

► **CORRECTION:** We listed the new street address for **BJ & Rachel Whitaker** incorrectly in last month's prayer guide. The correct street name is Calle Salvador Dali 12; evidently named after the famous artist. So sorry!

► Several of our missionaries have reported testing positive for Covid 19, but thankfully all had only minor symptoms. They quarantined as directed and all are recovered now.

► **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** left in mid-September for their village in Nindewari. They will be working on scripture translation with local translators among the Binandere people until mid-November. While in the village, they cannot receive or respond to email.

► **Randy and Chris Amberman** thank everyone for their prayers for safety. The wildfires that have been devastating much of the Midwest have not directly affected where the Ambergmans live in the Four Corners area of New Mexico. However, they are getting the smoke and some ash from the fires, making breathing outside a bit uncomfortable.

► **Chris and Deb Bowers** give praise that Deb's neck pain is much better, thanks to physical therapy. Originally the neurosurgeon was recommending surgery, but now feels that can be postponed indefinitely, as there is no permanent nerve damage. Deb still has significant neck pain and would appreciate continued prayers for total healing.

► **Ed and Val Schubert** give praise that more damage wasn't done to their house and property during a recent severe thunderstorm. Many large trees came down, bringing down electrical wires and a transformer. Ed had been standing outside under the porch and had barely moved when a tree came crashing down, hitting the porch where he had been standing. Praise God for His deliverance!

► **Brian & Missy Wagner** were able to get back to Kenya in mid-August. One of the trickier parts of their return wasn't the plane tickets, but getting a Covid test done and results within 96 hours of leaving the USA and arriving in Kenya. Praise God they were able to do that! The Wagners had to self-quarantine for two weeks upon arrival but were able to do so in time to begin the fall semester at RVA, which is online.

► Please keep all our MK teachers in prayer as most, if not all, are having to teach remotely for this semester. This includes **Brian & Missy Wagner** at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, and **Ivy Limbert** at Black Forest Academy in Germany. **Ken Sears** has been teaching online courses as well at Zaporozhzhye Bible Seminary. In addition, many of our folks like **Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus** couldn't come home as scheduled due to the restrictions on international travel. While all are adapting to this new teaching method, they will tell you that it's less than ideal. Pray for wisdom, patience, and compassion for how to help students who are struggling to adapt.

► **FYI** - the Global Ministries office will be printing a fall/winter edition of our magazine, **Window on the World**. If you would like a copy mailed to you or if your church would like multiple copies, just let us know by October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be happy to get it to you.



## Liberia

The country of Liberia was founded in 1822 as a colony for free-born and formerly enslaved African Americans. However, ethnic issues have divided the various people groups almost from the beginning. Though Liberia has an abundance of natural resources, recent decades of political corruption, war, and pandemics have left this west African country poor and destitute.

The EC work in Liberia began in the late 1950's with our connection to a woman known as 'Aunt' Clara Wilson, a Liberian evangelist. Aunt Clara had already begun several churches primarily in the Monrovia (capital city) area, among the Bassa people.

Today there are EC churches in Monrovia and in the interior of the country. They consist of small village churches and larger city churches. But there is still much need in this country, due to 14 years of civil war followed by the devastation of the Ebola virus and now Covid 19.

Because of this, a new program has been developed to help our Liberian brothers and sisters. It's called UPLIFT LIBERIA, and has four main long-range initiatives:

1. Pastors & Leadership Training Program
2. The E.C. Christian School System
3. Bassa Literacy Program
4. Digital Scripture Units



1. There is a great need for theological training for pastors and lay leaders. ECCOL is providing simplified training in a two-year program which equips them to serve.

2. Education in Liberia was severely affected by the civil war and then Ebola epidemic. Public schools are barely operating. ECCOL is operating Christian schools in our existing church buildings. The goal is to open more, given students a full education and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

3. Even in third world countries, the only way to get ahead is to be able to read and write. Over half of the adults in Liberia are functionally illiterate. To address this, ECCOL has begun a literacy program for adults. Beginning in communities where EC churches exist, adult trainees are already becoming literate in their native language of Bassa.

4. Due to the high illiteracy rate, few people can read God's Word for themselves; they must wait for a traveling pastor or lay leader who is available to read it to them. The Liberia Committee of Global Ministries has located and purchased 10 pre-recorded digital units that can allow a group up to 300 people to hear God's Word in their Bassa language.

If you would like to support any of these initiatives, contact the Global Ministries office or Rev. Rick Sergi ([rick.sergi@rcn.com](mailto:rick.sergi@rcn.com)) for more information. *Pat Strain*

# EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>BIRTHDAYS</b>                      November 2 - Barbara Erb *                      November 3 - Rev. Joe Toy, Jr.                      November 8 - Jane Heck *                      November 9 - Jessica Rathman                      November 14 - Art Davis *</p>	<p>*DENOTES RETIREE                      + DENOTES CANDIDATE</p> <p><b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>                      October 16 - Jim &amp; Janet Stahl                      November 1 - Rev. Kurt &amp; Nancy G.</p>		1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10  - Chrisanne Amberman
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>  <b>Brian &amp; Missy Wagner</b> - returned to RVA and teaching remotely this semester</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Juan Zuñiga</b>, Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America - wisdom for the road ahead</p>	<p><b>GMC Board meeting</b> - pray that they can accomplish all that needs to be done</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Nobuo Abe</b>, Chairman of the EC Church of Japan - new ways to do outreach</p>	<p>Pray for all our <b>missionaries whose lives and ministries have been disrupted by Covid 19</b></p>	<p>Retired missionary <b>Janet Baker</b> - several health issues</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Th. Janga</b>, leader of the EC Church of Nepal - health and safety</p>
11  - Mary Ellen Davis *	12	13	14	15	16  - Brian Wagner	17
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>  <b>BJ &amp; Rachel Whitaker</b> - getting settled in new house/area, new ministry opportunities, girls adapting to new schools</p>	<p><b>Ed &amp; Val Schubert</b> - organizing and implementing food distribution to needy families in Honduras</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Dr. Juliana Leshner</b>, serving as National Director of Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Nepal</b> as it continues to grow and minister in spite of persecution by the government</p>	<p><b>Rev. Tomoyuki &amp; Jessica Abe</b> - missionary candidate, ministering with OMF in France to Japanese expatriates</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Liberia</b> as they seek to help their people to battle yet another major health threat</p>	<p><b>Lamar &amp; Janice Stoltzfus</b> - working at RVA in Kenya as head of operations and Women's chaplain</p>
18  - Rev. Jim Bound *	19	20	21  - Josiah Moury (2004)	22	23	24
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>  <b>Jim &amp; Janet Stahl</b> - holding virtual training sessions with native speakers to accurately share Bible stories</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Abraham Powell</b>, bishop of the EC Church of Liberia</p>	<p><b>Jonathan &amp; Kathy Wilson</b> - currently in their village among Binandere people, working on NT translation</p>	<p><b>Rev. Ken Sears</b> - teaching, preaching and administrator in Zaporozhzhye, Ukraine</p>	<p><b>National Ministry Team</b> - pray that the technology will work so this Zoom meeting can be productive</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Japan</b> as they seek ways to reach out in spite of Covid 19</p>	<p><b>Gloria Smethers</b> - nurse at AIM Retirement Center in FL - good health so can continue duties</p>
25	26	27	28  - Brandon Farr (2006)	29  - Rebekah Moury (2009)	30	31
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>                      Pray for the <b>EC Church of Latin America</b> as they struggle to minister in the midst of the pandemic</p>	<p><b>Rev. Jim &amp; Bonnie Bound</b> - retired but still active in Vermont</p>	<p><b>Rev. Joe Toy, Jr</b> - continuing with open air ministries in Philly/NJ area</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>persecuted church</b>, especially in China, where house churches are being raided</p>	<p><b>Robert &amp; Bettina Schaeffer</b> - LIFE Ministries in NY and pastoring in St. Clair, PA</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Rev. Paozathang Singson</b>, General Director of EC Church of India - health and safety</p>	<p>Pray for those who <b>have turned Halloween into a celebration of ungodly activities</b></p>