

► **November 19th is Thankoffering Sunday.** This is a voluntary offering that Global Ministries uses to aid our international churches. They can't send representatives over to the USA to share about their work and needs, so our international churches depend on Global Ministries to share their stories. If you want offering envelopes for Thankoffering, just contact the GMC office (1-800-866-7584) and we will be happy to provide them for you.

► **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MISSIONARIES:** This is the annual reminder for individuals or churches who wish to give monetary Christmas gifts to our EC missionaries. If the missionary serves overseas, it is better to give the monetary gift through either the GMC office or the mission agency with which the missionary serves. Cashing checks overseas always costs the recipient a lot in fees, plus it may open your check to being altered and cashed for a much higher amount than you intended.

DO NOT SEND CARDS TO THE GMC OFFICE TO BE FORWARDED TO MISSIONARIES. If the missionary is in the USA, either permanently or on furlough, then mail the card, check and/or gift directly to them. If you need current mailing addresses, contact Pat at the GMC office for that information. Thanks!

► We give praise that none of our active or retired missionaries in Florida were seriously affected by Hurricane Irma in September. The **Mourys** and the **Jamie Farris** lost electricity and had some roof damage; **Gloria Smethers** said the AIM Retirement Center had a number of trees down on the property. **Wes & Mary Reimer** in northern Florida had flooding in their garage, but had moved their van to higher ground to protect it. **Jim & Joan Farr** were on their way from CA with a truckload of belongings to be transported to their future retirement home in FL, but had to pull over at the JAARS Center in NC for a week until it was safe to continue. In this month of Thanksgiving, we give thanks that all of our people are safe from the devastating hurricanes that hit the USA recently.

► Shortly after hurricane Irma hit Florida, **Dan Moury** had to leave for two weeks in Ghana, videotaping for Wycliffe. Thankfully, his parents, Rev. Fred & Miriam Moury, were able to travel to FL to stay with Melinda and the children while she dealt with the cleanup after the storm. Dan returned home in early October.

► **An international team of EC'ers** will be visiting Nepal this month from the 6th -14th for that field's annual conference and dedication of the Mercy Home complex. The team includes **Rev. Randy Sizemore** and his wife **Carla**, **Bishop Bruce Hill**, **Rev. Nobuo Abe**, Chairman of EC-Japan; his nephew **Yoriyoshi Abe**, church planter; **Rev. Kaitinkap Vaiphei**, General Director of ECCI, and **Rev. Tim King** (church planter in York, PA) along with several members of his drama team.



Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus

Lamar and Janice Stoltzfus serve at Rift Valley Academy, in Kijabe, Kenya. They have been involved in full time service with Africa Inland Mission since 2009. During their time at Rift Valley Academy, they have served in several capacities ranging from dorm parenting, teaching, leading departments, and mentoring students.


Most recently, Janice has served as the Guidance Director at the school. She creates and maintains student schedules, transcripts, and diplomas. She also coordinates and supervises standardized testing, student support services, and ESL services. While her role requires constant communication with teachers, dorm parents, parents, administrators, government agencies, and educational organizations, her favorite people to talk with are her students!

Lamar has served as the Director of Services for the school. His position deals with the day to day operation of the school and its various departments. While his official role requires a 24/7 style work schedule that keeps him hopping, he enjoys taking time to build relationships with members of the missionary and national staff.

During their 2016-2017 home assignment, they were looking forward to reconnecting with family, friends, and supporters. However, in December 2016, Janice was diagnosed with breast cancer. Their focus rapidly shifted to her surgery, chemotherapy treatments, and radiation treatments. While she has cleared those major hurdles, there are still a few minor hurdles remaining. Fortunately, Lamar and Janice have been granted an additional school year in the US in order for her to complete treatments and rebuild her strength, stamina, and immune system. They hope to be able to return to Kenya in August 2018.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS December 6 – Sue Haglund December 13 – Rev. Dan Moury			ANNIVERSARIES November 1 – Kurt & Nancy G. December 10 – Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus December 12 – Randy & Chris Amberman		1 PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Th. Janga, our field leader in Nepal, asks for prayer for his daughter Eunice who contracted Dengue fever	2 – Barbara Erb* Rev. Noel Blancaflor, Group Chaplain for the Defense Language Institute in southern California	3 – Rev. Joe Toy, Jr. Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill as he leads the EC Church USA to press on; wisdom for many upcoming decisions	4 Ron & Brenda Anderson – working with church planters in Spain and women's prison ministry
5	6	7	8 – Jane Heck*	9	10	11		
PRAYER NEEDS Jim & Joan Farr – in Lititz, PA for the rest of the year; successfully moved belongings from CA to FL	Pray for the international team of EC'ers going to Nepal for their annual conference (see note on next page)	Ivy Limbert – serving as a teacher of English as a Second Language at Black Forest Academy, Germany	Pray for our international church leaders in Japan, India, Nepal, Mexico and Liberia – all face cultural struggles against Christianity	Chris & Deb Bowers – he is now supervising instructors and training pilots in Washington	Kitty Miller – retired but very active in the Allentown PA area	Rev. Jack Murray – retired in California; still active writer and correspondent		
12	13	14 – Art Davis*	15	16	17	18		
PRAYER NEEDS Dan & Melinda Moury – serving at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando; Dan left for 2 weeks in Ghana shortly after Irma hit FL	Pray and then do something to help those who have been affected by recent weather events	Keep the international EC team in prayer as they return to their various homes from their trip to Nepal	Kurt G. – recruiting and training young men who want to serve in closed access countries	Randy & Chris Amberman – afterschool program for Navajo youth; leading a home church	Jamie & Anita Farr – serving at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando; Jamie's frequent travels	Pray for all of our church planters , that they will not be discouraged but press on in His strength		
19 – Brenda Anderson	20	21	22	23 	24 – Rev. Ken Sears – Rev. Robert Schaeffer	25 – Ivy Limbert		
PRAYER NEEDS Consider taking a voluntary Thankoffering to help GMC with unexpected costs incurred by our international churches	Pray for MK's who will not be able to spend Thanksgiving with their immediate families; pray they will be welcomed by church families	Roy & Sue Haglund – preparing for retirement at the end of the year	Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate, principal of Evangelical College of Theology in Churachandpur, India	Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son –DON MOEN	Pray for Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe , church planters in Ebina City, Japan	David Hershey – campus minister at Penn State Berks campus; praise for a good fall retreat		
26	27	28 – Leah Moury (2006)	29 – Eunice Wanjema *	30				
PRAYER NEEDS Dan Dixon – teacher and coach at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya; time to work on thesis for master's degree	Pray that our EC churches in the USA will be salt and light to their communities in Christ's name	David & Celia Dick – working at OMS headquarters as resource person to President	Pray for our international churches as they try to reach their neighbors and neighboring countries for Christ	Beth Grimm – education specialist who travels to MK schools around the globe	*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE			