

# EC Global Scene



# 2009 DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>HERE &amp; THERE</b> with Randy Sizemore				<b>Dec 3</b> – Partnership meeting, afternoon	<b>Dec 4-5</b> – EC Forecast Team & Development meetings	
		<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> David and Conce Roof in Brazil – support need	John & Carolyn Miller – working with Bru believers	Dana Abernethy – family, health, selling house	Jane Heck – teaching in Belize, work with women and children	Eunice Wanjema – retiree in Kenya
<b>6</b> – Sue Haglund <b>Dec 6</b> – Teach Sunday School, Myerstown Zion EC, morning/Participate in special program at Sinking Spring Community EC, Afternoon	<b>7</b> <b>Dec 7</b> – Church Center staff in service day – offices closed	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Bud Daneker – New Horizon church plant	Church Center in-service day; office closed	Ron & Brenda Anderson – ministering in Spain	Kurt & Nancy Graff – future plans and support needs	Kitty Miller – working at Payap University in Thailand	Jim & Bonnie Bound – working with college students in VT	Mateo & Mai Lou Garcia – church planting in Mexico
<b>13</b> – Rev. Dan Moury (c)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Marion Albright – retiree in Allentown PA	Jim & Janet Stahl – teaching story tellers to share the gospel	Joe Toy – distribution of Christmas stockings to children	David Hershey – campus worker at Berks PSU	Dan Dixon – Bible teacher at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	Rolando Diaz – Philadelphia Church plant	Lori Pfeffer – children's Bible clubs in the Lehigh Valley area
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Dec 23</b> – Church Center staff Christmas party – offices closed at noon	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Christmas Missionary offering – please give generously	Chris & Deb Bowers – preparing to return to PNG	Jeremy Kunkel – work with EMI in Colorado	Brad & Maxine Waldman – holidays with son and family in WA	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – serving at RVA, Kenya	God's gift to the world – His Son!	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – translators in Papua New Guinea
<b>27</b> <b>Dec 27</b> – Speak at Harrisburg Faith EC, morning	<b>28</b> – Janet Stahl	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> – Gloria Smethers		
	<b>Dec 28-Jan 2</b> – Vacation					
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Rev. Dr. John Masuda – growth of EC churches in Japan	Ann Pauloski Brown – with Navigators in San Diego, CA	Jim & Joan Farr – translation work in PNG	Pray for our international EC churches – safety, finances	Pray for new opportunities to share Christ with others		
						<h2>January B'days</h2> <p>January 2 – Jim Farr January 3 – Lamar Stoltzfus January 5 – Jim Stahl January 8 – Celia Dick January 10 – Dan Wills January 11 (1994) – Alyssa Stoltzfus January 13 (1989) – Mark Anderson</p> 
						<p>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p>



## 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.

### 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.

