

Global Ministries will once again be sponsoring a **work team** to Camp LiWa near Fairbanks, AK. **The dates are August 5-19, 2017.** You can download applications from the EC website. Go to the Structures tab, click on Communities, then Global Ministries, then Short Term Mission Opportunities. Remember that a \$200 deposit is required when you send in your application. If you have any questions, contact the GMC office (1-800-866-7584) or email ecglobal@eccenter.com.

We wish to extend our sympathies to **David and Conce Roof** on the unexpected passing of David's father, Rev. David G. Roof. Rev. Roof sustained a fall in late October which resulted in serious injuries, but seemed to be on the mend. He unexpectedly passed away on November 18th. Rev. Roof and his wife Shirley were living with their youngest daughter Debbie, and near their other daughter Dr. Kim Yunez and her family. Rev. Roof pastored a number of EC churches and also served as District Superintendent of the western District of the Eastern Conference. God in his mercy arranged for David and Conce to be home so they could spend time with his dad before he was called to his eternal home. David and Conce will remain in the USA until the end of this month.

Beth Grimm will be spending the 13th-23rd of this month in Guatemala working with missionary children. Beth is an education specialist who tests, diagnoses and helps parents and teachers with an educational plan for those students who have learning needs. She is planning another trip to Mexico in March for the same purpose.

We give praise that the Lord protected **Ron Anderson** during a recent scary episode. Ron had taken a medication which he has used in the past for a sore back, but evidently had unknowingly developed a severe allergy to it. He went into anaphylactic shock, and Brenda called emergency services. They were able to bring him back, but there were some lingering effects from the medication they used. Ron reports that he is feeling much better now.

Our **VBS Project for 2017** will be to help Bishop G. Abraham Powell with his planned literacy project in Liberia. Most of our EC church people in Liberia are members of the Bassa tribe. The scriptures have been translated into Bassa, but due to the decade long civil war and then the Ebola epidemic, schools have been closed for a long time. Many of the younger people are functionally illiterate. Rev. Powell wants to train teachers to help the people learn to read, using the Bassa Scriptures. Watch for more information on our website.

Ed & Val Schubert give praise that funds were provided to purchase Children's Devotional Books to use with a small group of community women that the Casa de Luz psychologist and Val are mentoring and coaching in mothering skills. In fact, the response was so overwhelmingly wonderful that they were able to purchase Children's Devotional books for SEVERAL small mentoring groups, and were able to purchase an adult Bible for each mom participating. PTL!



NEPAL

The kingdom of Nepal is the world's only Hindu kingdom; however, the constitution guarantees some religious freedom. People can choose their faith, but it is illegal to convert others. An isolated mountainous land, Nepal is just slightly larger than Pennsylvania and New Jersey combined. The 27,000,000 people represent approximately 95 people groups; however, caste is more crucial socially than ethnicity. The capital city, Katmandu has 1,500,000 people.

The main livelihood of the people is from subsistence agriculture, but the chief foreign exchange is earned through tourism. While 75% of the population is Hindu, Buddhists are also well represented at 16%. An estimated 450,000 people are Christians (about 2%). The first group of Christians was formed in 1959. At the climax of persecution in 1990, Christians numbered about 200,000.



THE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEPAL:

The Evangelical Congregational Church of India began the EC mission outreach to eastern Nepal resulting in the planting of ten churches. We officially inaugurated the EC Church of Nepal in June, 2003. At that time the churches elected a leadership team of five people, and a church center was established at Dharan, in eastern Nepal. In January 2009 the EC church of Nepal became its own international conference.

We now have at least 14 churches (2,500-3,000 members), with 165 new converts so far this year (November 2016), 111 baptisms, and about 6 new fellowships which will grow into church plants and then chartered churches. The house/orphanage is almost complete, with the director, his wife and the orphans living there now.

The leadership is engaged in training seminars for pastors, deacons and elders on pastoral duties, ceremonies and sacraments. They conducted a youth seminar with about 200 youth, and four congregations went together and conducted a VBS program with 75 children. God is on the move in Nepal! But in the midst of this growth is much persecution. Please keep our EC pastors, their families, and their churches in prayer for safety from the very real threats from militant Hindu forces and government agencies.

Pat Strain

EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PRAYER NEEDS Praise the Lord for a new year and new opportunities to share the Good News with family, friends, neighbors and folks you may meet during the year	2 - Jim Farr 	3 - Lamar Stoltzfus 	4 Pray for the EC Church of Nepal – praise for new believers; pray for safety of pastors in wake of increasing hostility	5 - Jim Stahl 	6 Pray for the EC Church of Liberia – that they may be able to implement the literacy project to help the Bassa people	7 Jamie & Anita Farr – serving WBT at the Orlando headquarters, speaking/recruiting new members
8 - Celia Dick 	9 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our denominational leaders as they continue to guide the EC Church that it may become a movement of God	10 - Dan Wills 	11 Ken Sears – returning to Ukraine after spending the holidays with his family in Texas	12 Randy & Chris Amberman as they work with Navajo pastors and youth	13 Beth Grimm – trip to Guatemala for testing students. Pray for safe travel and good health	14 Barbara Erb – retired missionary to Surinam, now living in IL
15 PRAYER NEEDS Ron & Brenda Anderson – praise for God's intervention in a recent health scare (see other side) Serving the Lord in Spain	16 Pray for the EC Church of India – that they may continue to send out pastors and missionaries to surrounding states	17 Ed & Val Schubert – reaching children and families in Honduras through Casa de Luz	18 Pray for those going through the Pastoral Assessment Center this week to ascertain God's calling on their lives	19 Pray for the EC Church of Mexico – that they may continue to reach out to the street children in Rio Bravo	20 Kurt & Nancy G. – working with young people serving in closed access countries; support need	21 Pray for GMC Associate Rev Randy Sizemore as he plans his trips to our international church conferences
22 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Abraham Powell, bishop of the EC Church of Liberia – wisdom in helping the churches reunify	23 - Anita Farr 	24 Pray for Rev. Elias Martinez, field director of the EC Church of Mexico and pastor of Rio Bravo church	25 Capt. Noel Blancaflor – Deputy Wing chaplain for 2nd Bomb Wing, USAF, at Barksdale Air Force Base, LA	26 - Kathy Wilson 	27 Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe – pastoring the Garden Church plant in Ebina City, Kanagawa prefecture, Japan	28 Rev. Kaitikap Vaiphei, General Director of the EC Church of India – for unity among the tribes
29 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted church everywhere, especially those in Muslim or ISIS controlled areas	30 - Randy Amberman - David Hershey - Melinda Moury 	31 - Christopher Bowers 				

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ANNIVERSARIES
February 6 – Dan & Melinda Moury