

# April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	 <p>April 4 - Chris and Deborah Bowers                      May 17 - Gene and Bethanie Stevenson+                      May 25 - Brian and Missy Wagner                      May 25 - Jamie and Anita Farr</p>				 <p>Mary Reimer* 1</p> <p><b>David &amp; Conce Roof</b> - serving the people of Belem, Brazil with One Mission Society</p>	 <p>Good Friday 2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Nobuo Abe</b> - Chairman of the EC Church of Japan</p>
 <p>4</p>	 <p>Abigail Farr 5</p> <p><b>Brian &amp; Missy Wagner</b> - with African Inland Mission, serving at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya, Africa</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Latin America</b> - continued health and recovery from COVID and natural disasters</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pray for <b>Gloria Smethers</b> - serving residents at the AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, FL</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Joseph &amp; Wendy Toy</b> - serving the greater Philadelphia area in Evangelism training with Open Air Ministries</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Rev. Lalrosiem Songate</b> - principal of Evangelical College of Theology, Manipur, India</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pray for <b>Ken Sears</b> - serving at Zaporozhye, Ukraine Bible College</p>	
<p>11</p> <p><b>Jim &amp; Janet Stahl</b> - training groups around the world with online storytelling</p>	 <p>Deborah Bowers 12</p> <p><b>BJ &amp; Rachel Whitaker</b> - for continued favor in church planting efforts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pray for <b>EC Church of India</b> - health, safety, wisdom &amp; direction for continued ministry</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Dan &amp; MaryLynne Wills</b> - serving missionary families with Wycliffe</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Rev. Th. Janga</b> - Director - EC Church of Nepal. Pray for the training &amp; equipping of pastors &amp; leaders</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pray for <b>John &amp; Kathy Wilson</b> - serving in Papua New Guinea through Bible translation</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Paozathang Singson</b> - General Director of the EC Church of India</p>	
<p>18</p> <p><b>Robert &amp; Bettina Schaeffer</b> - for their ministry in NYC to men &amp; women coming out of homosexuality</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pray for <b>the EC Church of Nepal</b> - continued ministry despite government threats and interferences</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Ted Rathman, GMA</b> - for continued ministry vision &amp; mission of the GMC</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Lamar &amp; Janice Stoltzfus</b> - serving Rift Valley Academy, Kenya, Africa with Africa Inland Mission</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pray for <b>Mrs. Beth Johnson</b> - retired missionary</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>EC Church of Liberia</b> - continued restoration following fire at the Christian school</p>	 <p>Jared Farr 24</p> <p>Pray for <b>the EC Church of Japan</b> - health and safety for all pastors, their families, and the church members</p>	
<p>25</p> <p><b>GMC Member Care Team</b> - wisdom and direction for the care of our missionaries</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Rev. Abraham Powell</b> - Bishop of the EC Church in Liberia - for the continued ministry and vision of the church</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pray for <b>Cassie Wells</b> - serving the students of Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA with Disciple Makers</p>	 <p>Junia Hershey 28</p> <p><b>Rev. Gene Stevenson+</b> - serving as Academic Dean at Indian Bible College</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pray for <b>Ed and Valerie Schubert</b> as they continue food outreaches to the Honduran people</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Rev. Juan Zuniga</b> - Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America</p>	<p>*retiree +candidate</p>	

# OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

**- Missionary Speaking Engagements:** With travel restrictions many plans for international missionaries to be on furlough in the states are tentative. But, many are very eager to share and speak - and are coming up with very creative ways to do so. Reach out directly to them or contact the GMC office for more information.

**- College Campus Ministries:** Many of our college campus ministries have encountered some decline in student engagement despite many campuses opening back up for in-person instruction this semester. Pray for encouragement for our EC missionaries serving college ministries and for fresh vision to encounter, engage, and disciple college students around the world despite current COVID-related restrictions and low student engagement. *"2020 was a strange year. I'm not sure if 2021 will be any different. But I am confident that God is the same today, yesterday, and forever. The Lord is not thwarted by a pandemic, elections, or social injustice. He never feels the uncertainty that we do. And He is more determined for the building of His Kingdom than we are. With that in mind would you pray with me for upcoming semesters?"* Cassie Wells, Disciple Makers, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA.

**- Lausanne Church Planting Update & Praise Report: Maasai chiefs saw God send them rain in response to their prayers.** *"Simba, a co-worker, in the Lausanne Church planting network was summoned by the Maasai tribal leaders to a meeting of the chiefs. He was then asked to start the meeting with prayer to his God. He had noticed the drought in the region and the effect it was having on cattle and farming. With a God-given boldness he asked all to stand and call out to the God of heaven for rain to fall that very day. Within hours God opened the skies and a torrential rain fell on the assembly. The chiefs, astounded by the power of Simba's God, responded by falling to their knees in the mud and rain. God is showing his grace on the tribe of 2 million. Pray that the whole tribe will come to Christ in what is known as a 'peoples movement.'"* (Shared by Ron Anderson, ECMI.)



**- Continued prayer for travel:** As communicated from Dan Moury, Wycliffe, Orlando, FL, *"Currently, we just need this Covid-19 pandemic to find enough resolution to open up travel again. My video team is itching to move forward with several trips that were cancelled last year and a few others that were already in the planning phases before our travel was restricted."*

**- Staffing Needs:** *"We do really need another nurse on staff as my co-worker will be retiring at the end of the year. We have 85 residents living here at AIM Retirement center. It would be ideal if the nurse has had overseas experience themselves."* - Gloria Smethers, serving residents at the AIM Retirement Center, Minneola, FL.



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# EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

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# India

As the second most populated nation on earth, India prides itself on maintaining unity while celebrating diversity. Consisting unofficially of over 6,000 distinct people groups as defined by ethnicity, religion, language, and caste, India is a culturally complex nation.

More than 80% of Indians practice Hinduism and close to 13% are Muslim. Although full religious freedom is protected officially by the Indian constitution, religious extremism is rampant in India, creating religious strife and fueling a dangerous climate of persecution, especially toward Christians. Still, India has the most (and largest) un-reached people groups than any other country.

Sensitive to the regional diversity of culture, the Evangelical Congregational work in India exists primarily in the state of Manipur, located in the hills of Northeast India, and ministers to the local tribal groups whose traditions are closely related to the Burmese (Myanmar) culture. About 35% of the local Manipur population is Christian and Christ's movement in the region is unmistakable.

On May 15th, 2020 in Churachandpur, Rev. Paozathang Singson took office for a four-year term as the new General Director of the EC Church of India. Rev. Singson has served as a missionary with ECCI in Bhutan and Arunachal, India, and has also served as the Missions Director in the ECA presbytery. Rev. Singson taught as a lecturer for our Evangelical College of Theology for a few years. Despite many churches in the region being relegated to having only online services since March 2020, the churches in the "hilly country" were able



to carry on as normal which provided Rev. Singson the ability to fellowship with them. In the midst of a country-wide lockdown, Rev. Singson has been able to visit all the presbytery offices that make up ECCI and even organized a fellowship time for the leaders of the presbyteries to share and encourage one another through the pandemic.

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.

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ENGAGING THE LOCAL CHURCH