

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **CORRECTION** – We told you last month that **Dan Moury** was taking a trip to Colombia, South America, at the end of May. Unfortunately, due to safety concerns, that trip was cancelled. Dan would appreciate prayer for the two tribes they were to visit, as the Christians there are being persecuted.

▶ Apologies for missing two missionary anniversaries last month. Both **Brian & Missy Wagner**, and **Jamie & Anita Farr** celebrated wedding anniversaries on May 25th. Belated congratulations and hope you both have many, many more!

▶ Congratulations to **Jonita Wilson**, who will be getting married this month to Isaiah Howard, who also grew up in Papua New Guinea. Parents **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** are flying in from PNG to be a part of the special event. Jonita graduated from Cornerstone University last month. Best wishes to the bride and groom!

▶ Our **VBS project** this year is to raise \$10,000 to help our **EC Church – Japan** with their children's outreach program. Project Friendship will help by providing materials and transportation to various events sponsored by our E.C. churches in Japan. **The 5-minute materials are available**, but due to sensitivity issues, can't be posted on our website. However, contact the GMC office at 717-866-7584 or ecglobal@eccenter.com and we will email you the power point and script that Rev. Yoriyoshi Abe has prepared.

▶ Apologies to **Andrew Roof**, whom I missed from the graduation list last month. Andrew graduated from Messiah College with a degree in International Business. Congratulations, Andrew and best of luck in your job search!

▶ Congratulations to **Ron & Brenda Anderson**, who welcomed their 7th grandchild last month. Daughter Jenny and husband Phil welcomed their 3rd child. The Andersons were in Washington to visit with the family.

▶ Congratulations to **Dan Dixon**, who has accepted a teaching position at a Triad Baptist Christian Academy in North Carolina. He will be teaching Middle School Math and boys' PE. Please keep Dan in prayer as he transitions from Rift Valley Academy life to teaching here in the USA.

▶ **David and Conce Roof** are in PA from May through July to see son Andrew graduate and also to do some deputation. They will be living at their home at 45 Tiffany Lane, Lebanon, 17046 for most of the time.

▶ **BJ & Rachel Whitaker**, along with daughters Miriam and Laura, will be staying at the 2nd floor missionary apartment in Lititz during most of their home assignment. They arrive in the USA in late June and will be leaving in early August. All of their Sundays have been spoken for, but they might have some weekdays/week nights available. Contact BJ directly at bj.whitaker@ecmi.org to check availability.

▶ **Ed & Val Schubert** are grateful that a fire on the mountain near their home in Zambrano did not reach their property or any of the Casa de Luz property. However, they would ask you to pray for rain, as the threat of fires on the mountains is still very real.

▶ **Our folks serving in Kenya** would also like prayers for rain – the local people depend on their gardens to provide food, and without rain there will be no crops.



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A Walk in the Woods

June is always a popular month. School lets out, so the kids are happy. It's usually a nice time of year to get married, so brides and grooms are happy. The days are longer and warmer, so people of all ages enjoy being outside whether camping, heading to the shore, or just puttering in their gardens.

June is also the time of year most of our camp programs get started. Camp ECCO in Ohio, Rock River Bible Camp in IL, and Twin Pines Camp & Conference Center in PA, are also an important part of the summer. Each year, hundreds of young people come away from the busyness of summer sports programs, or the mindlessness of video gaming, and have encounters with Jesus in a fresh setting. As hard as it is to 'unplug' from social media, even for a week, the youth who come to Christian camps find that the new friends they make and the in depth delving into scripture that they do, makes it easier to forget what's on Snapchat.

Camp is a great way to introduce unchurched young people to a Christian atmosphere. They may not want to go to church, but the chance to go swimming, arts and crafts, special outdoor activities – all this goes a long way to draw youth to camp. There they are introduced to Jesus, and over the years literally hundreds of young people have come to know Jesus as their Savior at camp.

