

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **BJ & Rachel Whitaker** have moved to a new location in Spain, closer to Madrid. Their new mailing address is: Calle Salvador Dalle, 12; 28880 Meco (Madrid), SPAIN. Keep them in prayer as they adjust to a new neighborhood and the girls to new schools. Pray also for new ministry opportunities.

► **Major Joshua Metz** and his family have moved back to the east coast with his most recent assignment. Josh is now serving as Brigade Chaplain OC-T for the Army at Ft. Dix, NJ. The family is living in their old home in Pasadena, MD. I'm sure both Josh's and Andrea's families are very happy to have them closer.

► We want to thank **Calvin Cramer**, from our St. David's EC Church in Weigelstown, for his many years of service on our Global Ministries board as well as the GMC Finance Committee. Calvin has decided to step down from these responsibilities at this time. Many thanks for your years of thoughtful advice and service, Calvin.

► **Dan Quigley** is currently living with his family in Lancaster County, PA while he seeks God's will. The situation with Covid 19 is very bad in Nicaragua, exacerbated by the government's refusal to acknowledge the severity of the problem. The medical facilities are woefully inadequate and overwhelmed. At this time, it is not feasible to have the afterschool programs for children of which Dan was in charge. Dan is seeking to know if, and when he should return to Nicaragua.

► **Joe Toy** is another missionary whose ministry has been greatly impacted by Covid 19. However, he has had opportunity to do some open air evangelism training with a friend who brought an outreach team with him. Six young men from the ages of fourteen to eighteen joined Joe and Mark for five nights of outreach on the boardwalk of Ocean City, MD. Each day was filled with devotions, prayer, outreach training and sketch board message prep. The evenings were spent with four and a half hours of sketch board preaching and one-to-one conversations. Joe reported many good conversations and open hearts.

► Congratulations to **Hannah Wagner**, daughter of Brian & Missy Wagner. Hannah was recently engaged to Jamie White. Hannah will return to Messiah College this fall for her senior year. Brian & Missy hope to be in Kenya and back at Rift Valley Academy by the time you read this. ☺

► Retired missionaries **Art & Mary Ellen Davis** were disappointed that they couldn't leave Kenya to attend their granddaughter's wedding in Indiana in July. However, thanks to modern technology, they were able to see the ceremony remotely. Not quite the same, but better than nothing! The Davises are in the USA for August and September to see family and friends.

► **David & Conce Roof** give praise that the land purchase for a church building along the Moju River has gone through. The Roofs have been working with a missionary couple from southern Brazil, who have come north to help plant a church from the work that the Roofs and their current church have developed. Please keep them in prayer as Pastor Jonas and Virginia live and work among the people who live along this tributary of the Amazon River.



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## EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

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### BEING THE CHURCH IN THE TIME OF COVID 19

As I write this, every continent on this planet is dealing with the effects of the Covid 19 virus. (Well, possibly not Antarctica; I don't know if it's spread to penguins yet.) It's hard to think of when the world has been so totally overwhelmed with something that has affected virtually every country.

One of the many side effects of this virus has been isolation. Since community spread is a concern, people were told to 'hunker down' in their homes and only do emergency runs for groceries, medication, life necessities. In most states, everything else was closed. Suddenly, life as we knew it came to a screeching halt.

Churches were affected as well. Suddenly we could no longer gather for worship on a Sunday morning. What to do? Most developed alternative methods of communication - livestreaming, radio broadcast, even parking lot gatherings. That allowed us to be fed by the Word, but what about not just doing church, but being the church?

As the number of unemployed grew by leaps and bounds, many folks turned to charities in desperation. Food banks saw the number of people they served double, then triple. Many of these organizations were church sponsored. If you were able to feed your family, did you think about contributing to a local food bank?

Many home-bound elderly folks were at risk because they could no longer go to the grocery store, and for a time services such as Meals on Wheels were suspended. Did you volunteer (if you were able) to go shopping for elderly neighbors, relatives or church members? Or consider cooking extra and sharing?

Could you sew face masks for health care workers, or even friends and family? Did you call people who weren't able to get out, just to check on them? There were so many ways that the Body of Christ could and should minister to those around them during these challenging times.

As the Covid 19 virus hangs on, its effect on our society continues to challenge us in ways to which we are still adapting. But God is still in control, and He still wants His children to be salt and light to a world that so desperately needs to know about Him. Seek ways in which you can creatively reach out, virtually or literally, to those around you. As Esther was told, perhaps God has placed you in a unique position to serve Him at "such a time as this." (Esther 4:12b)

Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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<b>BIRTHDAYS</b> October 10 - Chrisanne Amberman October 11 - Mary Ellen Davis *		<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for <b>Rev. Abraham Powell</b> , bishop of the EC Church of Liberia - wisdom in leading the churches during this pandemic	<b>Jamie &amp; Anita Farr</b> - serving at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando FL as VP for Planning, Staffing & Development	Pray for the <b>EC Church of Nepal</b> , as it continues to proclaim the Gospel in a country hostile to Christianity, to the point of making it against the law to 'convert' someone	<b>Beth Grimm</b> - Education Specialist to diagnose and write education plans for MK's with learning disabilities	<b>David &amp; Conce Roof</b> - church planters in Brazil - working with missionary couple at new church along Moju River	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the <b>EC Church of India</b> , as they try to minister in spite of the martial law in their country	<b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b> If you have a job, do it well and <b>thank God for His provision</b> this Labor Day	<b>Rev. Dan &amp; Melinda Moury</b> - serving at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL as videographer	Pray for the <b>EC Church of Japan</b> , as they also deal with Covid 19 impacting every day life	<b>Randy &amp; Chris Amberman</b> - working in Four Corners area of NM - afterschool program and house church	Pray for <b>Rev. Paozathang Singson</b> , General Director of the EC Church of India - leading in difficult times	<b>Ivy Limbert</b> - starting 4 <sup>th</sup> year of teaching at Black Forest Academy, an MK school in Germany	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
- Rev. Gene Stevenson + - Laura Whitaker (2012) <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for <b>Chris &amp; Deb Bowers</b> - training missionary pilots in Washington; need for more support	Pray for the <b>EC Church of Latin America</b> , that they may continue to minister to their members and neighbors in this difficult time	<b>Rev. Ron &amp; Brenda Anderson</b> - working with church planters in Spain and prison outreach	- Lily Stevenson+ (2011) <b>Rev. Gene Stevenson</b> - missionary candidate serving at Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, AZ	Pray for <b>Major Josh Metz</b> , now serving as Brigade Chaplain OC-T at Ft. Dix, New Jersey	<b>Eunice Wanjema</b> - retired missionary in Kenya	Pray for <b>Rev. Nobuo Abe</b> , Chairman of the EC Church of Japan - difficult time for leadership	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for <b>Rev. Gary Kuehner</b> , Church Health Associate, as he works with our churches to get healthy	<b>Wes &amp; Mary Reimer</b> - retired missionaries living in FL - health and safety	Pray for <b>Rev. Th. Janga</b> , leader of the EC Church of Nepal, as he leads during these difficult times	<b>Dan Quigley</b> - wisdom in moving forward with ministry in Nicaragua	<b>Rev. Yoriyoshi &amp; Emiko Abe</b> - church planters in Ebina City, Japan - for more willing workers and larger space	Pray for the <b>EC Church of Liberia</b> , as they battle Covid 19 on top of lack of basic life necessities	<b>Rev. David &amp; Celia Dick</b> - OMS & Duetel Literature Trust in Indiana	
27	28	29	30				
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for <b>Rev. Juan Zuñiga</b> , Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America - leading in the time of Covid 19	Pray for <b>Rev. Juan Zuñiga</b> , Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America - leading in the time of Covid 19	<b>Rev. Kurt G.</b> - working with young men who are interested in long term missions service	Pray for <b>the persecuted church</b> , especially in North Korea where believers are often imprisoned	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> September 3 - Rev. Dave & Celia Dick September 3 - Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson September 3 - Ed & Val Schubert			*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE