

▶ An Appreciation/Retirement luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 23rd for **John & Carolyn Miller**, and **Jim & Joan Farr**. The Millers retired a few years ago but have continued to serve SIL as they are able, and the Farris are officially retiring in June after decades of serving as translators in Papua New Guinea. The luncheon will be held at the Commons of Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, PA. The cost is \$10 per person. Everyone is invited to attend, but reservations are required. The deadline for reservations is Friday, March 8th. Contact the Global Ministries office for more information. Phone 717-866-7584 or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com.

▶ The **Delaware Region Missions Brunch** will be held Thursday, March 28th. Hope Community Church in Fogelsville, PA once again has agreed to host this event. This brunch is open to anyone who is interested in hearing about what's going on in EC missions and updates from EC missionaries. Rev. Ted Rathman, our GM Associate, will be sharing his vision for GMC in the coming years. No fee will be charged, but reservations are necessary so we can have a head count. Please contact the GMC office by email (ecgloba@eccenter.com) or call 1-717-866-7584. The deadline for reservations is Friday, March 15th.

▶ **Jonathan & Kathy Wilson** will have to wait to find out the details about their latest grandchild. The Wilsons left in mid-January for several months in their village, and daughter Sarah and her husband were still waiting for their second child to arrive. The Wilsons don't have internet access while in the village, so guess it will be a surprise until they return in mid-March.

▶ Several of our missionaries have had to have surgery recently. Both **Jim Farr** and **Brenda Anderson** had cataract surgery, and **Val Schubert** had to have a non-cancerous uterine tumor removed. All are doing well, but this is a reminder of how much our missionaries rely on your prayers for them and their health.

▶ **Ivy Limbert** is currently doing a Master's of Science in Education through online classes while working at Black Forest Academy as an ESL teacher. She would appreciate prayers to be able to balance all her responsibilities as well as keeping in good health.

▶ **A number of our missionaries** are struggling with low support levels. If you would be able to help, either with increased monthly support or even a one-time gift to help their bottom line, please contact Pat at the GMC office. Phone number is 1-800-866-7584, email is ecglobal@eccenter.com.

▶ **BJ Whitaker** gives praise for a good response to several events done with the Catholic Church in late January. The local Catholic radio station did an interview with him, and he was invited by the local parish in Alcora to lead a more Evangelical style worship service in their church, with BJ's church leading the music and BJ preaching. There were 40-50 people in attendance. What a wonderful opportunity to both work with the local Catholic church, and to reach people who might not have heard the Good News about Jesus Christ.

▶ Continue to keep retired EC missionary **Janet Baker** in prayer. Her doctor spoke against the back surgery she had been scheduled to have, so now she will need to weigh options for treatments to alleviate the pain.



Spring Cleaning

March is the month when most of us in the Northeast are starting to get anxious for spring. We are tired of the snow and cold, and hoping to see something green coming up through the mounds of white stuff out in our yards.

If you have PA Dutch roots, this may also be the time of year when you start thinking of 'retting up', or giving your house a thorough cleaning. I don't know if this is still a custom with many families, but I remember that when I was growing up, that my siblings and I were expected to help with the spring cleaning. We wiped down walls, washed windows inside and out, moved the furniture, thoroughly vacuumed all the carpeted areas, shook out area rugs, and wet mopped the linoleum floors. We took apart light fixtures and cleaned out the globes, and dusted everything that didn't move. (The family dogs went into hiding, or I think my mother would have vacuumed them too.) It was usually a Saturday and it was a very long day. But the results were amazing. Of course, they didn't last; dust and dirt have a habit of sneaking back in, no matter how hard you try to keep them out. So we did it all again in the fall.

Perhaps we need to do a spiritual 'retting up' at times as well. It's easy to get so busy that we neglect our devotional time. Perhaps our minds gets cluttered with anger towards someone or anxiety about a situation at work or at home. We harbor grudges the way dust builds up in corners if we don't pay attention to it. We worry about finances, children, grandchildren, the world around us. It's easy to get distracted and not realize how cluttered our souls are becoming with cobwebs of doubt and despair or the dirt of resentment and hard feelings.

