

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Jamie and Anita Farr** are currently fostering a 7-month old baby girl. Please keep them in prayer as they adjust to a new baby added to their family of three preschoolers.

- ▶ The VBS/MMK project for 2011 is to raise funds to replace the roof of the dining hall at **El Retiro Children's Home, Mexico**. The Five Minute VBS lessons will be posted on our website, www.ecglobal.org, soon.

- ▶ Praise that **Gloria Smethers** was not seriously injured in an automobile accident on her way to Nairobi in early March. Gloria was broadsided by a *matatu*, a small truck used for public transportation. She sustained a few cuts and bruises, but is recovering well. Her vehicle however, was totaled.

- ▶ **Ed and Val Schubert** continue to ask for prayer that daughter Cheynece's paperwork will come through so they can get an American passport for her. The Schuberts want to come back to the USA this summer to visit their extended family and introduce Cheynece to them.

- ▶ **Nick and Lisa Lakatos** will be finishing their language training in August, and then transitioning to their assignment in Mexico with OMS. Please keep Nick, Lisa, Hannah and Samuel in prayer as they relocate and begin their fieldwork.

- ▶ Congratulations to **Mark Anderson**, son of Ron and Brenda Anderson, who will be graduating from St. Louis University in International Business this year and getting married in June. Mark and his fiancée, Abby Santiago, have known each other since the 8th grade!

- ▶ Congratulations also to **Austin Graff**, who is getting married this July. Austin and his fiancée, Theresa Burdick, will be marrying in Seattle, Washington.

- ▶ **Reminder** – We have short term opportunities for youth this summer in Philadelphia with Joe Toy or Trinidad with Brad and Maxine Waldman. Sign up deadline is April 30th for Trinidad and June 1st for Philly, so call the GMC office for information soon!



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TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS

There is a movement among evangelical churches called The Church has Left the Building. The idea is to have church members take a Sunday morning and go do service in their community in the name of Christ. What a concept! Most of us have been taught that we belong inside a church building on a Sunday morning, singing the hymns or choruses, listening to the sermon, fellowshiping with like-minded people; that's our definition of worship.

Jesus said we are to be in the world, but not of the world. We stress the latter, but tend to ignore the former. The world will not come to the church; the church needs to go to the world. We need to be the hands and feet of Christ, taking His message of love and hope to those who are too broken or damaged to find their way home. And we need to do more than just talk the talk, we need to walk the walk. Our actions have to demonstrate that we mean what we say. Jesus went to those who needed to hear His message; now it's our responsibility to live it among our neighbors and in our community.

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.." COLOSSIANS 1:10 (RSV)

–Pat Strain

MAY PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for our churches in Japan and the situation there</p>	<p>2</p> <p>May 2 - Return from Annual Conference of EC Church of Mexico</p> <p>Randy and Carla return from annual conference of EC Mexican churches</p>	<p>3</p> <p>May 3 - Out of office</p> <p>Mateo & Mai Lou Garcia - upcoming changes in ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>- Nancy G. - Conce Roof</p> <p>4</p> <p>Dan & Melinda Moury - still need support to leave for FL by June</p>	<p>5</p> <p>- Valerie Schubert</p> <p>5</p> <p>David & Emily Hershey - baby due today!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>- Carolyn Miller - Jamie Farr</p> <p>6</p> <p>Jim & Joan Farr - new responsibilities at Branch Translation Office, PNG</p>	<p>7</p> <p>May 7 - Mission Mobilizer meeting for Susquehanna/Delaware regions - morning</p> <p>David & Conce Roof - OMS church planters in northern Brazil</p>
<p>8</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Praise God for Christian mothers!</p>	<p>9</p> <p>- Aaron Toy (1991)</p> <p>9</p> <p>BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planters in Alcora, Spain</p>	<p>10</p> <p>- Carolyn Saltenberger *</p> <p>May 10 - Japan Committee meeting - 7 p.m. - Church Center</p> <p>Brian & Missy Wagner - teachers/administrators at RVA in Kenya</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11</p> <p>Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - Bible translators in Papua New Guinea</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12</p> <p>Brad & Maxine Waldman - children's ministries in USA and Caribbean</p>	<p>13</p> <p>13</p> <p>BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planters in Spain</p>	<p>14</p> <p>- Celia Dick</p> <p>14</p> <p>Pray for all Missionary Kids who are graduating from college this year</p>
<p>15</p> <p>May 15 - speak at Pitman Zion EC church - morning service</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Barbara Erb - retiree in FL</p>	<p>16</p> <p>16</p> <p>Pray for our EC churches in Nepal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>- BJ Whitaker</p> <p>17</p> <p>Art & Mary Ellen Davis - retirees in Kenya</p>	<p>18</p> <p>18</p> <p>Pray for our EC Churches in Liberia</p>	<p>19</p> <p>19</p> <p>Pray for EC churches in Northeast India</p>	<p>20</p> <p>- Sarah Wilson (1992)</p> <p>May 20 - India Committee meeting - 1 p.m. - Church Center</p> <p>Pray for the persecuted church world wide</p>	<p>21</p> <p>21</p> <p>Pray for our EC Churches in Mexico</p>
<p>22</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Gloria Smethers - nurse at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya</p>	<p>23</p> <p>23</p> <p>Marcia Hopley - cross cultural expert with InterVarsity</p>	<p>24</p> <p>24</p> <p>Jim & Janet Stahl - training Bible story tellers throughout Asia</p>	<p>25</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY - Brian & Missy Wagner - Jamie & Anita Far</p> <p>May 25-27 - National Conference at Messiah College</p>	<p>26</p> <p>26</p> <p>Jim and Bonnie Bound will be honored at GMC luncheon</p>	<p>27</p> <p>- Jonita Wilson (1997)</p> <p>27</p> <p>National Conference finishes up; safe travel for pastors & delegates</p>	<p>28</p> <p>28</p> <p>Roy & Sue Haglund - working at MAF headquarters in ID</p>
<p>19</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our EC Churches in Costa Rica</p>	<p>30</p> <p>30</p> <p>Pray for our international church leadership</p>	<p>31</p> <p>- Rev. Jack Murray* - Mary Lynne Wills</p> <p>31</p> <p>Lori Pfeffer - finishing her ministry with BCMI</p>			<p>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>June 5(2002) - Hannah Moury (c) June 6 - Bonnie Bound June 8 - Nick Lakatos June 11 - Wendy Toy June 12(1991) - Leah Sizemore</p> <p>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p>	