

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **Obviously**, the coronavirus has changed most of our plans from mid-March for the foreseeable future. While we need to be vigilant, we also need to be the Body of Christ, especially to a world that is fearful and unsure of the future. Please take opportunities to offer service as needed to neighbors and/or family. We are to be His hands and feet to a hurting and troubled world.

► **Brian & Missy Wagner** are interested in purchasing a home in Lancaster County, PA for an investment and to provide a home for their children, all of whom are now living in the USA. If you know of anyone who is selling, perhaps you could give their information to the Wagners. Their email is bwagner@rva.org, and Brian's phone is (717)842-0284. Brian and Missy are returning to serve at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya in July, so there is a time element involved.

► A **number of our missionaries** continue to be under-supported. If you or your church would be willing to take on more regular support, or even a one-time gift, please contact the GMC office for a list of names. Thank you!

► The trip by **Bishop Bruce Hill** and **Rev. Ted Rathman** scheduled for last month was cancelled. India stopped issuing visas in early March in an attempt to stem the spread of the virus. At this time, we don't know if ECCI was able to hold elections for a new General Director, but most likely they were not.

► **Dan Moury's** trip to the Philippines in late April was also cancelled. However, if things are resolved regarding the virus in time, he is hoping to make the trip in late June.

► **John & Carolyn Miller** have informed us that they have a new email address. Wycliffe is saving the 'sil.org' emails for those serving outside the USA. The Millers' new email, effective immediately, is Carolyn_Miller@wycliffe.org. Please change your records.

► **The Delaware Region Missions Brunch**, like so many other events in late March, had to be cancelled due to concerns about the spread of the coronavirus. At this time there are no plans to reschedule it for this year. We are hoping that the Susquehanna Region Missions Brunch can be held in fall, and everyone who is interested and available will be invited to attend.

► **National Conference** which was scheduled to be held May 27-29 at Messiah College has been cancelled. Messiah will need to do deep cleaning before anyone will be allowed on campus. Check the EC website, www.eccenter.com, for updates.

► Hopefully by the time May begins, we will be through the worst of this pandemic. The GMC office has been keeping in contact with our missionaries throughout this difficult time. Those working at MK schools around the world have 'sheltered in place'; most schools closed and sent their students home as possible. Even in this chaos, our EC missionaries have been faithful to serve in whatever capacity they were allowed. Both **Ron Anderson** and **BJ Whitaker** in Spain shared from their homes with neighbors. Ron put a portable PA system in the windows in his attic and shared messages of hope with neighbors when they opened windows for the nightly salute to health care workers. BJ sang praise songs from his balcony. **Ed & Val Schubert** packed 100 food bags for the poorest of the families they serve at their day care/training facility in the capital city. As of this writing, as far as I know, all of our missionaries serving overseas have chosen to remain on their respective fields of service to continue to minister as opportunity allows. Please keep them in prayer; thank you.



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David & Celia Dick

David and Celia Dick have served as missionaries with One Mission Society (OMS) since December 1980. David and Celia originate from Western Pennsylvania. They grew up within ten miles of one another, met during their high school years and married in 1966. They have two adult married sons, Ryan, his wife Leanne and their daughter, Kathryn, reside in Arizona. Daniel and his daughter, Elise, reside in Kentucky.



Following graduation from high school, during the Vietnam War, David served in the U.S. Air Force in Thailand. Celia was a legal secretary and graphic arts composer. Upon discharge from the military, David worked as a manufacturing engineer, and Celia was a medical secretary until they received God's call on their lives to cross-cultural missions in 1974.

Obedying Christ's call and in preparation for career missionary service, David enrolled in Asbury College (now Asbury University) where he earned a bachelor's degree in Bible and biblical languages. He received his master of divinity degree in world missions and evangelism from Asbury Theological Seminary and a doctor of missiology degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Celia went back to work as secretary to the Academic Dean of Asbury Theological Seminary during David's seminary days and transferred what she learned to the South Pacific where she was seminary librarian and academic registrar.