The author of Hebrews talks about the importance of 'cleaning up' our hearts and souls, so that God can use us for the work He created us to do. No one is attracted to a dirty building; in the same way no one will want to listen to us talk about Jesus if we don't act differently than our old cruddy selves. Only God can wash away our sins, but we need to persevere to keep ourselves connected to Him and spiritually clean so we can serve Him well.

"...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. HEBREWS 10: 22-24

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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE MARCH 2019

1
PRAYER NEEDS
Dave Hershey – campus minister taking a group to Chicago over spring break

2
Pray for **Bishop Bruce Hill** as he leads the EC Church USA forward; plans for the future

3
PRAYER NEEDS
Ivy Limbert – teaching at Black Forest Academy in Germany; also working on her Master’s of Education degree

4
Jamie & Anita Farr – administrator at WBT headquarters in FL; Jamie taking graduate courses

5
Pray for **Rev. Kaitinkap Vaiphei**, General Director of the EC Church of India, as he leads the largest contingency of EC’ers

6 – Rev. David Dick
Ash Wednesday – remember what Jesus did for you as we begin the season of Lent

7
Pray for **Rev. Nobuo Abe**, Chairman of the EC Church of Japan, as he and the church leaders plan for the future

8
Art & Mary Ellen Davis – retired but active in Nairvasha, Kenya

9 – Joan Farr
Pray for those **missionaries suffering support shortages**; ask God if He wants you to help in some way (one time or ongoing)

10
PRAYER NEEDS
First Sunday of Lent and Self Denial Offering – this offering is used by GMC to help our international churches and help with office expenses

11
Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate, principal of Evangelical College of Theology, Churachandpur, India – to meet needs of students

12
Chris & Deb Bowers – seconded to Moody Aviation in Washington. Prayers for Deb’s and Emily’s health issues

13
Pray for **GMC board members** as they meet to discuss the work of Global Ministries and plan for the future

14
Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson – working with church planters in Spain, and prison ministry among women

15
Kurt G. – working with young men who feel called to serve the Lord in closed access countries

16
Pray for **Rev. Abraham Powell**, bishop of the E C Church of Liberia, as he works to reach out to the communities

17 – Rev. Ron Anderson
PRAYER NEEDS
Pray for **Rev. Juan Zuñiga**, Superintendent of the EC Church of Mexico, as he seeks to grow the Body of Christ

18
Barbara Erb – retired missionary who served for years with Christar in Suriname

19
Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe – transition to working with Japanese expatriates in France; Jessica teaching Old Testament

20 – Donovan Stoltzfus (1998)
Rev. David Dick – seconded by OMS to serve as president of the Duetel Literature Trust

21
Pray for **Rev. Gary Kuehner**, Church Health Associate, as he works with churches who want to be healthy

22
Pray for all the ministries that focus on **reaching college students** during their spring break vacations

23
Retirement/ Appreciation luncheon for John & Carolyn Miller, Jim & Joan Farr

24 – Marcia Hopler*
PRAYER NEEDS
Beth Grimm – educator who works with MK’s all over the world to diagnose and develop learning strategies for those with learning disabilities

25
Rev. Dan Dixon – teacher, coach, and junior high coordinator at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya – future plans

26 – Cheyne Schubert (2005) – Lily Rathman (2010)
Randy & Chris Amberman – serving with the Navajo church and after school program for youth

27
Rev. Dan Moury – videographer for Wycliffe Bible Translators at their headquarters in Orlando, FL

28
Delaware Region Missions Brunch – Hope Community Church, Fogelsville PA

29
Jim & Joan Farr – leave PA at the end of this month to travel to CA and eventually back to FL, where they will be living in retirement

30
Pray for **Rev. Th. Janga**, field leader for the EC Church of Nepal, as they continue to minister despite open hostility from militant Hindus

31 – Micah Wagner (2001)
PRAYER NEEDS
Pray for the **persecuted church**, especially in Viet Nam, where Christians are being targeted

ANNIVERSARIES
March 8 – David & Conce Roof
March 22 – Rev. Joe & Wendy Toy
March 25 – David & Emily Hershey
April 4 – Chris & Deb Bowers

BIRTHDAYS
April 1 – Mary Reimer *
April 5(2007) – Abigail Farr
April 12 – Deb Bowers

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+ DENOTES CANDIDATE