



# E.C. Global Scene



# 2009 FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <b>HERE &amp; THERE</b> with Randy Sizemore <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> EC churches in NE India and Nepal	2  Becky Moser – Wycliffe retiree in AZ	3  EC churches in Mexico and Costa Rica	4  Ken Sears – teaching in Zaporozhye, Ukraine	5  Jack & Martha Murray – retirees in CA	6  Gloria Smethers – missionary nurse in Kenya	7  Dan Dixon – back at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya
8 <b>February 8</b> – Preach at Mohnton EC, Reading, PA <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Rev. Ed Runkle and Tapestry Church, Lancaster PA	9  John & Carolyn Miller – working with Bru believers in Thailand	10  Lori Pfeffer – children's bible clubs in Lehigh Valley; support need	11  Ron & Brenda Anderson – serving in Europe with ECMI	12 <b>February 12</b> – Short Term Missions Committee meeting	13  Dana Abernethy – bookkeeping work for MMS at headquarters	14  BJ & Rachel Whitaker – need visas to leave for Spain
15 <b>February 15</b> – Preach at Emmanuel EC, Bethlehem, PA <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Jane Heck – teaching in Belize, children's ministry	16  Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – counselors with LIFE ministries	17  Mateo and Mai Lou Garcia – church planters in Mexico	18  <b>February 18</b> – Finance Committee meeting –Beth Johnson (ma)	19  David & Conce Roof – church planting in northern Brazil	20  Jim & Bonnie Bound – ministering in VT; Jim at college campuses	21  Congratulations to Jim Farr and Joan Henry on their wedding!
22 <b>February 22</b> – Preach at Trinity EC, Manheim, PA <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> EC churches in Liberia and Japan	23  Rev. Jaime Bonnelly, Miami FL	24  Kitty Miller – serving at Payap University in Thailand	25  Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – translators in Papua New Guinea	26  Randy & Chris Amberman – work with First Nation people	27  – Roy Haglund – Jonathan Wilson	28  Jim & Janet Stahl – working with oral cultures to tell the gospel story



**MMK Rally:**  
March 7

**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
The spring MMK Rally for Delaware/Susquehanna regions will be held Saturday, March 7th at Evangelical Theological Seminary. Information and registration forms will be mailed soon!

**March B'days**  
March 6 – Marion Albright \*  
March 6 – David Dick  
March 6 (1997) – Lydia Abernethy  
March 10 (1990) – Justin Wilson  
\* indicates retiree (c) – indicates candidate  
ma – indicates missions associate



# NOT JUST ANOTHER FOUR LETTER WORD

THE WORD 'LOVE' in English is totally inadequate for all the feelings we use it to convey. Think about it – we use the same word to describe how we feel about our life partner as we do about our feelings for ice cream!

In biblical Greek, there are different words used to describe different kinds of love. *Philia* represents friendship or brotherly love, as used in the name Philadelphia. *Eros* is passionate love. Then there is *agape* love. This is unconditional love, the kind of love God showed when He created us, when He sent His son to us, when He allowed Christ to die for us. Love so pure we can't humanly understand it; love with no strings attached.

The next time you use the word 'love', think about how God used it. He took part of Himself and clothed it with flesh to walk among us. Jesus was love in human form. When you think of the price that Love paid, you realize how much one word can mean.

*"Love was when God became a man, Locked in time and space without rank or place; Love was when Jesus walked in history, lovingly He brought a new life that's free; Love was God nailed to bleed and die to reach and love one such as I."*

(LOVE WAS WHEN GOD BECAME A MAN, Words: John E. Walvoord, Music: Don Wyrzten, 1970, *Singspiration*)

–Pat Strain.

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ Congratulations to **Jim Farr and Joan Henry** who will become man and wife on February 21st in Papua New Guinea. Jim and Joan knew each other as fellow Wycliffe translators, although they served with different language groups in PNG. They will continue to serve together in the villages where Jim and his late wife Cindi had been working. Joan will maintain contact with the people group where she served.

▶ **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** are staying in the first floor missionary apartment at Lititz as of this writing (early Jan.) They are waiting for their visas from Spain; as soon as they receive them, they will be departing. Please pray that they will receive all necessary paperwork soon.

▶ **Kurt and Nancy Graff** will be on a leave of absence as of March 31st of this year. They are currently staying in the second floor missionary apartment in Lititz. Please keep them in prayer as they seek God's will for the future.

▶ **Brian and Missy Wagner** and their family will be returning in July for one year of home assignment. If you would like to have them speak in your church, please contact the Global Ministries office. Supporting churches will be given the first chance, but contact us soon!

▶ **CORRECTION – Jamie and Anita Farr** have not adopted J.J., the biological half-brother of their adopted son Brandon. They are currently fostering him, but must wait one year before beginning adoption proceedings.

▶ **Ed and Val Schubert** (Honduras) are hosting a work team from the Great Lakes region this month. The team will be helping Ed with some construction at the two locations where the Schuberts currently serve.

▶ **Alejandro Ruiz** has retired from service as an E.C. missionary as of the end of January. Currently Alejandro and Marcela continue to live in Mexico to minister there.

▶ **Brad and Maxine Waldman** report a busy Christmas with involvement in several churches' programs. Their Christmas photos show them in shorts and on beach chairs – first clue they aren't in PA anymore!

▶ **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** will be acting as houseparents for 11 MK's at the SIL Centre in Ukarumpa for this spring semester. Please keep them in prayer!

