

EC Global Scene



2010 JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
31 - Christopher Bowers - Ann Pauloski Brown (c) HERE & THERE with Randy Sizemore PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the leaders of our international EC churches				* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE	1	2 - Jim Farr 			
3 - Lamar Stoltzfus Jan 3 - Teach Sunday School at Myerstown Zion EC PRAYER NEEDS Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - serving with LIFE ministries	4	5 - Jim Stahl 	6	7	8 - Celia Dick 	9			
Jan 3 - Teach Sunday School at Myerstown Zion EC PRAYER NEEDS Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - serving with LIFE ministries	Jan 6 - Church Center staff meeting/lunch	Jan 7 - Japan Committee meeting - 7 p.m.	Jan 9 - Lehigh District meeting	PRAYER NEEDS Randy & Chris Amberman - ministry to Native Americans	PRAYER NEEDS Art & Mary Ellen Davis - retired missionaries serving in Kenya	PRAYER NEEDS John & Carolyn Miller - work with Bru on OT translation	PRAYER NEEDS Jamie & Anita Farr - balancing home and ministry needs	PRAYER NEEDS Brad & Maxine Waldman - relocating to Allentown PA, still serving in Caribbean	PRAYER NEEDS David Hershey - campus ministry at Berks/PSU campus
10 - Dan Wills 	11 - Alyssa Stoltzfus (1994) 	12	13 - Mark Anderson (1989) 	14	15	16			
PRAYER NEEDS Edwin Mieses - church plant in W. Hazelton, PA	PRAYER NEEDS Marcia Hopley - cross cultural expert	PRAYER NEEDS Joe Toy - open air and event ministry in USA	PRAYER NEEDS Dave & Celia Dick - serving with OMS at IN headquarters	PRAYER NEEDS Ed & Val Schubert - finances, political situation	PRAYER NEEDS Janet Baker - retired missionary in TX	PRAYER NEEDS Gloria Smethers - serving at RVA in Kenya as staff nurse			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 - Anita Farr 			
PRAYER NEEDS Nick & Lisa Lakatos - support need so can reach field	PRAYER NEEDS Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF in ID	PRAYER NEEDS BJ and Rachel Whitaker - language, culture	PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our EC churches in NE India	PRAYER NEEDS Ken Sears - teaching at Bible college in Ukraine	PRAYER NEEDS Brian and Missy Wagner - school for children and Missy, health	PRAYER NEEDS Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - family, possible new position			
24	25	26 - Kathy Wilson - Rev. Alejandro Ruiz * 	27	28	29	30 - Randy Amberman - David Hershey - Melinda Moury (c) 			
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our churches in Nepal	PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our EC churches in Japan	PRAYER NEEDS Dan & Melinda Moury - support need	PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our EC churches in Mexico	PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our EC churches in Liberia	PRAYER NEEDS Carlos Kelly - church plant in York, PA	PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our EC churches in Costa Rica			



WHICH WAY ARE YOU HEADED?

The Roman god Janus was used to depict the end of one year and the beginning of the next. This god had two faces; one face looked backwards towards the year that had just passed, and the other face looked forward towards the year to come.

Unfortunately we humans can only face one direction at a time. Sometimes our tendency is to face backwards and cling to the past. We talk longingly of the 'good old days' when our churches were full and the world was a better place. But, like Lot's wife, we can get caught up in the past to our detriment. While none of our churches have turned to pillars of salt (that I'm aware of, anyway), some of them are slowly fossilizing due to entrenched habits and inability to adapt to the world around them.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he urges them to look forward. In chapter 3, verse 13-14, he says, "*...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*" (NIV) Paul urges us to move forward towards the goal we have been given, that is to grow the Body of Jesus Christ throughout the world. We all have the same goal, and we all need to be moving forward.

As this new year begins, I pray that no matter what personal goals you set for yourself, you will remember the goal that God has given us and keep moving forward towards it.

—Pat Strain.

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- Congratulations to **Dana Abernethy**, who was able to sell her house and buy one closer to work and town. As of January 1st, Dana and the children's new address will be: 836 High Street, Coshocton, OH 43812. Please correct your records
- A number of our missionaries were able to come home for the holidays to visit with friends and family. These include **Kitty Miller** from Thailand, **Ken Sears** from Ukraine, and **Jane Heck** from Belize. We hope all our missionaries and their families had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- Many thanks to all of you who responded to the request for emergency funds for **David and Conce Roof**. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to exceed the needed \$6000 to offset their debt to OMS. The balance of monies will go in their support fund to help with their support deficit.
- Applications for Alaska work teams are now available on our website. Go to www.ecglobal.org and click on the Short Term Opportunities tab. Please note the dates for the Camp LIWA teams: July 17-31, and July 31-August 14. This year we will have a required pre-selection meeting for all interested parties. All information is on the website.
- **Chris and Deb Bowers** were able to spend Christmas with Chris' family. The Bowers will be heading back to Papua New Guinea this month to resume their respective jobs of pilot and teacher. Keep them in prayer for safe travels and to be able to settle into their new home quickly.
- **Ed and Val Schubert** give praise that the late November election of a new president in Honduras went relatively peacefully. As of this writing (early December) the results are not yet known. Please continue to pray for the Schuberts and Honduras due to the political situation and tensions. Pray that they can complete their daughter's adoption paperwork soon so they can come to the USA this summer as planned.

