

EC Global Scene



2009 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 - Jeremy Kunkel - Brad Waldman 	4	5
HERE & THERE with Randy Sizemore						
PRAYER NEEDS Dana Abernethy - work on basement		Brian & Missy Wagner - family settling in, new schools for children	Ed & Val Schubert - uncertain political situation in Honduras	Randy & Chris Amberman - work in NM with Native Americans	Dave and Celia Dick - serving OMS at IN headquarters	Jamie & Anita Farr - adoption proceedings for JJ
6	7	8	9	10 Sept 10 - Short Term Missions Committee meeting - Myerstown Partnership meeting -afternoon	11	12
PRAYER NEEDS EC Churches of Mexico		Thank the Lord if you have a job!	Lancaster Tapestry church plant	EC Churches of Liberia	Launch Liberia - new church plants	Jack & Martha Murray - retirees in CA
				Sept 11-14 - Travel to Lakeside EC for OH/western PA Worldfest on 12 th		
13 - Gwen Melger* 	14	15	16 - Jonathan Garcia (1999) 	17	18 Sept 18-21 - Travel to Cedarville EC, IL for IL Worldfest on 19 th	19 Sept 19 - Mexico Committee meeting, IL - p.m.
PRAYER NEEDS Kurt & Nancy Graff - plans to relocate for new ministry		Gloria Smethers - serving at RVA in Kenya as staff nurse	Marcia Hopley - working cross culturally in Philadelphia	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planting in Spain	EC Churches of Japan and plans for church planting	Brad & Maxine Waldman - ministry changes, relocation
				Sept 18-21 - Travel to Cedarville EC, IL for IL Worldfest on 19 th		
20 Sept 20 - Speak at Hooppole EC Church - morning worship	21	22 Sept 22 - Teach Missions Course at ETS - evening	23	24	25 Sept 25 - Cabinet meeting - morning	26
PRAYER NEEDS Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - serving as translators in PNG		EC Churches of NE India, Evangelical College of Theology	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - candidates with OMS to serve in Mexico	Ann Pauloski Brown - ministry with Navigators at San Diego	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with Wycliffe at JAARS	Roy & Sue Haglund - deputation in IL and Ohio
				Sept 25 - Cabinet meeting - morning		
27 Sept 27 - speak at Faith EC, Wiconisco - a.m.	28 Sept 28 - India Committee meeting - a.m.	29 Sept 29 - Teach Missions Course at ETS - evening	30 - Troy Wills (1990) 	October Birthdays October 7(1988) - Adam Graff October 7(1996) - Adam Schubert October 8(1997) - Hannah Lakatos October 10 - Chrisanne Amberman October 10(1989) - Caleb Sizemore October 11 - Mary Ellen Davis* October 12 - Becky Moser*		
PRAYER NEEDS Lehigh Valley Horizon church plant		EC Churches of Costa Rica	Wes & Mary Reimer - retirees in TX	EC Churches in Nepal		
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How Much Does It Cost?

Recently I received a phone call from a pastor, saying that his mission committee wondered why it costs so much for missionaries to go to the field. And why is there so much variation in the amount of support that EC missionaries have to raise?

A number of factors are involved: size (*single, couple, family, number of children and their ages*); field (*some parts of world are cheaper to live in than others*); and exchange rate (*the dollar is stronger in some parts of the world than in others*) for starters. Just as here in the USA, health care costs are driving a lot of the missionary budget; add to that the cost of possibly having to be evacuated for medical care or safety reasons. Adequate housing and food may cost the same or higher than here in the USA. Schooling costs for children may involve boarding schools and airfare back and forth from the parents' field of service. Work funds are necessary to set up and maintain a household, vehicle purchase and maintenance costs are often higher than here at home, and computers are a necessity for most missionaries both for their work and to remain in communication with their agency, sending board and supporters. On top of this, most mission agencies take a percentage from each missionary's support to fund their administration and the operations of the fields of service.

The Global Ministries office helps EC missionaries in arranging their speaking schedules and support raising, and with housing and other services while they are on furlough in the USA. We do not take any percentage out of our missionaries' funds, nor do we get any National Conference ministry funds to help out with our administrative expenses. We depend on our two annual offerings, Self-Denial in spring and Missionary Christmas Offering in December, as well as donations to the General Fund, to cover not only our administrative costs (office salaries, printing costs, postage, etc.) but also the costs of aiding our international churches in six countries.

This is just a brief overview of some of the items that influence the amount of support that missionaries need to serve on the field. Please be assured that we work with the various agencies to make sure the support requested is necessary for the designated work.

—Pat Strain.

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ Congratulations to former GMC director **Dr. John and Shirley Ragsdale**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 25th. If you would like to send a (belated) note of congratulations, mail to 214 Spohn Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. Please keep Shirley in prayer as she has chemo for her tumors.
- ▶ Congratulations also to **Joe and Wendy Toy** who became first-time grandparents in July. Proud parents Seth and Suzy Toy welcomed Morgan Faith on July 25th.
- ▶ And congratulations to **Ann Pauloski** who became Mrs. Berry Brown on August 29th. Ann's husband is in the Navy and will be heading out for a six-month assignment right after the honeymoon, so Ann will continue to live with her former roommates and serve with Navigators during that time.
- ▶ We still have copies of the **2009 Mission Directory** if you would be interested in having one. Please call or email to request one. A \$1 donation to cover mailing costs would be appreciated. A copy for all mission leaders was placed in all pastors' bags at National Conference.
- ▶ Don't forget to mark your calendars for **Worldfest 2009**. Dates are Saturday, September 12th at Lakeside EC Church (Transfer PA); Saturday, September 19th at Cedarville EC Church (IL); and Friday & Saturday October 9-10 in Myerstown, PA. The Friday pastors' luncheon will be at Zion EC Church and the Saturday event for everyone will be at Evangelical Theological Seminary. More details will be available soon, but reserve those dates! Watch for bulletin inserts for your particular Worldfest.
- ▶ Please continue to keep **Ed and Val Schubert** and the situation in Honduras in prayer. As of this writing (August 7th) there is still unrest and there has been escalating violence.
- ▶ **Correction** – Jim Ehrman's email address is james.ehrman@yale.edu not .com as was listed in the summer *Window on the World*. Sorry, Jim!

