

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ Congratulations to **Dave and Emily Hershey**, who are expecting their second child in April. Dave serves as a campus minister at Penn State-Berks campus in Reading, PA.

- ▶ **Carolyn Miller** had to have eye surgery last month to remove cataracts and correct some other issues. Please pray for continued recovery and that she will have full sight.

- ▶ **Ron & Brenda Anderson** return to Spain in the middle of this month to a new focus on church planting. Their mailing address will remain the same.

- ▶ **Ed & Val Schubert** give praise that there was not any violence accompanying the Honduran national elections in late November. In the past, there have been numerous incidents, and the international airport in the capital city was shut down.

- ▶ A number of our missionaries are struggling with being under-supported. In some cases, it means they may not be able to remain on the field or return to the field. If you can help financially in any capacity, please contact the GMC office for a list of those who are in critical need. No gift is too small or inconsequential. Thank you.

- ▶ GMC is once again sponsoring a **work team to Camp LIWA, Alaska**. The camp (the name stands for Living Waters) depends on work teams to help during the summer. The dates are **August 2-16, 2014**. The cost is just the airfare; the camp provides room and board. Space is limited, so if you are interested, apply now. A poster was emailed to all churches and mission leaders. For more information and an application, go to our website www.eccenter.com and look under Short Term Opportunities on the Global Ministries page. You can also call the GMC office and talk to Pat. Deadline for applications is January 31st, so don't delay!

- ▶ **Kurt G.** will be in PA for the last half of March. The tentative dates are March 15-31. He is already booked for two of the three Sunday mornings, but would be available for midweek meetings, luncheon meetings, breakfast meetings, etc. If you would like to have him speak at your church, please contact Pat at the GMC office by phone (717-866-7584) or email (pstrain@eccenter.com).



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EC CHURCH
OF MEXICO

The EC Church of Mexico developed out of the work of the late Mae Royer, who started an orphanage in northern Mexico. Some of the boys grew to become men called of God to minister to their own people.

Since those humble beginnings so long ago, the EC work in Mexico has grown to 11 local congregations. Under the leadership of the current field director, Rev. Elias Martinez Osorio, the church has seen new vision and growth. Even though the majority of our Mexican EC churches are among disadvantaged people, they have looked beyond themselves and are doing outreach to evangelize surrounding states. Elias has led teams to minister in Vera Cruz and plans to expand that outreach to San Luis Potosi. These are very poor areas, where the people are nominally Christian but in truth don't know the name of Christ.

Also, in order to promote a missionary heart in the children, a program called IGLEKIDS was created. So far they have taken the kids on missionary adventures in various countries such as India, China, Uganda, Qatar, North Korea, Morocco, UAE, Somalia, and Colombia. The children learn about these countries and their need to learn who Jesus is.



The EC Church of Mexico is in the process of developing the structure that will allow them to apply to be their own National Conference, hopefully in 2015. Please keep Rev. Martinez and the current leadership of our EC Mexican churches in prayer. They are still dealing with the aftermath of a culture of fear generated by the drug cartels. Pray for their personal safety, and that God would open doors and hearts so His Word can be firmly rooted in northern Mexico.

—Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
ANNIVERSARIES February 6 – Dan & Melinda Moury <small>* INDICATES RETIREE</small>					- Jim Farr	- Lamar Stoltzfus
		HERE AND THERE – Randy Sizemore	PRAYER NEEDS Church Center closed for New Year's Day	Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill and the leadership of our denomination	Ken Sears – safe return to Ukraine from holiday in USA with family, health issues	Pray for Rev. Elias Martinez, leader of the EC Church of Mexico
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
- Jim Stahl			- Celia Dick		- Dan Wills	- Alyssa Stoltzfus (1994)
First Sunday as lead pastor at Bethel EC Church! PRAYER NEEDS Randy Sizemore – beginning preaching responsibilities at Bethel EC, he & Carla getting settled in area	Jim & Bonnie Bound – retired missionaries in VT	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – serving as Bible translators for the Binandere people in Papua New Guinea	Gloria Smethers – serving as staff nurse at AIM Retirement Center in FL	Brian & Missy Wagner – safety in deputation, support need to return to RVA in August	Jim & Joan Farr – serving as Bible translators with Wycliffe SIL for the Baruga people in Papua New Guinea	BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planters in Alcora, Spain – need to rent larger building
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PRAYER NEEDS David & Conce Roof – work on church building, funds for needed vehicle in Brazil	Pray for Rev. Matthew Gueh, leader of the EC Church of Liberia	Jim Ehrman – serving with Love 146 and Rivendell Institute at Yale	Ed & Val Schubert – continued work on day care building in capital of Honduras	Janet Baker – retired missionary in Lebanon, PA – health issues	Pray for Rev. L.B. Angam, General Director of the EC Church of India	Dan & Melinda Moury – serving as videographer for Wycliffe at Orlando FL headquarters
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				- Anita Farr		
PRAYER NEEDS Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – serving with LIFE Ministries in NY and Reading PA area	Marcia Hopley – cross cultural resource person for IVCF in Philadelphia area	Jim & Janet Stahl- training native speakers to tell the Bible in story form to their own people	Roy & Sue Haglund – serving with MAF in Idaho; praise for holidays with children and grand-children	Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, principal-elect for ECT in India – returning to IN from time with family	Nick & Lisa Lakatos – continue to work towards returning to Mexico to serve with OMS	Pray for Rev. Th. Janga, leader of the EC Church of Nepal – celebrating 10 years of existence!
26	27	28	29	30	31	
- Kathy Wilson				- Randy Amberman - David Hershey - Melinda Moury	- Christopher Bowers	
Installation as lead pastor at Bethel EC Church, Dixon, IL				January 28- February 5th – travel to Ukraine with Bishop Bruce Hill to ordain Rev. Ken Sears as an elder in the EC Church		
PRAYER NEEDS Randy Sizemore – installation as senior pastor at Bethel EC, Dixon, IL	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving with JAARS and The Seed Company	Bishop Hill and Director Randy Sizemore leave for Ukraine	Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe, leader of the EC Church of Japan –preparing for national conference status!	Dave Hershey – new semester at PSU-Berks, new baby on the way!	Pray for our EC church planters, both in the USA and around the world	