

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **Missionary Prayer Partners** – Formerly known as Spend-A-Day, we have a new look and a new contact person. Carla Sizemore will be handling the MPP program through the GMC office. The 2012 calendar is on our website at www.ecglobal.org. or you can call Carla at 1-800-866-7584. Half of our missionaries will be available next year, and the rest the following year. Call if you have questions or want more information. A DVD explaining the MPP program will be available soon!

► **Chris Amberman** will be in PA for the month of August and is available to speak in churches. Please contact Carla at the GMC office (717-866-7584) to make arrangements. Chris and her husband Randy work with Navajo children and church leaders in New Mexico.

► **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** and family are all in the USA now. They spent early July with son Justin in AK, where he is working for the summer. Daughter Sarah will be joining Justin at Moody Institute in Spokane, WA. The Wilsons will be in NY for the remainder of this year, and relocate to Lititz, PA in January through June of 2012.

► **Kitty Miller** has postponed her furlough to the USA until October, due to some necessary training offered in Thailand. She is still looking for a vehicle to use while in the USA, if anyone has one to loan.

► **Lori Pfeffer** will be ending her service as an EC missionary at the end of this month. We want to thank Lori for more than two decades of service and wish her God's blessing as she transitions into a new season of life.



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There is a saying, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” But our society doesn’t fix broken things anymore; we just throw them away and get new ones. Our landfills and dumps will attest to our proclivity of disposing of items we consider broken or outdated so we can have the newest version of whatever it is we desire at the moment.

Unfortunately, this attitude seems to carry over in dealing with people. It’s easy to be critical or avoid those whose brokenness is obvious, such as those dealing with addictions or mental illness. However, we are all broken but many times we don’t see it. Most of us continue to function with our dysfunction, whether emotional, spiritual, or both, and think we are doing just fine.

How blessed we are to have a God who doesn’t dispose of His broken creation as we do our broken gadgets! Instead, He lovingly invites us into His presence to repair and heal us, so that we are whole. Then He encourages us through His Spirit to share this news with others so they too can be whole again. Imagine what this world could be like if all of us did that!

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is the Lord his God,...He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, ...the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. PSALM 146:5a,7,8b NIV

–Pat Strain

AUGUST PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 - JoAnna Abernethy (2001) 	2	3	4	5	6 August 6 - Fall Rally Planning Meeting - 10 a.m., Salem EC Church, Lenhartsville
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore	August 1 - Out of office PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Nobuo Abe, field superintendent, EC Church of Japan	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at headquarters in ID	Chris Amberman - speaking in PA this month	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - ministering in NY and PA with LIFE	John & Carolyn Miller - continue to update Bru translation of scriptures	Fall Rally planning meeting at Lenhartsville EC Church
7 August 7 - speak at Faith EC Church, Temple, PA - morning service PRAYER NEEDS Chris & Deb Bowers - serving in Papua New Guinea as pilot & teacher	8 Jamie & Anita Farr - serving with Wycliffe at headquarters in FL	9 - Caleb Abernethy (1994) 	10 David & Celia Dick - serving with OMS at headquarters in IN	11 August 11 - Picnic - Bethany EC Church, Ashland, PA - evening	12 Nick & Lisa Lakatos graduate today, move to Mexico City tomorrow	13 - Rev. Dan Dixon
		Ron & Brenda Anderson - prison ministry in Spain		Kurt & Nancy - training others to serve in Asia		Second GMC work team to Alaska returns
14	15 - John Miller 	16 August 16 - GMC Executive Team lunch meeting	17 Rev. William Araya, field superintendent of the EC Church of Costa Rica	18 Alejandro Ruiz - retired in northern Mexico	19 Rev. Randy Sizemore, Global Ministries Director	20 Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with Wycliffe at JAARS in NC
	PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Th. Janga, field superintendent of the EC Church of Nepal	Persecuted church worldwide	GMC Executive Team meeting			
21 August 21 - speak at Bethel EC Church, Conestoga, PA - morning service PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Matthew Gueh, field superintendent of the EC Church of Liberia	22 Wes & Mary Reimer - retirees in TX	23 August 23 - Short Term Missions Committee - 9 a.m.	24 Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - teachers at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	25 Joe Toy - open air ministries, support need	26 Dan Dixon - serving at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya	27 - Lori Pfeffer
		Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, General Director of the EC Church of India				Rev. Elias Martinez, field superintendent of the EC Church of Mexico
28 August 28 - speak at Zion EC Church, Allentown, PA - morning service PRAYER NEEDS Ken Sears - serving in the Ukraine	29 - Samuel Lakatos (2000) 	30 - Yvonne Amberman (1991) 	31 Lori Pfeffer - transition into new season of life	ANNIVERSARIES August 3 - Jim & Bonnie Bound * August 18 - Roy & Sue Haglund August 22 - Robert and Bettina Schaeffer September 3 - Dave & Celia Dick September 3 - Ron and Brenda Anderson September 3 - Ed & Val Schubert <small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small>		SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS September 3 - Jeremy Kunkel September 5 - Aiyana Ehrman September 6 - Brad Waldman September 13 - Gwen Melger * <small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small>