

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ Congratulations to **Chris and Deb Bowers** on the birth of their daughter Katelyn Emily on August 17th. Katelyn had a few complications initially, but she is fine now and a healthy 9 lbs., 1 oz. The Bowers will remain in Australia until November, when they will return to the USA.

- ▶ Congratulations also to **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** on the birth of their daughter, Laura Grace, on September 3rd. Laura came in at 6 lbs., 10 oz., and joins big sister Miriam. The Whitakers are serving in Alcora, Spain.

- ▶ Due to the need for knee surgery, **Kitty Miller** will not be returning to Thailand until the end of October. Kitty's surgery was September 18th, but she must do therapy before leaving the country.

- ▶ Congratulations to **Roy and Sue Haglund**, whose youngest daughter Bethany is getting married in October. The wedding will take place in Hawaii, so the photos will be extra gorgeous!

- ▶ We wish to express our sympathy to **Joe and Wendy Toy** and their family on the passing of Joe's father in mid-August. Please keep the family in prayer during this time of loss.

- ▶ Many thanks to all who participated in our **2012 VBS project**. We surpassed our goal and raised \$15,000 to build a security fence around one of the dorms at the Evangelical School of Theology in NE India.

- ▶ Please keep **Ed and Val Schubert** in your prayers. The Schuberts were carjacked at gunpoint in early September; Ed was injured in the scuffle and required some stitches. Val's purse was also taken so all her legal documents needed to be replaced. Pray for safety, good council, and that fear and anger would not overwhelm them.

- ▶ **Jim and Janet Stahl** will be in eastern PA for the month of November to visit family and do deputation. They don't have any Sundays free, but are willing to do morning, afternoon or evening programs during the week. Call the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584 to schedule a time for the Stahls to share about their Bible storytelling workshops with your church. Small groups, Bible studies, just a bunch of friends at lunch – no group too small!

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EC CHURCH OF MEXICO

The work of the E.C. Church in Mexico started decades ago with a determined nurse, Mae Royer, who left Ephrata PA to minister to people in need in northern Mexico. Mae started an orphanage which is now a children's home, helping 34 children under the age of 18. In addition, we have 11 churches in the northern tier, many pastored by men who came through El Retiro Children's Home. Currently the director of the E.C. Church of Mexico is Rev. Elias Martinez Osorio. Elias, his wife Myrna, and their two daughters pastor at General Teran in addition to Elias' directorial duties.

Elias and Myrna will be visiting PA this month, and will be speaking at the Pastors' Luncheon and the Fall Family Missions Rally on October 12 and 13 at Trinity E.C. Church, Boyertown. They also will be involved in meetings with the E.C.-USA leadership team. Please keep Rev. Martinez and all our Mexican pastors/churches in prayer as they minister in the midst of a war between rival drug cartels in northern Mexico. Pray for their safety and protection. Also pray for Rev. Martinez as he leads the E.C. Church of Mexico forward to become a National Conference.

–Pat Strain



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ANNIVERSARIES * INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p> <p>October 16 – Jim & Janet Stahl November 1 – Kurt & Nancy G.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>HERE AND THERE – Randy Sizemore</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the E.C. Church of Nepal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GMC fall board meetings at Twin Pines</p>	<p>3</p> <p>October 2-4 – Fall GMC meetings and missionary retreat – Twin Pines Camp</p> <p>GMC fall board meetings at Twin Pines</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Missionary retreat at Twin Pines</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pray for the E.C. Church of Liberia</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for the E.C. Church of Northeast India</p>
<p>7 – Adam Schubert (1996)</p> <p>October 7 – Teach Adult Sunday School – Zion E.C., Myerstown, PA</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Celebrate as the Body of Christ around the world comes together at Communion</p>	<p>8 – Hannah Lakatos (1997)</p> <p>John & Carolyn Miller – continuing to work with Bru translation groups</p>	<p>9</p> <p>October 9 – Seminary class – morning</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Elias & Myrna Martinez, traveling to USA for Fall Missions Rally</p>	<p>10 – Chrisanne Amberman</p> <p>October 10 – Rev. & Mrs. Elias Martinez arrive from Mexico</p> <p>Rev. Jack Murray – retired but still actively serving the international Body of Christ</p>	<p>11 – Mary Ellen Davis*</p> <p>Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Navajo youth and church leaders</p>	<p>12 – Becky Moser* – Andrew Roof (1995)</p> <p>October 12 – Pastors' luncheon at Trinity E.C. Church, Boyertown, PA</p> <p>Pastors' luncheon at Trinity E.C., Boyertown, PA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>October 13 – Fall Family Missions Rally at Trinity E.C. Church, Boyertown, PA</p> <p>Fall Family Missions Rally at Trinity E.C., Boyertown, PA</p>
<p>14</p> <p>October 14 – Speak at Mt. Gilead UMC – morning service</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Randy Sizemore, GMC Director</p>	<p>15</p> <p>October 15 – leaders meeting with Rev. Martinez – morning</p> <p>Marcia Hopler – cross cultural facilitator with IVCF in Philadelphia</p>	<p>16 – Brian Wagner</p> <p>October 16 – Seminary class – morning</p> <p>Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – deputation and safety travelling</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Ron & Brenda Anderson – new grandchild to spoil!</p>	<p>18 – Rev. Jim Bound*</p> <p>Jamie & Anita Farr – in process of adopting foster daughter</p>	<p>19</p> <p>October 19 – Friends of ETS banquet – evening</p> <p>Ken Sears – serving at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Dave Hershey – campus minister at Penn State-Berks</p>
<p>21 – Josiah Moury (2004)</p> <p>October 21 – Speak at Plymouth Meeting E.C. Church – morning service</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS BJ & Rachel Whitaker – welcomed daughter Laura Grace</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pray for the Future Initiatives Team of the E.C. Church</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Joe Toy – outdoor ministry in greater Philadelphia area</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pray for the persecuted church around the world</p>	<p>25</p> <p>October 25 – National Ministry Team – all day</p> <p>Pray for National Ministry Team as they meet</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Dan Dixon – safe travel while speaking on deputation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pray for the E.C. Church of Japan</p>
<p>28 – Brandon Farr (2006)</p> <p>October 28 – Speak at St. John's E.C. Church Steelstown – morning service</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Praise God for the courage of the Reformers</p>	<p>29 – Rebekah Moury (2009)</p> <p>Chris & Deb Bowers – baby Katelyn & move to USA next month</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pray for the E.C. Church of Mexico</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Wes & Mary Reimer – retired Wycliffe missionaries in TX</p>	<p>NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS * INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p> <p>November 1(1993) – Justin Wills November 2 – Barbara Erb* November 3 – Rev. Joe Toy, Jr.</p> <p>November 8 – Jane Heck November 14 – Art Davis* November 15(1994) – Adam Toy</p>		
<p>October 30-November 2 - vacation</p>						