

Engaging the Local Church

You, the local church, are the hub upon which rests the mobilization, coordination, implementation and evaluation of the total global outreach of your congregation. It is yours not only to embrace local, area, and wider United States outreach, but to go beyond our borders and to circle the globe in obedience to the Biblical mandate.

This month we focus our attention on the way "the littles" of our churches learn about missions and join in on the fun of supporting the work of the Lord all around the world through

Vacation Bible School

This year's special project is to raise funds for our GMC General Fund - to help raise up the next generation of missionaries and support our EC brothers and sisters all around the world; like in Japan, India, Nepal, Mexico, Liberia, Brazil, Honduras, France, London, Papua New Guinea, Spain, Poland, Ukraine, Kenya, and the United States!

The GMC is here to assist in your planned Missions Moments during each session of your Vacation Bible School this year by providing a Welcome/Opening Video from the Global Ministries Executive Director, Pastor Ted Rathman, as well as PowerPoint presentations and videos with information about being a missionary and the people, cultures, and our EC churches all around the world.

These materials will be on the GMC website beginning Sunday, June 4. It's our prayer that through the generosity and the support from you, your church, and your "littles" who capture the heart and vision for world missions, we'll be able to be a blessing to our missionaries and international churches.

We're excited! How about you?



FROM THE FIELD...

Warm greetings from Madrid, Spain!

The Lord has been so faithful to us in all the ways He's moving in, and through, ministry here in Spain. And through it all, God is renewing and refreshing our hearts!

As always, we are so grateful for how you stand with us in prayer, encouragement and financial support! Along with all the EC missionaries world-wide, we know we couldn't do this without you! ¡Muchas gracias!

With thankful hearts,

The Whitakers



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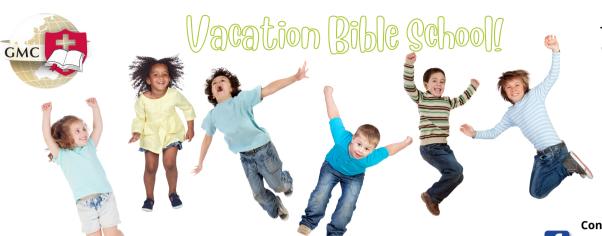
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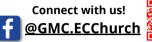






To know how your church can partner directly with an EC missionary or an International Church, call the GMC office at 717-866-7581. x1109 or email ecglobal@eccenter.com.

> **Click HERE to** donate now.





Send us your pictures of Vacation Bible School at your church this summer! ecglobal@eccenter.com

The GMC would love to visit with your church at your next Missionary Fellowship/Commission/Committee or whatever-your-church-calls-it meeting, Missions Conference, event or Sunday morning service so we can share with you all the amazing things God is doing through our missionaries and international churches; and together be on mission with Christ to reach His world.

June 1-7 This week praise God for...

- all that He is doing in and through the GMC
- all that He has done and is doing in the life of the EC Church around the world
- the men and women who serve as EC missionaries
- the international pastors and leaders of the EC Church
- the EC churches who so faithfully provide finances and prayer coverage for the GMC, our missionaries, and the international pastors and leaders
- the countless individuals who sacrificially give each and every month to the work of the Kingdom around the world

June 8-15 This week pray for...

- the many Vacation Bible Schools that will be taking place throughout the summer at our EC Churches here in the **United States**
- wisdom and direction for all leaders involved with VBS
- the directors of each Vacation Bible School who have set aside many hours of their time to plan, recruit volunteers, strategize, and have prayed for their VBS programs
- the many volunteers who will participate in various capacities at Vacation Bible Schools this summer
- the children who will be attending VBS this summer and learning of the Good News of Jesus Christ!
- many to accept Jesus into their hearts
- the vision of sharing Jesus all around the world to ignite in the hearts and minds of the children at VBS when Missions Moments are presented
- the children to see themselves as integral "partners" in the larger team we call the Global Ministries Community

June 16-23 This week pray for...

- all those who contribute to giving financially to VBS Missions Offerings to be joyfully generous
- each child who attends VBS to have an impact on their parents coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- each child who attends VBS to know their worth and value in Jesus and grasp how much they are loved
- each pastor whose church is holding a VBS this summer to be encouraged and energized in casting vision for world missions in his church

June 24-30 Pray for missionaries...

- · Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, Randy & Chrisanne Amberman, Ron & Brenda Anderson, Chris & Deb **Bowers**
- · Jamie & Anita Farr, Beth Grimm, Dan & Melinda Moury
- Dan Quigley, Dave & Conce Roof, Robert & Bettina Schaeffer, Ed & Valerie Schubert
- Ken Sears, Gloria Smethers, Jim & Janet Stahl
- Gene & Bethanie Stevenson, Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus, Joe & Wendy Toy, Brian & Missy Wagner
- Cassie Wells, BJ & Rachel Whitaker, Dan & Mary Lynne Wills, Jonathan & Kathy Wilson

Click **HERE** to donate now to an EC Missionary.

Happy Birthday

6 - Bonnie Bound* 8 (2014) - Leah Rathman 17 (2010) - Miriam Whitaker 18 - Melissa Wagner 18 - David Roof 23 - Kitty Miller* 24 - Rachel Whitaker

25 - Beth Grimm

22 - Janice Stoltzfus 28 - Wesley Reimer*

29 - Bettina Schaeffer

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