

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ A number of our missionaries have been on the move recently. **Chris, Deb, and Katelyn Bowers** left Australia in October for the west coast USA, and will spend November and December in PA with Chris' family.

- ▶ **Kitty Miller** returned to Thailand in late October after a year of combined furlough/home assignment. Arthroscopic surgery on her knee postponed her departure last month, but her doctors cleared her to return after a few weeks of therapy.

- ▶ **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** left in early October for two months in their village of Nindewari. Keep them in prayer as they work with the village translators to give God's Word to the people in their own language.

- ▶ Congratulations to **Joe and Wendy Toy** on the marriage of their eldest son Jared to Crystal in early October. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

- ▶ **David Dick** spent two weeks in India, traveling extensively to meet with the leaders of the Every Community for Christ program there.

- ▶ **Kurt and Nancy G.** were in a horrific car accident in mid-September. The car rolled, and Nancy's right arm was badly broken. She has had surgery, and has a lot of pins and screws in it, but is managing as best as possible. Please keep her in prayer for a speedy recovery and full use of her arm again. Kurt survived with a few cuts and bruises, but the car was totaled.

- ▶ **Dan Wills** has also been traveling to India in his role as a Project Coordinator for India with The Seed Company (Wycliffe). Dan has to make sure that the training and resources are available so the existing translation projects continue to move forward and he must work to resolve any problems that may arise.

- ▶ **Rev. Dan Moury** was invited to speak on behalf of Wycliffe at the closing sessions of a major Missions Convention in VA in mid-October. It was quite an honor as well as a huge responsibility.



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GUESS WHO'S
COMING TO DINNER

Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving this month, and for most that means gathering family for a meal. Perhaps more than any other holiday, this one focuses on family coming together. Occasionally some folks will open their home to friends or a special guest. But most of us would be flabbergasted if someone invited himself to our home for this special meal.

And yet scripture records that Jesus did just that. When he spotted Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree, he told the tax collector to come down and prepare the evening meal, as Jesus would be eating at his house that evening. Imagine the look of surprise on Zacchaeus' face! But we are told that he gladly welcomed Jesus into his home.

Jesus has a habit of turning up when and where he is not expected. In the Passover tradition, a place at the table is always set for the prophet Elijah, and the youngest child is sent to the door to see if he has come. As Christians we believe Jesus will come again, but what we do if the doorbell rang on Thanksgiving Day and he was at our front door?! Would we welcome him in as Zacchaeus did? Or would we be embarrassed to have him join us? Most of us would like a little notice, so we could make sure everything was in order.

As we prepare our homes to welcome family and friends this holiday, let's make sure our hearts are also prepared to welcome our Lord, and to make sure others know the source of our joy, so they can also join in. What a Thanksgiving that will be!

"[Jesus says] Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done." Revelation 22:12

—Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ANNIVERSARIES * INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p> <p>November 1 – Kurt & Nancy G. December 12 – Randy & Chris Amberman</p>			<p>HERE AND THERE – Randy Sizemore</p>	<p>1 – Justin Wills (1993)</p>	<p>2 – Barbara Erb*</p>	<p>3 – Rev. Joe Toy, Jr.</p>
				<p>←..... November 1-2 – Vacation</p>		
				<p>PRAYER NEEDS Kitty Miller – returning to Thailand after year in USA</p>	<p>Pray for Rev. L.B. Angam, General Director of the E.C. Church of India</p>	<p>Gloria Smethers – deputation while on furlough, future plans</p>
<p>4</p> <p>November 4 – Speak at morning service at Trinity E.C. in Manheim, PA</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 – Jane Heck</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our E.C. Church planters, both in USA and abroad</p>	<p>Pray for Rev. Th. Janga, field leader of the E.C. Church of Nepal</p>	<p>Election day in USA – prayerfully vote your conscience</p>	<p>Roy & Sue Haglund – serving with MAF at ID headquarters</p>	<p>Rev. David & Celia Dick, serving with OMS at their headquarters</p>	<p>Pray for upcoming Vision Trips to Japan and Spain in 2013</p>	<p>Jim & Joan Farr – on furlough in USA</p>
<p>11</p> <p>November 11 – Speak at the morning service at Seibert E.C. in Allentown, PA</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>November 13 – Susquehanna Region Mission Leaders Brunch – Dutch Way Restaurant, Myerstown PA</p>	<p>14 – Art Davis*</p>	<p>15 – Adam Toy (1994)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>November 16 – Meeting at 1 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Ed & Val Schubert – need funds to replace truck stolen from them in Honduras</p>	<p>Dan & Melinda Moury – serving at WBT headquarters in FL</p>	<p>13 Susquehanna Region Mission Leaders’ Brunch – Myerstown, PA</p>	<p>David & Conce Roof – church planters for OMS in northern Brazil</p>	<p>Pray for Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, in USA for Ph.D. program</p>	<p>Dorothy Stermer – retiree in Allentown, PA</p>	<p>Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – serving with LIFE Ministries in NY and PA</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 – Brenda Anderson</p> <p>November 19 – Future Initiative meeting – GMC – 9 a.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>November 22-23 – Thanksgiving holiday; Church Center closed</p>	<p>24 – Rev. Ken Sears – Rev. Robert Schaeffer</p>
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Matthew Gueh, field leader of the E.C. Church of Liberia</p>	<p>Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – safety for Dan on trips to India throughout year</p>	<p>Pray for Rev. Elias Martinez, field leader of the E.C. Church of Mexico</p>	<p>Jim & Janet Stahl – teaching Bible story telling in India and PNG</p>	<p>Give thanks with a grateful heart – Happy Thanksgiving!</p>	<p>Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe, field leader of the E.C. Church of Japan</p>	<p>Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – Bible translation in their village in Papua New Guinea</p>
<p>25</p> <p>November 25 – Speak at morning service at Arlington E.C., Red Lion, PA</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 – Leah Moury (2006)</p>	<p>29 – Eunice Wanjema*</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS December 6 – Sue Haglund December 13 – Rev. Dan Moury</p> <p>INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p>
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Kurt & Nancy – healing from accident, need to replace car</p>	<p>Jeremy Kunkel – serving at EMI headquarters in CO</p>	<p>Carolyn Saltenberger – retiree in FL</p>	<p>Brian & Missy Wagner – teacher and administrator at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya</p>	<p>Nick & Lisa Lakatos – safety in travel during deputation, support needs</p>	<p>Jim Ehrman – serving with Love 146 and Rivendell Institute</p>	