

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **NOTE: Church Center** will be closed Fridays during the months of July and August.
- ▶ **Val Schubert** had to have emergency surgery in early May due to a ruptured appendix and the peritonitis that followed. There were other medical complications as well, but God's hand was on her and Val came through the surgery and infections that followed. She has a long road to full recovery and would appreciate continued prayers, but Val and her family give praise that she is doing as well as she is right now.
- ▶ **David & Conce Roof** give praise that they were able to get back to Brazil at the end of May as scheduled. A truckers' strike had paralyzed much of the country, so there were gas and food shortages. They were able to fly directly from FL to their town of Belem; unfortunately, their luggage didn't make it until a few days later.
- ▶ **Jamie & Anita Farr** and their four children return at the end of July, having spent two months traveling to Papua New Guinea to be part of the Baruga Scripture Celebration, which Jamie's parents, Jim and the late Cindi Farr, translated. The Fars remained in PNG to visit areas and friends where Jamie spent most of his growing up years. Quite an adventure for his children to see where and how their dad grew up!
- ▶ **Ron & Brenda Anderson** flew to the USA in late May to be part of the memorial service for the late Rev. Jack Murray in CA, then flew east and attended the EC National Conference, where Ron represented EC missionaries serving overseas in the service honoring GMA Randy Sizemore for his 10 years at the helm of Global Ministries. The Andersons will remain in the USA through most of August. While Ron will be traveling quite a bit to various conferences as well as visiting family, the Andersons will be staying in the Terre Hill PA area for the last two weeks of June.
- ▶ **Jim & Janet Stahl** report that they are pretty well settled in their home in Bethlehem, even planting a garden. ☺ They will be traveling to at least two countries in Asia over the summer to lead Bible story training sessions, so keep them in prayer for safety and good health during their travels and teaching times.
- ▶ **Joe Toy** has asked for prayer as he and his team will be ministering at the Major League Baseball All Star Game in Washington DC from July 7-10. Pray for safe travels and open hearts to hear God's Word.
- ▶ **David Hershey** doesn't get the summer off just because there are a limited number of courses at Penn State-Berks campus where he ministers. He is busy with a staff training session and staff retreat which will happen this month. He is also responsible for coordinating the workshops for the National Student Conference in Johnson City, TN late this month. He and all of his family will be going, so keep them in prayer for safe travels, and a good conference.
- ▶ **REMINDER: Our VBS Project** this year is to collect monies for Evangelical College of Theology in India, so they can buy the books they need for their new Masters program in Missiology. Our goal is \$10,000. 5-Minute lessons are on our website, www.eccenter.com.



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INDIA

Northeast India is home to the largest number of EC'ers on the planet, with approximately 60,000 members and over 400 churches. The EC connection to the work in Manipur state began with Paul and Ella Rostad who went as missionaries to the head hunting tribes in that area before WW II. They had to evacuate during the war, but returned afterwards to continue their ministry.



From seeds planted by Watkin Roberts in the early 20th century and watered by Northeast India General Mission and the Rostads, God grew a bountiful harvest. Manipur state is considered to have a high percentage of Christians. The EC work is concentrated among six presbyteries (each of which represents a tribal group) which have their own languages. This region is among the poorest in India.

Currently Rev. Dr. Kaitikap Vaiphei is the General Director of our EC Church of India. Kap, as he is affectionately known by his friends, is familiar to many in the USA from his time of studying at our Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown. He is emphasizing unity among the presbyteries and training of the pastors during his leadership.

Part of that training comes from the Evangelical College of Theology, also located in Churachandpur, Manipur state. Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate did much of his advanced studies in the USA and is familiar to many here from his tenure as the General Director of ECCI. ECT trains students in English, and has both men and women training as pastors and missionaries. They plan to begin a new program in Missiology this summer, but need to increase the number of volumes in their library. You can help by contributing – our goal is to raise \$10,000 to assist them with this project. If your church isn't participating in our VBS project this year, you can send in a donation and mark it for "ECT library project."