For ten years, David and Celia were active in the South Pacific engaged in evangelism, church planting and training the sons and daughters of the host country. Dave taught in the seminary and in the evangelism and discipleship ministries as well as serving as Field Director. For the next fifteen years, David served as the Executive Director of International Ministries, working out of the world headquarters in the U.S. and traveling worldwide. Since August 2007, David has been active as Vice President at Large, continuing to serve OMS in a variety of strategic functions, including, since 2016, the President of the Duetel Literature Trust, a sister organization committed to sharing the inspiration, passion, and challenge of former OMS President, the late Dr. Wesley Duetel.

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					1 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for all those affected directly by the Covid 19 outbreak – nursing family members	2 Rev. Kurt G. – working with young men sensing a call to work in closed countries for Christ
3 PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Dan & Melinda Moury – serving as videographer at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL	4 – Nancy G – Conce Roof Pray for Barbara Erb , retired missionary living in IL	5 – Valerie Schubert Pray for those who are still struggling to make ends meet after devastation from Covid 19	6 – Carolyn Miller* – Jamie Farr Pray for missionaries who have chosen to remain in their country of service and minister there	7 Pray for Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson , ministering in the Madrid metropolis in Spain	8 Thank all the health care workers and first responders who continually put their lives on the line	9 Pray for Chris & Deb Bowers , training missionary pilots in Washington state
10 Happy Mother's Day Thank God for the influence of Christian mothers who raised their children to know the Lord	11 David & Conce Roof – working with OMS as church planters in northern Brazil and the Moju River area	12 Pray for Randy & Chris Amberman , as they minister to Navajo youth and church leaders in NW New Mexico	13 – Cassie Wells Dan Quigley – serving with One by One International in Nicaragua, working with disadvantaged children & youth	14 Pray for Bishop Hill and the EC leadership as they try to work through all that not being able to have National Conference will entail	15 Pray for Capt. Noel Blancaflor , chaplain in the US Air Force and serving in California	16 Rev. Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe – church planters in Ebina City, near Tokyo Japan
17 – Rev. BJ Whitaker PRAYER NEEDS Dr. Beth Grimm – an educational specialist helping MK's around the world	18 Pray for EC CI as they deal with having to rearrange their national conference and elections	19 Pray for Jim & Joan Farr , retired missionaries living in Florida	20 Pray for the EC churches of Japan as they deal with the aftermath of the coronavirus in that country	21 David Hershey – campus minister with CSF at PSU - Berks and Brandywine campuses	22 Pray for the churches of Liberia as they also deal with the aftermath of yet another pandemic in their country	23 Ivy Limbert – SIL teacher at Black Forest Academy in Germany, a school for MK's
24 PRAYER NEEDS Be grateful if you have a roof over your head and food to eat; you are ahead of most of the world's population	25 Americans should be grateful for all who gave their lives for our freedom	26 Pray for the EC churches of Nepal & their leadership in midst of persecution	27 Jamie & Anita Farr – serving with Wycliffe at the headquarters in Orlando, FL -recruiting and personnel	28 – Emily Bowers Praise that the Church is still the Church, whether meeting together or virtually	29 Remember that God is still in control, even when we can't control our circumstances	30 Rev. David & Celia Dick – serving with the Duewel Literature Trust in IN
31 – Mary Lynne Wills PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted church , especially in Turkey						

BIRTHDAYS
 June 5 (2002) – Hannah Moury
 June 6 – Bonnie Bound*
 June 8 (2014) – Leah Rathman
 June 11 – Wendy Toy

ANNIVERSARIES
 May 25 – Brian & Missy Wagner
 May 25 – Jamie & Anita Farr
 June 15 – BJ & Rachel Whitaker

*DENOTES RETIREE
 + DENOTES CANDIDATE