



PRAYER GUIDE

JANUARY 2022

In July of 2018 when I assumed the role of Director of Global Ministries (now called Associate), I remember thinking and praying a lot about where God wanted to lead the GMC going forward. One area that kept coming to mind pertained to our missionaries and a focus on how we care for them. In January of 2021 we launched Member Care Teams in order to ensure we are doing our best for them as a sending denomination and sending churches in regard to their spiritual, emotional, physical, and financial care. We have since developed a few new avenues to be involved in their lives as a denomination and churches, as well as seeking to connect our missionaries to one another in some new ways. I am grateful to the Lord for how He has brought gifted and caring people to serve on the MCT, and how our missionaries have responded to these new initiatives.

Another area that has burdened me since I began serving in this capacity involves the support, connection, and partnership of our international brothers and sisters with us in the USA and the global EC Church. I have always enjoyed cross-cultural ministry and I've been blessed to be able to visit most of the countries where we have churches, but due to Covid-19 and travel issues not all of them. In 2022 as I, Lord willing, complete at least one visit to each country, the GMC will seek to bring a focus to how the EC Church USA, and really the global EC Church, can be better connected and united in our efforts to "Know Christ and Make Him Known." The GMC is pursuing a goal to have every EC Church in the USA supporting one or more of our international churches on at least an annual basis. We are striving to provide material and resources for a regular prayer focus in worship services, or in other venues for the work being done in the global EC Church. In addition, we are seeking to utilize technology to bring together all of our international leaders to meet, talk, share prayer requests, burdens, and joys in their areas of ministry from around the globe. I will also pursue identifying a few individuals who can serve on an International Church Leadership Team to discuss, strategize, pray for, and implement ways in which the EC Church USA can help bolster the growth of the kingdom in these locations and beyond. In 2022, these monthly prayer guides will be an invitation for you to join the GMC in focusing on the work God is doing, and how we can be participants in His redemptive story all over creation.

Ted Rathman



FROM THE DESK...

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Happy New Year! We kick off a new year of Prayer Guides with this edition. Thank you for your continued prayer support for our EC Missionaries and International Churches.

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As we begin a new year, let us pray for our Global Ministries Community!

January 1-8 Pray for...

- our Global Ministries Community of the EC Church - to be on mission with Christ to His world
- our Global Ministries Associate, Rev. Ted Rathman - for wisdom and direction as he leads the GMC
- our GMC Administrative Assistant, Dee Jaramillo - for creative ideas and resourceful insight in providing organization and administration to the GMC
- the GMC Board - to provide insight and leadership in this new year
- the GMC Member Care Team - for their continued loving support of missionaries entrusted to their care
- the Lord's provision and leading on assembling an International Church Leadership Team to provide support to our EC International Church leaders
- the Lord's wisdom, guidance and direction for all of our EC missionaries and their ministries all around the world
- the saving power of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed throughout our nation and the world through all our EC Churches

January 9-16 Pray for...

- Rev. Paozathang Singson, General Director of the EC Church of India
- Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate, Principal of the Evangelical College of Theology, India
- Rev. Th. Janga, leader of the EC Church of Nepal
- Rev. G. Abraham Powell, Bishop of the EC Church of Liberia
- Rev. Juan Zuniga, Superintendent of the EC Church of Mexico
- Rev. Nobuo Abe, Chairman of the EC Church of Japan
- Yoriyoshi and Emiko Abe, Mission Associates and Church Planters, EC Church of Japan
- all of these EC International Church leaders - for the Lord's wisdom, direction, protection, grace and mercy as they lead their conference of churches, their families, the pastors serving in challenging regions of the world, and the many who will come to meet Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior through the ministries and love shared through the hands and hearts of these leaders and churches

January 17-25 Pray for...

- the EC missionaries serving the Lord in all parts of the world:
- Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, France / Randy & Chrisanne Amberman, New Mexico / Ron & Brenda Anderson, Spain
- Chris & Deb Bowers, Washington / Jamie & Anita Farr, Florida / Kurt & Nancy Graff, Michigan
- Beth Grimm, Pennsylvania / Dave & Emily Hershey, Pennsylvania / Ivy Limbert, Germany
- Dan & Melinda Moury, Florida / Dan Quigley, Nicaragua / Dave & Conce Roof, Brazil
- Robert & Bettina Schaeffer, New York / Ed & Valerie Schubert, Honduras / Ken Sears, Ukraine
- Gloria Smethers, Florida / Jim & Janet Stahl, Pennsylvania / Gene & Bethany Stevenson, Arizona
- Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus, Kenya / Joe & Wendy Toy, North Carolina / Brian & Missy Wagner, Kenya
- Cassie Wells, Pennsylvania / BJ & Rachel Whitaker, Spain / Dan & Mary Lynne Wills, South Carolina / Jonathan & Kathy Wilson, Papua New Guinea

January 26-31 Pray for...

- the love of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed throughout our world
- the EC Church USA; for it to be a beacon of light in our nation
- the missions committees that lead our churches in supporting and serving our missionaries
- all those who will begin traveling again
- all those who have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; to remain committed and faithful followers
- for a tremendous and abundant year in the Lord

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| 2 - Jim Farr* | 25 - Dee Jaramillo |
| 3 - Lamar Stoltzfus | 26 - Kathy Wilson |
| 5 - Jim Stahl | 27 (2010) - Noah Stevenson |
| 8 - Celia Dick* | 30 - Randy Amberman |
| 10 - Dan Wills | 30 - David Hershey |
| 23 - Anita Farr | 30 - Melinda Moury |
| 24 - Ted Rathman | 31 - Chris Bowers |

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