

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► Congratulations to **Yoriyoshi Abe**, church planter in training, who married Emiko Furuya in mid-July. The Abes will return to the USA at the end of this month for a year while Yoriyoshi finishes his education and graduates from Evangelical seminary in Myerstown. The Abes will then return to Japan to reach their fellow countrymen with the Gospel.

► Welcome home to the **Japan Vision Team!** Pastor Mike Snedeker (Sinking Spring Community Church) led a group of eight in a two week visit and home stay with our EC churches in Japan. This trip was to build new relationships and strengthen old ones, as well as encourage our EC brothers and sisters in Japan.

► **Brian and Missy Wagner** and family arrived in the USA in late July to begin a one year furlough. This month will be spent getting moved in, getting daughter Rachel settled in college (Millersville University) as well as getting younger siblings Hannah and Micah enrolled in local schools. The Wagners will be staying at the former parsonage of our Millersville EC Church. Their address will be: 14 Kready Ave., Millersville, PA 17551. A phone number is not available at this time.

► **Lamar and Janice Stoltzfus** and son Donovan are returning to Rift Valley Academy, Kenya this month after a year of home assignment. The Stoltzfuses are still in need of some support to help them reach their required level. Even one time gifts will help. For more information, please contact the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584.

► **Gloria Smethers** will be getting ready to relocate to FL later this month for her next term of service. Gloria is finishing her year of furlough by being part of the India Work Team this month. She will begin serving as a staff nurse in September at the AIM Retirement Center. Her mailing address will be: c/o AIM retirement Center, 1000 Media Road, Minneola, FL 34715. Her email will remain the same.

► **Ken Sears** Ken Sears enjoyed a visit with his family in TX for a few weeks in July. Pray for safety in travel and good health as he returns to Ukraine at the height of allergy season.

► **Kurt G.** recently suffered a fall which resulted in a broken patella and torn tendons. After initial surgery, it was decided that he and Nancy should return home for further surgery and physical therapy. They returned in mid-July.



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Ron and Brenda Anderson

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.”*

I was at Dicks Sporting Goods looking at things in the camping section. A lot of things have changed in camping over the years, but I noticed that three basic essentials are still available - **Tents, compasses, and maps.** As we begin our 7-month sabbatical (June 14 to Jan. 14) we are in an uncharted wilderness. We have never been this way before in our 35 years of ministry. Before we have always had a very clear idea of what we were going back to do. We have successfully completed our ministries as the Director of Field Ministries for ECM and our leadership in the church plant in Madrid. We are now in anticipation of God unveiling his next assignment for us. In our uncertainty, we are going to God to get our guidance and putting our trust in the Lord as the verse encourages us to do. The concept of “trust” is the same idea of putting oneself in a safe protected space and allowing God to minister. In camping terms, God is our tent, and we are putting our confidence in Him to protect and lead us.

On our way to the US Center for World Missions in Pasadena, where we will spend a couple of months, we plan to go via some of the National Parks. (That was the reason I was looking at the equipment.) During that time we look forward to special times of communion with the Lord and meditation on His Word. As we spend time with God and others whom God puts into our paths we will use the Bible to be “**our compass**”. We do not want to “lean on our own understanding”. It is so easy to believe our own limited understanding of situations is enough, and miss God’s big picture of what He is doing. We long to hear from Him in a fresh way.

It was God that called us into missionary service and we want Him to lead us to the next phase. As the verse says, “Trust in the Lord. and He will direct your paths.” So we know that he is “**our map**”, or our GPS, to guide us to the next point of service. At this point we are convinced that our next assignment will be related to using our experience and passion for church planting in Europe in the areas of training, consulting, mentoring, member care and coaching. We are developing the concept of a resource center for church planters that will provide these services throughout Europe and maybe even to other continents.

We are confident that the Lord will lead us in the next steps as we recognize Him as our tent, our compass and our map. We are aware that we may encounter a “bear” or two and may experience some difficult times, so we ask you to keep praying for us at this critical time.

Just to clarify- we have our return tickets to Madrid, Spain for January 14th where we will continue serving with European Christian Mission International. We live in Spain and minister throughout Europe. Brenda plans to continue in prison ministry and as Coordinator of Member Care for ECMI.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS September 3 (2012) - Laura Whitaker September 5 - Aiyana Ehrman September 13 - Gwen Melger *		ANNIVERSARIES August 3 - Jim & Bonnie Bound * August 13 - Jonathan & Kathy Wilson August 18- Roy & Sue Haglund August 22 - Robert & Bettina Schaeffer		HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore		
				1	2	3
				PRAYER EC work team leaves for NE India to help build security wall at ECT		Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, as he directs EC work team
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				- Sierra Farr (2010)		
PRAYER NEEDS Ken Sears - health during rough pollen season in Ukraine	Art & Mary Ellen Davis - retirees visiting in USA	Brian & Missy Wagner - returning to USA for a year furlough	Chris & Deb Bowers - working in WA to train missionary pilots	Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe and their new daughter Alyssa - church planters in Japan	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - returning to RVA after year furlough	Kitty Miller - serving at Payap University in Thailand as an ESL instructor
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				- John Miller		- Katelyn Bowers (2012)
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Nepal, under Rev. Th. Janga, field leader	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planting in Alcora, Spain	Pray for the leadership of the EC Church USA - Bishop Hill and Conference Ministers	EC India work team returns to the USA; pray for safety in travel home	Pray for the EC Church of India under Rev. L. B. Angam, General Director	Pray for GMC Director Rev. Randy Sizemore and his wife Carla; the way forward for GMC	←..... Second Alaska work team returns from Camp LIWA, Fairbanks
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
←..... August 17-24 - Family vacation→						
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Mexico, under Rev. Elias Martinez, field director	Jamie & Anita Farr- working with Wycliffe at FL headquarters	John & Carolyn Miller - working with Tang and Bru Bibles	Kurt and Nancy - Kurt's injuries required return home. Pray for healing and full recovery.	Joe Toy - open air ministry in Philly area and on college campuses	Barbara Erb - retiree in FL and Surinam	Pray for the EC Church of Japan, under Rev. Nobuo Abe, field leader
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				- Samuel Lakatos (2000)		- Rachel Wagner (1995)
PRAYER NEEDS Ron & Brenda Anderson - at US Center for World Missions	Pray for the MK's who are starting college in a country other than the one where they grew up	Randy & Chris Amberman - working with Navajo youth and church leaders	Pray for all the EC church planters, both in the USA and around the world	Dan Dixon - getting ready for next school year at RVA in Kenya	Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe, as they begin married life together in the USA	Pray for the persecuted church worldwide, especially our EC brothers and sisters