

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Dan Dixon** is in the USA as of late March and staying until August. He will be staying at the Liitz Missionary apartments. Dan still has a few Sunday mornings available, as well as Sunday evenings and weekdays/weeknights. He'd love to share with your youth group! Call Pat at the GMC office (1-800-866-7584) if you would like to have Dan speak to your group.

▶ **Kitty Miller** officially retires from her service as a full time missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators-SIL as of the first of this month. Kitty intends to remain in the Lehigh Valley area of PA where she is currently living. Never one to sit around twiddling her thumbs, Kitty helped with the Mission Minded Kids rally in early March, and will be serving in her church, among other things. Kitty has indicated that she will also make herself available to speak in churches as her schedule allows.

▶ Praise that **Rev. Th. Janga**, field leader of the EC Church of Nepal, and his wife **Mercy** were granted visas to visit the United States. They will be attending National Conference this May at Messiah College, and will be the keynote speakers at the GMC luncheon. Pray for safety in their trips over to the USA and then back again to Nepal.

▶ Praise that the **Alaska Work Team** in August has been filled! We are thrilled at the response, as the past few years have seen fewer folks interested in this type of short term mission experience. GMC did cut back to just one team per year for that reason. The group will once again work at Camp LIWA outside of Fairbanks, doing whatever is necessary to keep the camp in good shape and start preparing it for winter.

▶ A group of about 80 children and adults attended our annual spring **Mission Minded Kids Rally** on Saturday, March 7th at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, PA. Our theme was "Serving an Awesome God" and the children learned how missionaries Jamie Farr, Marcia Hopley and Kitty Miller did just that. They made journals to contain all the take-aways they received and each child could take a curio from a country where an EC missionary serves or where we have international churches. Of course, lunch is always a highlight, and we had homemade macaroni & cheese (yum!), hot dogs, and homemade sugar cookies as well as fruits and veggies. Many thanks to all who donated their time to make this event a success!

▶ A reminder that our **VBS project** for this year is to raise funds for **Nepal**. Our leader there, Rev. Janga and his wife Mercy are caring for a number of orphans. Because they are Christians, the last two homes they rented told them they had to move. They want to buy or build a combined home and denominational center so they can be assured of a place for the children to stay. More information, including 5-minute VBS lessons and our MMK lessons will be posted on our website later this spring.



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## EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

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## EC Church of Mexico Moves Forward!

The EC Church of Mexico consists of 11 churches located primarily along the northern tier near the US border. In addition to the established congregations, ministry includes church plants and El Retiro Children's Home.

Rev. Elias Martinez continues to give excellent leadership to the EC Church of Mexico as they mature into an effective witness for the Gospel in Mexico. This year Elias and his leadership team will be introducing the third phase in their progress toward becoming a National Conference. Phases one and two involved the development and implementation of a church governance manual. With that in place they are now ready to concentrate on developing the local pastors and their families. Elias has enlisted the help of his friend and mentor, Rev. Gilberto Chaverri, to help him lead the pastors and their spouses through an intensive personal and professional development course called, "Transforming Ministers" (Similar to our Pastoral Assessment Center). This year-long course is divided into different areas including family dynamics and the tools to ensure ongoing healthy ministry life. The first course has begun and Pastor Gilberto is pleasantly surprised at the enthusiasm of the pastors to participate and engage in personal development.

For the third year the EC Church of Mexico has hosted a mission trip to minister among the indigenous people groups in Southern Mexico. They are beginning to develop a trusting relationship with the villages and Elias shared that this year fifteen people came to the services with their Bibles and lesson booklets from last year ready to learn more! This year Elias brought USB memory sticks that plug into portable speakers with sermons and lessons so when the team leaves, the villagers can continue to learn. On the home front, construction on the newest church plant, Casa De Dios, has rapidly progressed to the point where it is ready for a roof! The good news is that all of the local EC Churches have contributed financially and many have worked hand in hand to see its swift progress. The challenging news is that the construction has happened so quickly it has out-paced our ability to raise the \$20,000 needed for the roof! We are well on our way with plans to send a work/ministry team of younger people this summer to help with the building of Casa De Dios and to build the next generation of relationships with our brothers and sisters in Mexico.

Rev. Randy Sizemore

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>MAY BIRTHDAYS</b>                      May 4 - Nancy G.                      May 4 - Concé Roof                      May 5 - Valerie Schubert                      May 6 - Carolyn Miller                      May 6 - Jamie Farr</p>			<p>1 - Mary Reimer *</p> <p><small>*DENOTES RETIREE</small></p> <p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>                      Dan &amp; Mary Lynne Wills                      - serving with JAARS and The Seed Company</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Joe Toy</b> - open air ministries to college students in IN during basketball championships</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>Christ died for our sins; love so amazing, so divine</b></p>	<p>4 - Abigail Farr (2007)</p> <p>Pray for the <b>persecuted church</b> as they cling to the knowledge that they serve a risen Savior</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>                      Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for the <b>Mexican EC Church</b> Annual Conference this week</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>GMC Vision Team</b> leaves to spend a week with Ambermans</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pray for our <b>Nepalese EC pastors and churches</b> working among militant Hindus</p>	<p>9 - Dorothy Stermer *</p> <p><b>Dorothy Stermer</b> - retired and living in Allentown, PA</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Jim Ehrman</b> - working to stop human trafficking with Love 146</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pray for the <b>ECCI missionaries</b> sent to neighboring countries</p>
<p>12 - Deborah Bowers</p> <p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>                      Lamar &amp; Janice Stoltzfus - serving at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pray for <b>Yoriyoshi &amp; Emiko Abe</b>, church planters in suburban Tokyo, Japan</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. L.B. Angam</b>, the general Director of the EC Church of India</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Jim &amp; Janet Stahl</b> - training story tellers to accurately share the Bible in their oral culture</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>John &amp; Carolyn Miller</b> - continuing work on Bru translation in Thailand</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Matthew Gueh</b>, the field superintendent of the EC Church of Liberia, and his leadership team</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Robert &amp; Bettina Schaeffer</b> - work with LIFE ministries, praise for increased support</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>                      Pray for <b>Rev. Nobuo Abe</b>, chairman of the EC Church-Japan</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Kitty Miller</b> - officially retired, future plans</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pray for our <b>EC Church planters</b>, both in the USA and abroad</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Jim &amp; Joan Farr</b> - back in PNG, serving as translators to the Baruga &amp; Korafe peoples</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pray for all the <b>missionaries</b> serving in countries where ISIS has attacked</p>	<p>24 - Jared Farr (2008)                      - Elijah Hershey (2014)</p> <p><b>Roy &amp; Sue Haglund</b> - serving at MAF headquarters in Idaho</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Over 2000 people groups need scripture in their heart language; pray for <b>new translators</b></p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>                      Pray for <b>Liberia</b> as the country tries to find order after the recent chaos of ebola</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Wes &amp; Mary Reimer</b> - retired but keeping active in FL</p>	<p>28 - Junia Hershey (2011)</p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Elias Martinez</b>, field leader of the EC Church of Mexico</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pray for the <b>Denominational Leadership Team</b> as they prepare for National Conference</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Dan &amp; Melinda Moury</b> - serving with Wycliffe in Orlando, FL</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Th. Janga</b>, field leader of the EC Church of Nepal</p>	