We are excited by the zeal we see and read about among our EC brothers and sisters in Northeast India. They truly have a heart to see their people hear the Good News about Jesus. Please continue to pray for them as they sacrifice much to take God's Word to neighboring states and countries.

Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Randy Sizemore as he leaves the GMC. Randy will be on sabbatical this month, then begin service as full time lead pastor at Bethel EC in Dixon, IL	2 Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Navajo church leaders and youth in the Four Corners area in New Mexico	3 David Hershey – campus pastor at Penn State Berks campus. Pray for the summer training and ministry programs Dave is leading and involved with.	4 Americans should be grateful to God for the freedom of religion in our land	5 Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe – church planters in Ebina, Japan. Returning after 6 weeks in the USA with their daughter Kanae	6 Pray for the many VBS programs in churches this summer, that children will hear about Jesus and want to accept him as their Savior	7 Kurt G. – work with Café 1040, training young men to be missionaries in closed access countries
8 PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Juan Zuniga , Superintendent of the E.C. Church of Mexico – plans to reach out to other areas of country	9 – Rev. Dan Dixon  Chris & Deb Bowers – serving in Washington as a pilot trainer for Wycliffe/ Moody, and doing counseling in their church	10 Pray for the EC pastors who are starting ministry in new church locations, and that churches with new pastors will be welcoming	11 Ron & Brenda Anderson – in the USA until next month. Pray for safety in travel to many conferences, speaking engagements	12 Janet Baker – retired missionary living in Lebanon, PA – health issues	13 – Rev. Kurt G.  Rev. Nobuo Abe , Chairman of the E.C. Church of Japan – reaching out to the 99% of Japanese who don't know Jesus	14 Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill and the Leadership Team of the denomination, as they meet to discuss the way forward for the E C Church
15 – Hannah Wagner (1999)  PRAYER NEEDS Ivy Limbert – teaching ESL classes at Black Forest Academy, a school for missionary children in Germany	16 Pray for Major Josh Metz , serving as regimental chaplain and teaching ethics at an army school in Missouri	17 Dan Dixon – teacher, coach and class sponsor at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya	18 Pray for Rev. Th. Janga , leader of the EC Church of Nepal. Pray for safety and protection from militant Hindu groups.	19 Pray for our missionaries who are traveling this summer, either for business or pleasure, for safety	20 – Pat Strain  Be in prayer for Herndon Camp Meeting and the events that go on during the week	21 – Janet Baker * – Dan Quigley +  Jim & Joan Farr – catching up on things after celebration of the Baruga Scripture translation last month
22 PRAYER NEEDS Dan & Melinda Moury , at Wycliffe headquarters in FL – Dan will be going to Uganda next month to video stories of people who now have scripture in their mother tongue	23 – Carla Sizemore  Pray for Rev. Dr. Kaitinkap Vaiphei , General Director of the EC Church of India	24 – Rev. Don Kunkel *  Pray for our missionaries who are dealing with health issues; Satan has been busy recently and many are struggling	25 Eunice Wanjema , retired missionary in Kenya	26 Beth Grimm – education specialist helping MK's all over the world to be able to keep up with their studies	27 Pray for the various camp meetings throughout our denomination that God's Word will be taught and lived out	28 Pray for Rev. G. Abraham Powell , bishop of the E.C. Church of Liberia, and the programs being instituted
29 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate , principal of the Evangelical College of Theology in Churachandpur, India	30 Jamie & Anita Farr and family – the Fars as they return from their trip to PNG after being gone for 2 months	31 David & Celia Dick – Dave is VP at large for OMS; also President of the Duedel Literature Trust	AUGUST BIRTHDAYS August 2 (2010) - Sierra Farr August 15 - John Miller *		ANNIVERSARIES July 14 – Dan & Mary Lynne Wills July 25 – Randy & Carla Sizemore July 27 – John & Carolyn Miller * August 3 – Jim & Bonnie Bound * August 13 – Jonathan & Kathy Wilson	

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