

▶ **NOTE: Church Center** will be closed Fridays during the month of August.

▶ **Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus** return to Kenya this month, to begin working at Rift Valley Academy after an unplanned two year hiatus. They were only going to be in the USA from August 2016 – August 2017, but Janice’s diagnosis of breast cancer in December of 2016 changed all their plans. Praise God that after months of surgery and chemotherapy, all Janice’s test results have come back clean and she has been given the green light to return. However, she will not return to the full-time, stressful job she had before coming home this last time. RVA has agreed to let her ease her way back to the active and often hectic pace at the school, so that she will not be overwhelmed. Lamar will return to his position of Director of Services, which means he oversees 10 departments and a staff of 88. Please keep Lamar & Janice in prayer as they also go back as empty nesters this time, another change to work through.

▶ **Robert & Bettina Schaeffer** were able to spend some vacation time in Germany in June, visiting with some of Bettina’s family. Robert returned, but Bettina continued on to Italy to visit the other side of her family. She returned in mid-July.

▶ **Jim & Janet Stahl** will be in Dayton, OH for the first week of this month for a Bible Story Telling Conference. The Stahls train national speakers how to tell Bible stories accurately to their own people who don’t yet have the scriptures in their own language and/or may be illiterate.

▶ **Dave Hershey** is once again looking for folks who will put together goody boxes for his ministry, Christian Student Fellowship, to distribute to students at Penn State-Berks campus. There is a specific list of items that are to be used, so please contact Dave at campusminister_dave@yahoo.com to get details. He needs the items by mid-August. If you need more information, contact Dave at (610) 763-2445.

▶ **Joe Toy** would also like to remind folks to collect school supplies and/or knapsacks for the back to school distribution that OAM does in mid-August. For more information on what supplies are needed and where to drop them off, you can go to Joe’s website, www.oamphilly.org or call him at (610)324-1671. He needs all supplies and knapsacks by mid-August at the latest!

▶ A number of our **MK’s (Missionary Kids)** will be traveling back to their boarding schools or starting college this month, often in another country than the one in which they were raised. Please keep them in prayer as the home sickness hits, that they may find good Christian friends and teachers/counselors to guide them.

▶ **Ron & Brenda Anderson** will return to Spain at the end of this month after a couple of months in the USA for conferences, deputation and family visits. Please keep Brenda in prayer as she has been suffering with asthma and bronchitis since she arrived in the States. NOTE: The Andersons had coffee mugs with their names printed on them at National Conference. We still have three of them in the GMC office. For a donation of \$5, you can have one. (Monies go to Andersons.) So for \$5 you can have coffee with the Andersons each morning as you pray for them. What a great prayer reminder!



Cassie Wells

Cassandra Wells, known as Cassie, is our newest E.C. missionary. She was commissioned in her home church of Trinity Lighthouse in Royersford this last March. Cassie is serving with Disciple Makers, a campus ministry agency, at Kutztown University.



Campus ministry involves a lot of things, but mostly building relationships. Students want to know that someone cares about them before they will listen to or trust them. To do this, Cassie hangs out at the Student Union building or does surveys around campus as a way to interact with students and learn their thoughts and values on various subjects.

There is really no such thing as a ‘typical’ week, but often her Monday through Friday involves leading several bible studies, discipleship of students who attend bible studies, dinner with students to build relationships, discipleship from her boss and mentor, and of course, administrative work. (You know what they say; the job isn’t finished until the paper work is done!)

Recently Cassie has added another campus to her schedule, that of Cedar Crest College in Allentown, a private liberal arts college. In addition, she has started boxing as a form of regular discipline and exercise. As a result, Cassie shares that she and her coworkers who also box have started a bible study with some of the women at the gym where they work out! God certainly opens doors in some unusual places!

Cassie is currently living in the Alburtis, PA area. Since a four footed companion wasn’t practical due to her schedule, she is sharing her apartment with a cockatiel.

Starting this fall Cassie will be heading up “hospitality” at Kutztown; this means she’ll be working with students and casting a vision to help people feel welcomed into the fellowship and see Jesus in the community. Cassie will also be leading a bible study with a student, with the purpose of giving her one-on-one training in leading a bible study so they can do outreach on campus and invite other students to read the Scriptures.

Pat Strain

EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p>August 3 – Jim & Bonnie Bound * August 13 – Jonathan & Kathy Wilson August 18 – Roy & Sue Haglund* August 22 – Robert & Bettina Schaeffer</p> <p>September 3 – Dave & Celia Dick September 3 – Ron & Brenda Anderson September 3 – Ed & Val Schubert</p>			1	2	3	4
			<p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill and the leadership team of the EC Church; for wisdom and vision for our future</p>	<p>- Sierra Farr (2010)</p> <p>Jim & Janet Stahl – training Bible story tellers in oral cultures; in OH for conference</p>	<p>Pray for the EC church planters, both in USA and abroad, that they will see fruit soon</p>	<p>Pray for Kingdom Extension Associate Rev. Les Cool as he works with our church planters</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – preparing to return (at last!) to Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya – pray for stamina to get back into the rhythm of life there quickly</p>	<p>David & Conce Roof – serving with OMS as church planters in Brazil. Moju River ministry and future plans</p>	<p>Pray for the EC Church of Liberia as they move forward with literacy programs to help their people read the Scriptures in their own language</p>	<p>Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – serving with LIFE Ministries in NY and PA; praise for a good vacation and visit with Bettina’s family in Europe</p>	<p>Pray for the EC Church of India that the six presbyteries may work together in unity and one spirit to further the spread of God’s Word</p>	<p>Pray for retired missionaries Rev. Jim & Bonnie Bound, living in VT and serving in local ministries</p>	<p>BJ and Rachel Whitaker – serving as church planters with ECMI in Alcorca, Spain – for relationships to lead to opportunities to witness</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Ted Rathman as he settles in and gets acquainted with his new position as Global Ministries Associate</p>	<p>Rev. Joe Toy – open air ministry in the greater Philly/Camden area; doing ministry at Ocean City, MD this week</p>	<p>Several of our missionaries have had health issues recently. Pray for healing and stamina to continue serving the Lord</p>	<p>- John Miller*</p> <p>Gloria Smethers – traveling to PA from FL for two weeks of deputation in western PA & OH; safety on the road</p>	<p>Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – Bible translators working for Wycliffe among Binandere people of Papua New Guinea</p>	<p>- Katelyn Bowers (2012)</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Latin America (Mexico) as a new socialist president has been elected; that there will not be persecution</p>	<p>Pray for USAF Major Noel Blancaflor, Group Chaplain at Defense Language Institute at the Presidio in CA</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Ken Sears – teacher, preacher and administrator serving with ECM at Zaporzhzhye Bible Seminary in Ukraine</p>	<p>Pray for the EC Church of Nepal as they continue to grow in spite of laws by the Hindu government that make evangelizing illegal</p>	<p>Ed & Val Schubert – serving in Honduras. Continue to pray for Val’s recovery from ruptured appendix</p>	<p>Pray for the EC Church of Japan as they continue to impact the communities around our churches with various forms of outreach</p>	<p>Pray for Art & Mary Ellen Davis, retired missionaries still living and serving in Kenya</p>	<p>Cassie Wells – serving with Disciple Makers - getting ready for fall semester at Kutztown University</p>	<p>Pray that Christian young adults heading to college will remain strong in their faith and not be swayed by the lifestyle around them</p>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the Evangelical College of Theology in NE India as they train and send out missionaries and pastors to neighboring states and countries</p>	<p>Pray for all the children heading back to school and for Christian teachers to impact their lives</p>	<p>Pray for Christian teachers in public, private and MK schools, that they may be good witnesses to their pupils</p>	<p>Brian & Missy Wagner – serving as teacher and administrator at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya</p>	<p>Pray for our missionaries traveling by road or air, that they might have safety as they return to their homes</p>	<p>Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – working for Wycliffe at JAARS Center in North Carolina</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS September 3(2012) – Laura Whitaker September 13 – Gwen Melger*</p> <p>*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE</p>