

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► Congratulations to **Tomoyuki and Jessica Abe** on the birth of their second daughter, Talia. Talia was born on July 30th, weighing in at 7 lbs., 7 oz., and 19 inches long. Big sister Alyssa was very happy to welcome her to the family! The Abes are church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan.

► **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** and their daughters finish a summer of deputation in the USA and are heading back to Alcora, Spain early this month. The Whitakers are church planters with ECMI.

► We offer our sympathies to **Ron & Brenda Anderson** as well as the **Whitakers** on the passing of Brenda's mother in mid-July. Rachel Whitaker is a daughter to Ron and Brenda. Brenda was able to spend a good part of the summer with her mother before her homegoing.

► Keep **Donovan Stoltzfus** in prayer as he begins his freshman year at Kutztown University. Donovan graduated in July from Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, where his parents **Lamar and Janice** work on staff. The Stoltzfuses will be in the USA until next July for furlough and deputation. Contact the GMC office if you would like to have them share at your church.

► **Save the Date**– Susquehanna Region Missions Brunch date will be Saturday, October 15th at Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown, PA. More details will be sent, but for now mark your calendars!

► **Dan Moury** was involved in filming and editing a 40 minute documentary entitled "East of Everest", filmed in Asia last year. It shows the powerful impact on a people group of having the scriptures in their own language. You can watch it on the Wycliffe Vimeo channel or on Youtube. Here are the links:

<https://vimeo.com/176212069> • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyyuJVGXmU>

► **Pastors, Save the Date!** – Global Ministries once again will be hosting an appreciation lunch for all EC pastors this fall. The date is **Friday, October 14th** and the location is Sinking Spring Community Church. More details will be sent, but please mark your calendars now. We hope to have a number of missionaries sharing as well.

► Congratulations to **Dave and Celia Dick**, who celebrate 50 years of marriage on September 3rd. Cards and notes can be sent to home address of 2484 Blue Ridge Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143, or email to ddick9336@yahoo.com.

► Congratulations to **Rev. Ted Rathman** on his upcoming ordination on September 25th. Ted is pastor at Grace EC Church, Schuylkill Haven, PA, and a member of the Global Ministries Community board.



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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

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Liberia

The EC Church of Liberia has seen years of turmoil and strife due to civil war, and most recently the scourge of the Ebola virus, but it still stands. Our EC work consists of some 36 congregations and 9000 members scattered throughout the country.

In January of this year, a new bishop was elected, Rev. Abraham Powell. Rev. Powel has been working on orienting his new leadership team; he has also conducted a comprehensive tour of the EC churches to assess the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs following the Ebola crisis.

One of the perceived needs is a children's camp, where they can be taught Christian values. You may recall that our 2014 VBS project was to raise funds for this, but in light of the Ebola crisis we used the camp funds for our Ebola response.

Another project is to develop a literacy program. The scriptures have been translated into the Bassa language, which is the tribe to which most of our EC church members belong, but due to the 14 years of civil war that totally disrupted their lives, many people can't read; the schools were closed most of that time. Rev. Powell wants to train the people to read by using the Bassa bible.

We give praise that three refurbished laptops and a video projector were donated to help with the literacy program. Rev. Henry Dennis, part of the EC leadership team, was in the USA for business and was able to hand carry the computers and projector back to Liberia, since it is unlikely that these items would have arrived safely if shipped.

Global Ministries is trying to raise the funds to purchase at least two motorcycles for pastors who live in remote areas to use to get around. Many of our churches are located in 'the bush' or jungle, with no passable roads, and hours from any road. Pastors need dirt bikes to be able to get around. The cost is approximately \$3000 per bike. Perhaps your Sunday School class or church would want to take on this project.

God continues to move in this west African country that has seen so much death and destruction in the past few decades. Please keep Rev. Powell and his leadership team in prayer as they seek God's will to expand His kingdom.

Pat Strain



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS October 7(1996) – Adam Schubert October 10 – Chris Amberman October 11 – Mary Ellen Davis * October 12(1995) – Andrew Roof		ANNIVERSARIES September 3 – Dave & Celia Dick September 3 – Ron & Brenda Anderson September 3 – Ed & Val Schubert		1	2	3 – Laura Whitaker (2012)
		*DENOTES RETIREE		PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted church around the world, particularly south Sudan	Ron & Brenda Anderson – working with church planters in Spain, loss of a parent	David & Celia Dick – serving with OMS International – congratulations on 50 years of marriage!
4	5 – Aiyana Ehrman	6	7	8	9	10
PRAYER NEEDS BJ & Rachel Whitaker and their girls head back to Spain after a summer of deputation in the USA	If you have a job and are able to support yourself and your family, Thank the Lord	David Hershey – fall start to campus ministry and reaching out to new students	Chris & Deb Bowers – training missionary pilots in WA; need for more support	Kurt G. – training young people to serve in closed access countries	David & Conce Roof – church planters in Belem, Brazil – ministering to Amazon river people	Ken Sears – taking a break, visiting family in Texas
11	12	13 – Gwen Melger *	14	15	16	17
PRAYER NEEDS Dan Dixon – teacher, coach at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya; teaching new subjects this year	Randy & Chris Amberman – after school programs for Native American youth	Rev. Kaitinkap Vaiphei – General Director of the EC Church of India – unifying six presbyteries	Jamie & Anita Farr – serving at Wycliffe headquarters in FL; good summer with family in PA, need for more support	Rev. Don & Kathryn Kunkel – retired missionaries living in ID	Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill and the Conference Network Team , working to lead the EC Church forward	Rev. Elias Martinez , field leader of EC Church of Mexico – vision for church planting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Abraham Powell , bishop of the EC Church of Liberia – wisdom for the way forward as he leads the 36 EC churches	Chaplain Noel Blancaflor – Captain, USAF, serving in Louisiana – safety and wisdom to help those in his care	Pray for Director Rev. Randy Sizemore , as he balances his GMC duties and pastoring Dixon Bethel Church	Rev. Nobuo Abe , chairman of the EC Church-Japan –supervising four churches and church plants in the greater Tokyo area	Praise for several new missionary applicants – God continues to call people to full time service	Praise that the work goes forward on Mercy Home in Nepal , the orphanage that the 2015 VBS offerings went toward	Pray for our EC church planters , both in the USA and around the world – for patience and wisdom, and eventually fruit
25	26	27	28	29	30	
PRAYER NEEDS Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe – church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan – celebrating a new baby daughter, Talia!	Pray for those missionaries struggling with support needs ; prayerfully ask if God is leading you to help	Gwen Melger – retired missionary living in Florida	Pray for our missionaries who are traveling or doing deputation ; for safety and traveling mercies	Ed & Val Schubert – praise for much needed R&R in USA this summer	Rev. Janga , field leader of EC Church of Nepal – pray for safety due to increased persecution of Christians	