

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ Please keep our **EC Churches** in Mexico in prayer. Many are located in or near the border towns where some of the drug wars have occurred. Pray for safety of our church members, and a bold witness for Christ.

- ▶ We praise the Lord for the safety of **Brian Wagner** and his traveling companions. In early December, while escorting some foreign photographers at a game park in Kenya, they awoke to find someone rummaging through their belongings. Although some personal items were taken, no one was injured, and none of the photographers' expensive equipment was stolen.

- ▶ **February 18th - 20th** are the dates of Missions Fest in Lancaster, PA. This event will feature information from dozens of mission agencies and have programs for the entire family. Our own Brad and Maxine Waldman will be presenting a children's program. Learn more about Missions Fest and get directions at www.missionsfestlanaster.org.

- ▶ Congratulations to **Justin Wilson**, son of Jonathan and Kathy Wilson, for passing his aviation mechanics test. Justin is studying to be a pilot at Moody Aviation school in Spokane, Washington.

- ▶ **Laptops for Leaders** – So far, Global Ministries has received enough money to fund three laptops for our NE India presbytery leaders. However, we still need \$2400 to fund another three! Perhaps you, your church, or your Sunday School would like to give some monies towards this need. The computers are \$800 each, but any amount is appreciated. If you donate through our Giving Catalog (#2) in honor of someone, we will send you a card that you can send to the person for whom the gift is given.

- ▶ **'Going the Extra Mile' Award** – is given to Fishing Creek EC Church for their campaign to raise a mile of pennies for missions. Rev. Curt Heisler started this program 10 years ago, and the church recently began their 10th mile of pennies. So far, this program has raised \$8448 for missions. Who says a penny can't go far these days?! Just a change jar at the back of the church can add up to changed lives for those reached with the Good News.



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GETTING IN SHAPE

There was an interesting news segment on TV in early January. It seems that 'getting in shape' is one of the primary New Year's resolutions people make. The interviewer noted that, due to this, there may be long lines at the gyms, especially for certain pieces of equipment. The personal trainer who was interviewed listed some 'off' times that were less crowded. Or, he said, just wait until February. By then, most folks have already cut back or given up on their resolution.

What about spiritual resolutions? Did you tell yourself that you were going to be more faithful in your devotions this year, maybe start attending a bible study, dig deeper into the Word? How is that going? Are you persevering, or have the lapses begun?

It's so easy to get distracted by life –jobs, family, work around the house, even church responsibilities. We get so busy that we tend to push off our time with God to those few minutes left at the end of the day, when we are so exhausted we can barely concentrate. We become spiritual couch potatoes. In this new year (and it's still fairly new) let's keep our resolution to get spiritually fit by spending more time on our knees and with our Lord.

"Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them..." I TIMOTHY 4:15-16a

–Pat Strain

FEBRUARY PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES
• FACILITATING MISSIONS WORKERS • MINISTERING TO
THE MARGINALIZED • CREATING WORLD CHRISTIANS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore		Feb 1 - return from Liberia	Feb 2 - out of office		Feb 4 - India/Nepal Committee meeting - GMC office	
		PRAYER NEEDS Dan Dixon - serving at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya	Joe Toy - open air ministry in Philadelphia area	Dana Abernethy - MMS Aviation	Ed & Val Schubert - working with children in Honduras	Jamie & Anita Farr - serving Wycliffe at FL headquarters
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>ANNIVERSARY - Dan & Melinda Moury</i>						
Feb 6 - Speak at Allentown New Bethany - morning service	Feb 7-11 - Randy and Carla at OMSC in CT for seminar					
PRAYER NEEDS Brian & Missy Wagner - teachers at RVA in Kenya	Randy & Carla Sizemore - travel to CT for OMSC seminars	Jeremy Kunkel - drafting building plans for mission agencies	Ron & Brenda Anderson - work in Spain & Europe	Chris & Deb Bowers - safety while serving in PNG for Wycliffe	Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, General Director of the EC Churches of NE India	David & Celia Dick - serving with OMS at IN headquarters
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Feb 4 -Short Term Missions Committee meeting				
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Elias Martinez, field leader of EC churches in Mexico	Randy & Chris Amberman - in NM with WGM	Carolyn Saltenberger - AIM retiree in FL	Rev. Nobuo Abe, field director of the Japan EC churches	Pray for the work among orphans in Nepal	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - language school in Costa Rica	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - teachers at RVA in Kenya
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<i>ANNIVERSARY - Jim and Joan Farr</i>					Feb 26 - Mission Mobilizer training - Schuylkill District
PRAYER NEEDS Mateo & Mai Lou Garcia - church planters in Mexico	Jane Heck - in OH to care for parents; work in Belize in her absence	John & Carolyn Miller - recording Bru scriptures for those who can't read	Lori Pfeffer - new children's bible clubs in Lehigh Valley area	Kurt & Nancy Graff - recruiting/ training college students for Café 1040	Pray for the Interviews with selected candidates for bishop today and tomorrow	Kitty Miller - serving at Payap University in Thailand; Thai language studies
27	28					
<i>- Roy Haglund - Jonathan Wilson</i>						
PRAYER NEEDS The persecuted church world wide	Dorothy Stermer - retiree living in Allentown PA					
					MARCH BIRTHDAYS March 6 - Marion Albright * - David Dick - Lydia Abernethy (1997) March 7 - Joan Farr March 10 - Justin Wilson (1990) * INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE	