

EC Global Scene



2009 JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Aug. B'days <p>August 1 (2001) - JoAnna Abernethy August 5 (1989) - Seth Toy August 5 (1989) - Ethan Toy August 9 (1994) - Caleb Abernethy August 15 - John Miller</p> <p><small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small></p>			1	2	3	4		
			HERE & THERE with Randy Sizemore					
			PRAYER NEEDS Brad & Maxine Waldman - children's ministries in Caribbean	Gloria Smethers - now at RVA in Kenya	Joe Toy - open air ministry at National Mall	Thank the Lord for the religious freedom we have in USA		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
				- Rev. Dan Dixon	JULY 9-16 - Japan Tour Group celebrating 35th anniversary of Kyodo church			
PRAYER NEEDS Ann Pauloski - campus ministry in San Diego			Pray for the persecuted church world wide	Rev. Rolando Diaz - Philadelphia church plant	Launch Liberia - 42 new churches planted	EC tour group leaves for Japan	Barbara Erb - retiree in Bradenton, FL	Brian & Missy Wagner - preparations to return for year furlough
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
		- Rev. Kurt Graff		- Hannah Wagner (1999)				
PRAYER NEEDS 35th anniversary celebration of Kyodo Church, Tokyo Japan			Don & Kathryn Kunkel - serving with Village Missions	Randy & Chris Amberman - work with Native Americans	Jamie & Anita Farr - working with Wycliffe at FL headquarters	EC tour group returns from Japan	Kurt & Nancy Graff - new ministry opportunity	AK work team leaves for Fairbanks
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
JULY 19 - First EC Church, Lebanon, PA - picnic	- Pat Strain	- Janet Baker*		- Carla Sizemore	JULY 24 - Japan Committee meeting			
PRAYER NEEDS Remember VBS project <i>The Nations as our Neighbors</i>	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF in ID	Marcia Hopley - serving in cross cultural ministries	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - adjusting to life in Spain	Rev. Edwin Mieses - church plant in West Hazelton	Dave & Celia Dick - work at OMS headquarters, IN	Ed & Val Schubert - serving in Honduras		
26	27	28	29	30	31			
			JULY 26-AUG 1 - speaker at Rosedale Campmeeting					
PRAYER NEEDS Dan & Melinda Moury - candidates with Wycliffe in FL			Art & Mary Ellen Davis - in Kenya	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - candidates with OMS to serve in Mexico Cit	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with WBT at JAARS	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - candidates with AIM to Kenya	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - serving in PNG as translators	



EXPONENTIAL TIMES

A YouTube video clip titled “Did You Know?” states that we are living in exponential times. The amount of people, technology, and information on this planet is multiplying so rapidly that it boggles the mind. For example:

- 25% of India’s population with the highest IQ’s is a greater number than the entire population of the USA. Translation: India has more honor students than the USA has students.
- The top 10 in-demand jobs for 2010 didn’t exist in 2004.
- There are five times more words in the English language now than there were during Shakespeare’s time.
- In 1984, there were 1000 internet devices. In 2008, there were 1,000,000,000.
- It is estimated that a week’s worth of New York Times newspapers contain more information than a person in the 18th century was exposed to in a lifetime.

The clip ends with the question “So what does it all mean?”¹

Good question – what *does* it all mean? And where does the Church fit into this equation?

Statistics such as these can overwhelm. Yet God is still in charge. The psalmist states, “From everlasting to everlasting you are God.” We need to remember that. The Body of Christ must always relate to the hurting world that surrounds us. Whatever medium we use to convey it, the Message is always the same – Christ died to reconcile lost people to Himself. He lives so we can live.

In places where believers have grasped that truth and joyfully shared it, the church is also growing exponentially – exploding as people see their lives changed through knowing Christ. No matter how much information or how much technology humankind develops, it can’t comprehend the impact of a redeemed life.

¹ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cL9Wu2kWwSY>

–Pat Strain.

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Gloria Smethers** has a new address now that she has relocated to Rift Valley Academy. Her new mailing address is: c/o RVA, P.O. Box 80, Kijabe 00220, Kenya. Please note this change for mailing Spend-A-Day packets and other notes.
- ▶ **Mai Lou Garcia's** email account was hijacked in May by someone who sent out pleas for emergency funds, supposedly in Mai Lou’s name. Due to this, Mai Lou has had to change her email. Contact the office for the new address.
- ▶ **Rev. William Araya**, our field superintendent in Costa Rica, was hospitalized in late May with a heart attack. We understand that he is home now and doing well.
- ▶ **GMC Missionary Map** – Several churches have asked about a map with our missionaries listed. We have been able to get enlargements (with corrected locations) of the map printed in the center of our spring 2009 edition of *Window on the World*. The maps come in two sizes – approximately 16” x 25” for \$25, and approximately 19” x 30” for \$35. If you are interested in ordering one, please contact the GMC office at 717-866-7584 or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com.
- ▶ **Lamar and Janice Stoltzfus** were commissioned as EC missionaries to be seconded to Africa Inland Mission on May 31st. The Stoltzfus family had planned to leave for Rift Valley Academy at the end of June, but they have had to postpone their departure due to not receiving enough support. If you would consider helping them financially, contact the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584.
- ▶ **Jim and Bonnie Bound** will spend the first part of July in Strasbourg, France at a Summer Institute. Jim will be studying at the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism, and Human Rights. A scholarship was provided to cover most costs.
- ▶ **David and Emily Hershey** went to Spain with college students to help teach at a conversational English camp held there the last two weeks in June. They are spending the early part of July visiting their host families and doing some sightseeing. Emily is a Spanish teacher, so this is very practical experience for her, and Dave has his own personal translator!

