

# E.C. Global Scene



# 2009 APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>HERE &amp; THERE</b> with RANDY SIZEMORE</p>			<p>1 <i>- Mary Reimer*</i></p> <p>April 1-2 – speak at Knox Grace mission conference and travel back</p>	2	3	4
			<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Gloria Smethers – spiritual attacks in N. Kenya</p>	<p>Jim Bound – reaching out to college students in VT</p>	<p>Ken Sears – teaching and preaching in Ukraine</p>	<p>Chris Bowers &amp; Deb Stuart married – Congratulations!</p>
<p>5</p> <p>April 5 – speak Sunday morning at St. Paul's E.C., Reamstown, PA</p>	<p>6 <i>- Fern Sweigert*</i></p>	7	<p>8 <i>- Lisa Lakatos (c)</i></p>	<p>9 <i>- Dorothy Stermer*</i></p>	<p>10 </p>	11
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Kitty Miller – serving at Payap University in Thailand</p>	<p>Jim &amp; Janet Stahl – working with oral cultures</p>	<p>Randy &amp; Chris Amberman – serving in NM</p>	<p>Mateo &amp; Mai Lou Garcia – transitioning to work under CTEN -Mexico</p>	<p>Lori Pfeffer – children's ministries with BCMI in Lehigh Valley, PA</p>	<p>Remember the price Christ paid for your sins</p>	<p>Jane Heck – ministry in Belize, preparing for work teams</p>
<p>12 </p>	13	14	15	<p>16 <i>- Megan Amberman (1993)</i></p>	17	18
<p>April 13-20 – Travel to Mexico for annual conference and El Retiro board meeting</p>						
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!</p>	<p>Jonathan &amp; Kathy Wilson – translators in PNG</p>	<p>Ron &amp; Brenda Anderson – reaching Europe</p>	<p>Jeremy Kunkel – serving in CO with Engineering Ministries Int'l</p>	<p>Jim &amp; Joan Farr – adjustments to new life together</p>	<p>Dana Abernethy and family – with MMS in Ohio</p>	<p>John &amp; Carolyn Miller – working with Bru believers in Thailand</p>
18	20	21	22	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>April 25 – WORD at Sinking Spring Community, Sinking Spring, PA</p>
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Fern Sweigert – retiree in KY</p>	<p>Pray for our missionaries in transition to/from fields</p>	<p>David Hershey – campus ministry</p>	<p>Dan Dixon – additional responsibilities at RVA</p>	<p>Dorothy Stermer – retiree in Allentown, PA</p>	<p>Pray for Launch Liberia and new churches</p>	<p>WORD at 8 locations</p>
<p>26</p> <p>April 26 – speak Sunday morning at Grace E.C., Ephrata, PA</p> <p>April 26 – WORD at Trinity E.C., Royersford, PA</p>	27	28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>May Birthdays</b></p> <p>May 4- Nancy Graff May 4 – Conce Roof May 5 – Valerie Schubert May 6 – Carolyn Miller May 6 – Jamie Farr May 9(1991) – Aaron Toy May 10 – Carolyn Saltenberger* May 14 – Dana Abernethy</p> <p> * DENOTES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + - INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p> </div>	
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> WORD at two locations</p>	<p>Pray for the persecuted church worldwide</p>	<p>Brian &amp; Missy Wagner – teachers at RVA, Kenya</p>	<p>Robert &amp; Bettina Schaeffer – LIFE ministries</p>	<p>David &amp; Conce Roof – OMS church planters in N. Brazil</p>		



## ONCE AND DONE

There is a store in my area that has been having a “going out of business” sale for the 20 years that I’ve lived here. Every week they advertise some new ‘special’ with limited quantities, and urge shoppers to buy now because who knows how long the store can make the item available?! The idea is to make buyers think they are getting a special bargain because of the store’s circumstances.

Christ, on the other hand, went to the cross once, and died for all. His sacrificial death provided the means of salvation to all who repent of their sins and acknowledge Him as Lord and Savior. That one act of atonement made available the means of grace to all people; past, present and future. There will never be, can never be, another sacrifice as great as Christ taking on our sins and being separated from His Father.

This month Christians around the world will again celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We observe this tradition annually, but know that we worship a risen Lord whose singular act provided the one and only way for lost humanity to reunite with their Heavenly Father.

*“And He [Christ] died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” II CORINTHIANS 5:15*

—Pat Strain

### OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Belated Congratulations to **Shannon Beam**, who became **Mrs. Josue Barrios** on December 29, 2008. Shannon worked in the Global Ministries office for almost two years as a consultant; her legal expertise and fluency in Spanish (among other skills) were much appreciated. Josue is the son of one of our E.C. pastors in Mexico; he and Shannon met while she was helping with legal matters for the Mexico conference and El Retiro. Señor and Señora Barrios are currently living in western PA.

**BJ and Rachel Whitaker** will leave for Spain at the end of March. However, as of this writing (3/09) they had not received their work visas. They have decided to go over on tourist visas to find an apartment, set up a language school for BJ, start field training, etc. When they get word that their permanent visas have been granted, they will return just long enough to get their visas and return to Spain to begin their assignment.

Apologies to **Micah Wagner** whose birthday was inadvertently left off the March calendar. Micah turned 8 on March 31st. Happy belated Birthday, Micah!

Congratulations to **Chris Bowers and Deborah Stuart** who will become husband and wife on April 4th. Chris and Deb will be married at Deb’s grandparents’ home in Australia. They will honeymoon both in that part of the world, and the USA later this year. Best wishes and God’s blessings on both of you!

**Gloria Smethers** had to leave her mission station in northern Kenya due to threats made by a group of young troublemakers. She is spending the month of March in Nairobi, in hopes that the church leaders and village elders can work things out and discipline these young men, who acted without anyone’s authority.

**David Hershey** accompanied a group of over 50 Penn State students who went to do Hurricane Katrina relief during their spring break this year. The group worked in both Mississippi and Louisiana.

