

**OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY**

- ▶ We recently learned that retired missionary **Dorothy Stermer** fell and broke her pelvis. She is back home now and recuperating. If you would like to send Dorothy a note of encouragement, her address is 1440 Walnut St., #401, Allentown, PA 18102.

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- ▶ **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** plus daughter Jonita are now living in one of the Lititz missionary apartments (as of January 1st.) The address is 38 E. Orange Street, Lititz, PA 17543. They will be there through May of 2012.

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- ▶ The following missionaries have informed us that they are returning during 2012 for furlough: **David & Conce Roof** remain in the USA through early July; **Kitty Miller** remains in the USA through July; **Gloria Smethers** is coming home for a year beginning in August; **Dan Dixon** is returning for six months beginning in August; **Nick & Lisa Lakatos** are returning for June and July; and **BJ & Rachel Whitaker** are contemplating a 2-3 month furlough in summer or fall but the dates have not yet been decided.

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- ▶ **Marcia Hopley** moved in late November. Her new address is 1535 S. 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146.

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- ▶ **Jeremy Kunkel** shared that the CEO of his agency, Engineering Ministries International, passed away in late November from cancer. Jim Hall will be greatly missed. Please keep EMI in prayer as the board searches for a new CEO who has the vision to lead them.

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- ▶ **Ken Sears** was able to return to the USA for several weeks to spend the holidays with his parents in TX.

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- ▶ **Joe Toy** thanks everyone who contributed Christmas stockings this year. The response was overwhelming, especially considering how tough times are for many folks right now. Thank you for serving at-risk children through this ministry.

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**M**ost walking trails have maps at the entrance, showing the locations of various scenic features, picnic areas, restroom facilities, etc. There is usually a big 'X' with the words "You are here" so you can get your bearings before you head out. After all, if you don't know where you are, how can you know what direction to take?

Sometimes it's good to stop and get our bearings in our spiritual life as well. Where are you in your walk with the Lord? Is your faith growing stronger, are you progressing farther along the trail? It's easy to wander along the flat, wider paths that don't require much effort. It's comfortable; lots of folks like to stay there and enjoy the view.

However, in order to really grow, you need to take the more rugged trails, the ones that require effort. There will be struggles; you may even trip and fall. But if you push through, you will be stronger and able to go farther. It won't be easy, and it's a lifelong journey, but we aren't traveling alone. We have a Guide who knows the path.

So check where you are now and decide where you want to be by the end of this year. Do you want to spend more time in personal devotions, or have a better prayer life? Do you want to be more open about sharing your faith with friends and neighbors? Start making a plan now and ask someone to be your accountability partner so that you stick to it. Study the map (God's word) and get moving! See you along the trail.

*"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." PSALM 25:4-5*

-Pat Strain

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# EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



# JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore</b> <b>PRAYER</b> Praise God for the gift of a new year; seek His will for how to use it to His glory	<b>2</b> - Jim Farr  Jan. 2 - Church Center closed	<b>3</b> - Lamar Stoltzfus 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> - Jim Stahl 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> - Celia Dick 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> - Dan Wills 	<b>11</b> - Alyssa Stoltzfus (1994) Jan. 11 - Management Team - 11 a.m.; Church Center staff meeting - noon	<b>12</b> Jan. 12 - GMC Task Force - morning	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Jan. 14 - MMK spring rally planning meeting - Boyertown Trinity EC - morning
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Kitty Miller - safety in travel for deputation; she's not used to snow!	Pray for our EC missionaries struggling with support needs	Jim & Joan Farr - serving as translators in Papua New Guinea	Pray for our EC churches in Nepal; courage in face of persecution	Marcia Hopler - settling into new apt and location in Philly	Pray for the EC churches of NE India, who pray for the EC-USA churches faithfully	David & Conce Roof - support need, safety in traveling for deputation
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Jan. 20 - India Committee meeting - 1 p.m.	<b>21</b>
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the EC Churches in Japan, who battle apathy towards religion	Barbara Erb - retired missionary in FL	Pray for the persecuted church worldwide; for those who pay the ultimate price	Pray for the EC Churches of Costa Rica, especially Generation of Champions	Brian & Missy Wagner - serving at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	Pray for the EC Churches of Mexico, many of whom have been affected by the drug cartel violence	Don & Kathryn Kunkel - retired missionaries in Idaho
<b>22</b> Jan. 22 - speak at Palmerton EC Church - 4 p.m.	<b>23</b> - Anita Farr  Jan. 23 - Cabinet meeting - noon	<b>24</b> Jan. 24 - Short Term Missions Committee - 9 a.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> - Kathy Wilson - Alejandro Ruiz*  Jan. 26 - TEACH Committee meeting - 9 a.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for Evangelical College of Theology in NE India	Gloria Smethers - nurse at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - serving with LIFE ministries in NY	Pray for our church planters, both in USA and abroad, as they disciple others	Jim & Janet Stahl - training Bible story tellers in Asia to share the Gospel	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF in Idaho	Pray for Randy Sizemore, our GMC Director; wisdom for difficult decisions
<b>29</b> Jan. 29 - speak at Willow Street Grace Community EC - morning services	<b>30</b> - Randy Amberman - David Hershey - Melinda Moury 	<b>31</b> - Christopher Bowers 				- Gloria Smethers
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the leadership of the EC Church USA; our bishop and conference ministers	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia, that there will be stability and peace in that country	Pray for our Mission Minded Kids, that they may continue to love Jesus & pray for our missionaries				

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
 February 6 - Dan & Melinda Moury  
 \* INDICATES RETIREE  
 (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE  
 + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE