

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Joe Toy** would like to thank all those who prepared Christmas stockings for his distribution to inner city underprivileged children. Fifteen EC churches contributed over 1100 stockings, and folks from Lancaster Faith helped Joe with distribution. Praise!

▶ **The Delaware Region Mission Leaders Brunch** date will be announced shortly. We had hoped to hold it on a Saturday this year to accommodate more working people, but have been unable to find a restaurant that is willing to let us use a room for our meeting on a Saturday morning. The brunch will be held sometime during the second week of March and we will send date, time and location as soon as arrangements can be finalized.

▶ **The Mission Minded Kids Rally** for 2015 will be held **Saturday, March 7th** at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, PA. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 10 a.m. and end no later than 2:30 p.m. Children from ages 5-11 are welcome. Watch for more information coming in the mail soon!

▶ **North to Alaska!** – Global Ministries will once again be sponsoring a work team to Camp LIWA in Fairbanks, AK. The dates are August 1-15. The camp provides room and board in exchange for your work; your only cost is the airfare. Depending on which airport you depart from, it could range from \$800-\$1000. Opportunities to do sightseeing are also given. You can download the application on our website www.eccenter.com. Go to Our Structures tab at top, click on Commissions, Global Ministries, then Short Term Mission Opportunities. If you have any questions, call Pat at the GMC office; 1-800-866-7584. Team is limited to 14 members so apply soon!

▶ **Don and Kathryn Kunkel** are retired EC missionaries living in Idaho. They wrote recently that Don continues to preach every Sunday. Which just goes to prove that old saying, “Retired preachers never quit, they just go out to pastor!” Ha!

▶ **Rev. Dan Moury** who serves as a videographer at Wycliffe headquarters in FL, was part of the production team for the AROP video which tells the story of John and Bonnie Nystrom, missionaries to the Arop people in Papua New Guinea. It is approximately 30 minutes long. The GMC office has a copy that we are willing to loan out, if you would like to use it for a Missions event. You can also access the video in HD on Vimeo and Youtube. Here are the addresses: **Vimeo:** <https://vimeo.com/104341225>

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zH_ewsGikpo&list=UUxL3vu1ZoVpGrc6yKG9SovA

▶ **John & Carolyn Miller** were unable to attend the Bru scripture dedication in December as planned due to possible repercussions to the villagers if foreigners attended. They were there in prayer and in spirit.

▶ **Gloria Smethers** is requesting continued prayer for her brother Kevin and his wife Cheryl. Kevin was seriously injured several months ago when the helicopter he was riding in crashed. He is making progress in regaining use of his limbs, but it will be a long and slow process. Cheryl is his caregiver and also works, so she is struggling to keep up her energy and health.



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JIM AND JOAN FARR

Jim and Joan Farr Are Primarily Translators with Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics and work in Papua New Guinea

They said, “Translation work provides the spice of life—if variety really is the spice....!” The aiming point for retirement purposes is finishing the Baruga New Testament, hopefully with a dedication in 2018. However, Joan is still working to document the work she did in the Sepik River area in the Kombio language for 25 years, and they have also promised to finish the book of Psalms for the Korafe people, where Jim and Cindi, his first wife, did the New Testament earlier.

While shooting for those larger goals Joan also has major responsibilities for teaching and curriculum development for the yearly translation training course at Ukarumpa each April-May. She also occasionally helps by consultant checking of Scripture for which she’s qualified, and has rewritten the Baruga literacy course lessons and trained teachers for that.

Jim has been mentoring Johnstead Sako, one of the Baruga translation team, in his dream of becoming a translation consultant, for which he is making quite good progress; Jim also helps other teams by doing translation consulting, a pre-publication requirement.

Each year sees major chunks of time at Ukarumpa, Wycliffe’s center, where Jim and Joan have a house. But they also have to fly & go by boat to the Korafe and Baruga areas. You like peace and quiet. This past October and November the Farrs were in both village areas—no e-mail, no phone, no mail, no internet, no store—but lots of time with the wonderful national translators God has raised up. Joan did some consultant checking of Korafe psalms, curriculum writing for Baruga literacy and some teacher training. Jim oversaw as another consultant checked Baruga Galatians, and also worked with the Baruga team as they did a final polishing of 2nd & 3rd John and the first third of Revelation.

As the Farrs age (Jim just turned 72) this lifestyle gets very wearing. Just packing for two different villages, confirming (and reconfirming) flights for each trip and additional separate trips 2-3 times a year when Korafe or Baruga team members come to Ukarumpa for training. All these arrangements take large amounts of energy, time and money. They are thankful that your support has kept them able to do the flying and equipment purchases without coming up short, but they request prayer for aging grey cells to handle the multitude of tasks through to the end (hopefully 2018).



FEBRUARY PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Lalrosiem Songate , continuing PhD studies at Concordia in IN	2 Roy & Sue Haglund – serving at headquarters for Mission Aviation Fellowship in Idaho	3 Praise that the ebola virus is slowly coming under control in Liberia	4 Jim & Janet Stahl – training Bible story tellers to share the Good News orally	5 Pray for the EC Church of Japan as they reach out to their own people with the Gospel	6 John & Carolyn Miller – serving with WBT, revising the Bru scriptures and dictionary	7 Don & Kathryn Kunkel – retired but active missionaries in ID.
8 PRAYER NEEDS Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – serving with LIFE ministries in New York	9 Rev. L.B. Angam , General Director of the EC Church of India	10 Pray for our EC church planters , serving here and overseas	11 Jim & Joan Farr – translators in Papua New Guinea, trip to USA next month	12 Dan Moury - serving as videographer with Wycliffe at FL headquarters	13 Joe Toy –safety in travel and ministry at Mardi Gras in New Orleans	14  Share God's love with those around you!
15 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for persecuted Christians around the world, but especially in Iran where it is increasingly dangerous to live for Christ	16 Marcia Hopley – retired but still active in Philadelphia	17 Pray for the EC Church in Northeast India as they evangelize neighboring regions & countries	18 Rev. Nobuo Abe , Chairman of EC Church- Japan, gives praise that he was able to lead his father to salvation in Christ	19 Pray for the Rev. Elias Martinez , field leader of the EC Church of Mexico	20 Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – serving at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya	21 Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill and our Conference Ministers: Rev. Gordon Lewis , Rev. Gary Kuehner , and Rev. Chuck Campbell
22 PRAYER NEEDS Today Lent begins. Use the next 40 days to reflect on and pray about Christ's death and resurrection	23 Pray that Rev. Janga (Nepal) can receive his visa to come to the USA in May for National Conference	24 Jim Ehrman – working with Rivendell Institute, Yale and Love 146	25 Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving with JAARS and The Seed Company in NC	26 Pray for the continued health and safety for Rev. Matthew Gueh (Liberia) and his leadership team	27 – Roy Haglund – Jonathan Wilson 	28 Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – translators in Papua New Guinea among the Binandere people

ANNIVERSARIES February 6 – Dan & Melinda Moury
February 21 – Jim & Joan Farr
March 8 – David & Conce Roof

MARCH BIRTHDAYS March 6 – David Dick
March 7 – Joan Farr
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