

PRAYER GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 2023



Celebrating growth!

This past July I celebrated 5 years as the Executive Director of the Global Ministries Community and took a few minutes to reflect back through those years. I remember early on thinking and praying a lot about where God wanted to lead the GMC going forward. One area that kept coming to mind pertained to our missionaries and a focus on how we care for them.

In January of 2021 we launched our Member Care Team (MCT) in order to ensure we would be doing our best for them as a sending denomination and sending churches in regard to their spiritual, emotional, physical, and financial care.

We additionally developed a few new avenues to be involved in their lives as a denomination and churches, as well as seeking to connect our missionaries to one another. Just this past month we celebrated yet another Missionary Zoom Prayer Call where our missionaries can log on and not only connect with myself and the GMC office, but with each other. We're grateful for the technology available to meet all together from the far corners of the world. I am grateful to the Lord for how He has also brought gifted and caring people to serve on the MCT, and how our missionaries have responded to these initiatives these past two years.

I'm excited to share that this past month the GMC commissioned a new missionary that has been serving on the field for the past 5 years in a nation that is typically closed to accepting the Good News of Jesus.

Jessica L.* has a strong faith and trust in the Lord, and I firmly believe that our partnership in the ministry Jesus has called her to will yield testimony after testimony of men and women, boys and girls, giving their hearts to Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior!

We also have two more candidates in the process of also pursuing commissioning with the EC Global Ministries Community. God is growing our GMC family! He is faithful!

Ted Rathman

*As a matter of reference, when a missionary serves in a closed access nation we work very hard to maintain his/her safety by purposely refraining from sharing and posting images and information that would hinder ministry and gaining access to people groups that might not normally be accepting of Christianity and Christ-followers. If you would like more information on Jessica and how you might partner with her in prayer and through financial support, please reach out to the GMC office at ecglobal@eccenter.com



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FROM THE DESK...

Hello to my new GMC family!

I'm so very grateful to be able to partner with you, the Global Ministries Community of the EC Church, in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ all around the world.

I covet your prayers and thank you for your generous financial support in sharing the Gospel.

I have so much faith and trust in the Lord that, together, we will see men and women come to faith in Jesus!

I'm excited to take you all with me each and every day!
With gratitude,

Jessica L.

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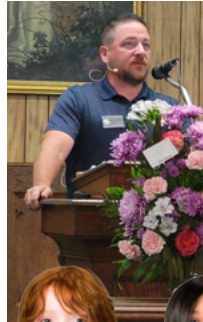


*Facilitating Mission Workers
Empowering National Churches
Engaging the Local Church*

The summer was a busy time for the GMC! From pastor training in Mexico, Vacation Bible School in many EC churches, and being the "missionary in residence" at Herndon Camp Meeting, we had opportunities galore to have meaningful connections, intentional discipleship, and passionate sharing of the Good News!

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.

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September 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 on the GMC Board & MCT
- the respective churches represented and served by these faithful men and women
- their compassionate hearts as they serve our EC international church leaders and missionaries
- their leadership and influence in their churches, districts, and regions of the EC denomination
- their heart to support the ongoing work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world

September 16-23 This week pray for...

- the Lord's wisdom and direction for Rev. Ted Rathman as he leads the GMC
- the vision and mission of the GMC
- the vision of global missions to ignite in the hearts of those the Lord is calling to serve as missionaries
- continued opportunities for ministry to those who have yet to be reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ
- the connections and relationships built between our missionaries one to another
- our newest GMC family member and the work she is doing in sharing the Good News where she is serving

September 8-15 This week pray for...

- our international churches throughout India, Nepal, Liberia, Japan and Mexico
- continued provision to meet the needs of these churches
- the global EC Church to be focused on Jesus Christ and for all those who have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to remain committed and faithful followers
- the ministries of the global EC Church to be effective and meaningful in the midst of struggles
- the Lord's blessing on each of our international church leaders and their families; **Rev. Paozathang Singson; Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate; Rev. Th. Janga; Rev. G. Abraham Powell; Rev. Nobuo Abe; and Rev. Juan Zuniga**
- a tremendous and abundant remainder of the year for our global EC churches
- the Lord to shine brightly in the darkest corners of the nations of India, Nepal, Liberia, Japan and Mexico

September 24-30 Pray for missionaries...

- **Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, Randy & Chrisanne Amberman, Ron & Brenda Anderson, Chris & Deb Bowers**
- **Jamie & Anita Farr, Beth Grimm, Jessica L., 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

3 (2012) - Laura Whitaker 3 - Gene Stevenson 16 (2011) - Lily Stevenson