

▶ **September 3rd** was evidently a popular day to get married! Three of our missionary couples will celebrate anniversaries on that date: **Dave & Celia Dick, Ron & Brenda Anderson, and Ed & Val Schubert**. Congratulations to all!

▶ **Jim and Joan Farr** now have a new address and email, effective as of August 10th. It's 4136 Northgate Drive, #8, Kissimmee, FL 34746. The email is jim_farr@wycliff.org.

▶ Congratulations to **Bettina Schaeffer** who finally became an American citizen on August 7th. Bettina had a green card all these years, and has finally jumped through all the hoops needed to get her citizenship.

▶ **Ivy Limbert** would appreciate prayer as she begins a very busy fall semester. She may be the only ESL teacher at Black Forest Academy this fall and will have added responsibilities, while also working on her final project/thesis for her master's degree.

▶ **Ed & Val Schubert** give praise that their new outreach project targeting 11-14 year olds in Zambrano was a huge success! Their aim was for 20; they currently have 28 registered and a waiting list. Praise!

▶ **Chris Bowers** has a new email address. It is now Christopher_bowers@wycliffe.org. The sil.org address will be discontinued soon, so please change your records now.

▶ **Joe Toy** was in Miami from late August to early September for a planning session with other leaders, already preparing for the outreach at the 2020 Super Bowl.

▶ **BJ & Rachel Whitaker** and their daughters Miriam and Laura left September 1st to return to Spain after a busy and hectic couple of months in the USA. Fortunately, they were able to get some family vacation time in CO before returning to Spain. Pray that they may be refreshed and ready to resume their responsibilities in Alcora, and that the girls can catch up with school work quickly.

▶ Keep **Micah Wagner** in prayer as he begins his first semester at Messiah College. Although big sister Hannah will also be on campus, and parents Brian and Missy are in the USA for a year, it's still a big cultural adjustment.

▶ In case you want to send any snail mail to **Brian & Missy Wagner** while they are in the USA, the address is 18 Kready Ave., Millersville, PA 17551. They will be there through early July of next year.

▶ **Beth Grimm** spent most of August and early September in Papua New Guinea, working with missionary children at the MK school in Ukarumpa. Beth is an education specialist, and serves the missionary community by testing and diagnosing possible learning disabilities in MK's. She then develops learning plans for the teachers and/or parents, so that the parents can remain on their field of service while knowing their child is able to stay in school.

▶ It appears that Wycliffe is trying to become more uniform in the email addresses for all their missionaries. Instead of having separate domain names for The Seed Company, SIL, etc. now all are using the @wycliffe.org designation. Please change the emails for the Wilsons to the following: Jonathan - jonathan_wilson@wycliffe.org; Kathy - kathy_wilson@wycliffe.org.



What the World Needs Now

Back in the 1960's, a popular song was "What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love." That era was the beginning of the 'cultural revolution', when a generation questioned everything they were told and constantly challenged authority in almost every form. Viet Nam, Woodstock, segregation, and Watergate were all hot buttons that caused rioting in many cities in the USA. It seemed the fabric of our society was being torn apart. The world definitely needed love.

While some of the mainstream denominations (and renegade Catholic priests) became involved in the peace marches, unfortunately, most of the evangelical and conservative churches just went with the status quo. We didn't get involved in protests against segregation because we were north of the Mason-Dixon line and it 'didn't affect us', as one of my former pastors remarked at the time. How sad!

Currently our society seems once again to be polarized. In many ways the same issues are still being argued about: how people of color are treated, mistrust of the government and authority, concern for personal safety. As I write this, America continues to deal with the aftershocks of two mass shootings that killed dozens of people in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH. And other countries have also had to deal with such senseless attacks. Nationalism and prejudice seem to be on the rise around the world.

