

Nepal, long under the rule of hereditary prime ministers favoring a policy of isolation, remained closed to the outside world until a palace revolt in 1950 restored the crown's authority in 1951. In 2008, however, after a decade long period of violence, the monarchy was dissolved, and Nepal was declared a democratic republic.

As a result of its years of geographic and self-imposed isolation, Nepal is one of the least developed nations of the world. A vast majority of the population is Hindu, but a small percentage (less than 20%) follows Buddhism or other religious faiths. Only 1½ percent of the population identifies as Christian.

Our EC work began under Rev. Th. Janga and his wife Mercy, missionaries sent out from EC Church of India to work in Nepal. By 2003, the work was established. A denominational center and orphanage now stands in Dharan, and there are 12 established churches and 10 fellowships as of 2018. Rev. Janga has started a Leadership Training Course for pastors and lay leaders; the first class graduated in January.

Nepal is a young country, with more than three-fifths of the population under 30 years of age. That is why Rev. Janga began the ECCN (EC Church of Nepal) Youth Department. These Christian young people will be the future of the EC Church in Nepal.

As of this writing (early September), Rev. Janga was hospitalized with dengue fever. Please keep him in prayer for full recovery, and also for the work in Nepal, that it will continue to grow in spite of government opposition and Hindu extremists.

Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ANNIVERSARIES October 16 – Jim & Janet Stahl November 1 – Kurt & Nancy G.</p> <p><i>*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE</i></p>		<p>1</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS The GMC will have its fall meeting today. Pray that we can get all the business on the agenda done.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Th. Janga, leader of the EC Church of Nepal, recovering from a recent bout of dengue fever</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pray for those missionaries who are struggling with support needs</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Joe Toy – leaving for open air ministry in London, UK during NFL games being held there</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Barbara Erb – retired missionary who served in Suriname, South America</p>
<p>6</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Dr. Juliana Lesher, Director of VA Chaplaincy in Washington, DC – speaker at Evangelical’s banquet on 10th of this month</p>	<p>7</p> <p>BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planters in Alcora, Spain – wisdom and direction for their ministry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill and the upcoming denominational meetings this week</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Conference Network Team (Bishop, Executive Director, District Field Directors) meets to discuss denominational issues</p>	<p>10 – Chris Amberman</p> <p>Pray for the National Ministry Team that meets today to conduct the business of the denomination</p>	<p>11 – Mary Ellen Davis *</p> <p>Pray for the young people who are sensing a call to missionary service, as GMC works with them to help them ascertain field of service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Rev. Kaitikap Vaiphei, General Director of the EC Church-India – overseeing work of six presbyteries in Manipur state</p>
<p>13</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Jim & Janet Stahl – leading Bible story seminars in Asia and Africa to train native speakers to accurately spread the Gospel in oral cultures</p>	<p>14</p> <p>David & Conce Roof – church planters in Brazil – focus on expanding Moju River ministry with new missionary couple</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Brian & Missy Wagner – safety during travel for deputation schedule through next May; balancing time with family and furlough responsibilities</p>	<p>16 – Brian Wagner</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Jeff Byerly, Ministerial Development Associate – guiding young men sensing a call to pastoral ministry</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Abraham Powell, bishop of the EC Church of Liberia, as he leads the church in various outreaches within the community</p>	<p>18 – Rev. Jim Bound *</p> <p>Ken Sears – busy deputation schedule while in USA; various health issues that have cropped up – pray for healing and stamina</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – serving at Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya as Operations Director and chaplain</p>
<p>20</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe – church planters in Ebina City, Japan – wisdom for outreach, a larger facility for ministry</p>	<p>21 – Josiah Moury (2004)</p> <p>Rev. Nobuo Abe, Chairman of the EC Church-Japan – vision for community outreach by EC churches in Japan</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pray for Art & Mary Ellen Davis, retired missionaries living in Kenya; still working with native church leaders</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate, Principal of Evangelical College of Theology – training new pastors and missionaries</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – counselors with LIFE in NY and PA; pastoring in St. Clair, PA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pray for God to call young men into the ministry, and for them to heed that call</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – translators in Papua New Guinea, working with Binandere language group</p>
<p>27</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Juan Zuñiga, Superintendent of EC Church – Latin America – wisdom in outreach beyond northern Mexico</p>	<p>28 – Brandon Farr (2006)</p> <p>Gloria Smethers – nurse serving at AIM Retirement Center in Florida</p>	<p>29 – Rebekah Moury (2009)</p> <p>Pray for the persecuted church, especially in Iran, where most Christians have fled the country.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving at JAARS Center in SC as director and accountant</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pray for churches who do a Trunk or Treat program to reach children with the Gospel on Halloween</p>	<p>BIRTHDAYS November 2 – Barbara Erb * November 3 – Rev. Joe Toy, Jr. November 8 – Jane Heck * November 9 – Jessica Rathman November 14 – Art Davis *</p>	