Those who return year after year make friends that they keep in touch with throughout the year. Even the counselors have life long bonds, and more than a few couples have resulted from those who were camp counselors together over the years. Out of those couples have come E.C. pastors and missionaries, as well as lay leaders in many of our churches. I'm not suggesting you become a camp counselor at one of our camps just to find a mate, but hey, it's a good place to start. (-;

And camp isn't just for the young folks. Most of our camps have a week of adult camp, or retreats, where you get to act like a kid anyway. If you aren't someone who enjoys the great outdoors, consider sponsoring a young person from your church to go. Or create a scholarship so that youth from a smaller church would have the chance to go. Check with your camp and see what needs they might have, whether supplies or personnel. Above all, pray that our EC associated camps will have a fruitful summer season, and many will hear the Word of God and take it to heart.

Pat Strain

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PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for **Rev. Jeff Byerly**, Ministerial Development Associate

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Pray for the **EC Church – Latin America**, as the churches of northern Mexico have a vision to expand beyond their current borders

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Gwen Melger, retired missionary living in Florida

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Joe Toy – open air evangelism in Philly area as well as special events in USA and abroad

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– Hannah Moury (2002)

Pray for the **EC Church – Japan** and the Project Friendship outreach to children

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– Bonnie Bound *

Jim & Janet Stahl – serving as trainers to Bible story tellers in Asia and Africa

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Pray for the **EC Church of Liberia** as they reach out to their communities with social and spiritual aid

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– Leah Rathman (2014)

Cassie Wells – campus ministry at Kutztown University and beyond

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Pentecost Sunday – give thanks for the coming of the Holy Spirit to all followers of Christ; the Comforter has come!

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Pray for **Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe** – church planters in Ebina City, Japan. Need for larger facility

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– Wendy Toy

Pray for **Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate**, the principal of Evangelical College of Theology in Churachandpur, India

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David & Conce Roof – doing deputation in the USA; pray for safety in travels and good time with friends/family

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Pray for **our church camps** – Camp ECCO, Rock River Bible Camp, and Twin Pines, that they will have good outreaches this summer

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Pray for **Dr. Juliana Lesher** as she adjusts to her new responsibilities as head of the VA Chaplaincy program nation-wide

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Pray for **all MK's who are graduating from high school**, and preparing to leave the culture they know to go to college in another country

16 *Happy Father's Day*

Praise God for Christian Fathers who model servant leadership for their children

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– Ed Schubert – Miriam Whitaker (2010)

BJ & Rachel Whitaker – arriving in USA for hectic 2-month furlough; safety in travel on the roads

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– Melissa Wagner – David Roof

Rev. Ken Sears – in the USA for a medical issue and then remaining until December for home assignment

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Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – safety as they travel from PNG to Grand Rapids, MI for daughter Jonita's wedding this weekend

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Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – working with LIFE Ministries and pastoring in St. Clair, PA

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Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – back in RVA, serving as Director of Operations and in the Guidance office

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– Janice Stoltzfus

Gloria Smethers – nurse at AIM Retirement Center in Florida; stamina to serve a growing population

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– Kitty Miller *

Pray for our **VBS programs** this summer, that our churches can reach into their neighborhoods and introduce children to Jesus

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– Rachel Whitaker

Brian & Missy Wagner – preparing for Micah's graduation and year of home assignment

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– Beth Grimm

Pray for the **EC churches in Nepal** as they continue to reach out to family and neighbors in spite of threats from militant Hindu factions

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Ed & Val Schubert – working with children and women in impoverished parts of Honduras

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Pray for the **EC Church – India** as the six presbyteries send out missionaries to neighboring states and countries with the Gospel

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– Wesley Reimer *

Rev. Donald Kunkel, retired missionary living in Idaho

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– Bettina Schaeffer

Pray for the **persecuted church, especially in North Korea**, which has one of the worst human rights records in the world

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Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – responsibilities at JAARS Center in South Carolina; helping Wycliffe missionaries on furlough

BIRTHDAYS

July 9 – Rev. Dan Dixon
July 13 – Rev. Kurt G.
July 15 (1999) – Hannah Wagner

ANNIVERSARIES

June 15 – BJ & Rachel Whitaker
June 21 – Ted & Jessica Rathman
July 14 – Dan & Mary Lynne Wills

*DENOTES RETIREE
+ DENOTES CANDIDATE