We have become polarized; it's Us vs. Them. If you aren't my friend, you're my enemy. There is no middle ground, no attempt to understand the other person's point of view. Public figures use derogatory and spiteful language to attack anyone who doesn't agree with them. World leaders trade barbs and insults. We lose a little more of our humanity when we lower ourselves to the mudslinging we see in the social media. Where is the love?!

Jesus had more than a few things to say about how we as believers are to treat others, whether we like or agree with them, or not. He was pretty outspoken about the fact that we are to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves, whomever they are. (Luke 10:25-37) This would encompass how we should respond to many of the issues that concern our world today.

If the Church, as the Body of Christ, is the only way the world in general will learn about Jesus, what kind of a message are we sending? The world today still needs love – but the kind of love embodied by Jesus Christ. And we need to be sharing – and living – that love for all to see.

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For God,... made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." II CORINTHIANS 4:4, 6

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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for all the MK's starting their first year of college in the USA or another country that's not home to them</p>	<p>2</p> <p>HAPPY LABOR DAY</p> <p>If you are able to work, be grateful that God has given you that opportunity. And be a good witness in your workplace.</p>	<p>3</p> <p> - Laura Whitaker (2012)</p> <p>Dave Hershey – good year and good response to CEF's ministry at PSU-Berks campus</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rev. Gary Kuehner, Church Health Associate, as he helps our churches become more effective in their communities</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of India as they reach beyond their immediate borders to share Christ with their nation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Jim & Bonnie Bound, retired missionaries living in VT</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe, Chairman of the EC Church of Japan, as he directs the outreach of our churches</p>
<p>8</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for those working in campus ministry; our college campuses desperately need to hear about Christ</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Beth Grimm – safe return from PNG where she has been working with students who have learning disabilities</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Navajo children in after school program</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Liberia, as they continue to try to make an impact for Christ on their struggling nation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Jamie & Anita Farr – heading up several depts. at Wycliffe headquarters near Orlando, FL</p>	<p>13</p> <p> - Gwen Melger *</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Dr. Kaitinkap Vaiphei, General Director of EC Church of India – vision for outreach</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Dan Quigley, candidate – serving in Nicaragua, helping street children with after school activities</p>
<p>15</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Ivy Limbert – busy schedule as she is probably the only ESL teacher at Black Forest Academy; also taking graduate courses for Master's degree</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chris & Deb Bowers – on the East Coast until the end of this year, doing deputation and pilot training</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe as then settle into their new home and work in France; Tomo with expatriate Japanese and Jessica on staff at a local church.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Kurt & Nancy G. – Kurt's work with young people serving in closed access countries; Nancy's continued recuperation from breast cancer treatments</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Dan & Melinda Moury – serving at Wycliffe headquarters as a videographer, filming both in the USA and abroad as language groups receive the scriptures</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pray for Major Josh Metz, chaplain in the U.S. army, teaching Ethics to officers and serving in MO</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Nepal as they continue to grow despite harassment from government officials and radical Hindus</p>
<p>22</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Juan Zuñiga, Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America – wisdom for future plans</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pray for Janet Baker, retired missionary living in Lebanon, PA. Health issues.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Th. Janga as he leads the EC churches in Nepal; pray for safety and health</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ron & Brenda Anderson – serving in Spain as church planter/assessor and in women's prison ministry</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Japan, as they seek ways to communicate the love of Christ to their neighbors</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dave & Celia Dick – working with the Duewel Literature Trust under OMS at IN headquarters</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Abraham Powell, bishop of EC Liberian churches, as he directs programs and gives guidance</p>
<p>29</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted church, especially in North Korea, where believers are thrown in jail without trials and/or tortured</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Latin America, that they may fulfill their dream of reaching beyond their borders</p>	<p>ANNIVERSARIES September 3 – David & Celia Dick September 3 – Ron & Brenda Anderson September 3 – Ed & Val Schubert</p>		<p>BIRTHDAYS October 10 – Chris Amberman October 11 – Mary Ellen Davis *</p>		<p>*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE</p>