

# EC Global Scene



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## FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.....

**M**ost of us could finish that verse by memory, probably in the King James version (if you are of a certain age.☺) We recite it in unison in our morning worship, we quote it as our favorite Bible verse, we say it is foundational to our faith.

But do we really think about what it says? Do we care that much of the world that God sent His Son into 2000 years ago, still doesn't know about Him? Do we have the same sense of urgency to tell others about Jesus that we have for getting our Christmas shopping finished?

The fastest growth in EC churches is among our international churches. Northeast India, Nepal, Liberia – people are sharing the gospel with their neighbors, and those neighbors are coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior. Even with few financial resources, they brave incredibly difficult and even dangerous situations to make sure the gospel is spread. Do we have the same heart for our neighbors? Our home town?

This Christmas, as we gather once again to celebrate the coming of our Savior in human form, let's remember why He came and do our part to hasten His return.

**"Till the whole world knows, Till the whole world knows, I will shout and sing of Christ my King till the whole world knows!"** – ALFRED ACKLEY



–Pat Strain.



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### OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► Congratulations to candidates **Dan and Melinda Moury**, who welcomed daughter Rebekah Joy on October 29th. Rebekah joins big sisters Hannah and Leah and big brother Josiah. The Mourys are candidates with Wycliffe Bible Translators to work at the headquarters in Orlando, FL.

► **Martha Murray**, wife of Rev. Jack Murray, was called home on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Jack and Martha had served in Europe for several decades with European Christian Mission, mostly in Italy and England. Notes of condolence can be sent to Jack at 11998 Rough and Ready Road, Rough and Ready, CA 95975 or email to [immissions@gmail.com](mailto:immissions@gmail.com).

► **REMINDER** – Do NOT send cards for overseas missionaries to the Global Ministries office; we cannot forward them. If you need an address, call or email us and we will give it to you. Financial Christmas gifts can be sent directly to those missionaries living in the USA. Financial gifts for missionaries serving overseas should be sent through the Global Ministries office; please DO NOT include any personal correspondence.

► **Ron and Brenda Anderson** returned to Spain in mid-November after approximately six weeks of deputation and meetings in the USA. They are hoping to return in January when daughter Jenny and her husband Phil make them grandparents for the first time. (Hint – think pink!)

► Two of our missionary families are facing severe support shortages. **David and Conce Roof** serve in Brazil under OMS, and may be forced to leave the field unless they are able to pay off the deficit they have acquired. Even one time gifts will help. The Roofs also need more regular monthly support to meet their needs. Likewise, **Ed and Val Schubert** in Honduras are facing a decrease in the amount of support we can send unless new supporters come on board, or current supporters increase their giving. They cannot come off the field due to their daughter's adoption papers not being processed. Please keep these families in prayer and consider a special gift.