

PRAYER GUIDE

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FROM THE DESK...

Greetings GMC family,

It's hard to believe that it is that time of year again, but we're ready to launch this year's focus on our partnership with Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child!

The National Collection Week is November 13-20, so we didn't want you to miss the opportunity to begin praying for this tremendous ministry and the far-reaching effect it has on children all over the world.

Thank you for joining your hearts and prayers with us as we endeavor to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.

Ted Rathman



Good News! Great Joy!

In the past, many of you and your churches have been involved in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Through your partnership thousands of children and their families have been reached with the Gospel all around the world, through distribution of shoe box gifts and the teaching of the Greatest Journey. We thank you for your involvement in this ministry.

You may not have been aware that our denomination is, and has been, a recognized National Partner with Operation Christmas Child from Samaritan's Purse.

In order to strengthen this national partnership, the Global Ministries Community has made Operation Christmas Child a part of its responsibility and oversight. The GMC has officially endorsed OCC as a part of the mission and disciple-making work of the EC Church. The GMC is recommending OCC as one way that your church can be involved in reaching children with the Gospel in even the most remote locations in our world.

Pastor Dan and Kim Blank have been involved with the ministry of Operation Christmas Child in the past and serve on the GMC Board as our denominational link and connection to the ministry. If you have any questions about OCC and how you and/or your church can become involved, or if you need any materials or ideas feel free to contact them here at the GMC office.

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Empowering National Churches
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For more specific information about Operation Christmas Child, or to order free resources visit www.samaritanspurse.org or contact Pastor Dan or Kim here at the GMC office.



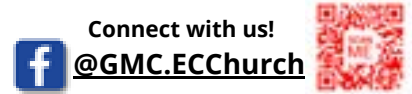
National Collection Week
November 13-20



Click [HERE](#) for the
OCC website.

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.



October 1-7 This week pray for... Sending Countries

- Pray that the worldwide goal of collecting 11+ million shoeboxes, each one a Gospel opportunity, will be met.
- Pray for a full network of drop-off locations for the upcoming shoebox collection season.
- Pray for safe travel and for an inspiring time together as our domestic and international staff attend global coordination meetings later this month.

October 16-23 This week pray for... International Volunteer and Ministry Partners

- Pray for God to move in the hearts of children in every country where the Greatest Journey is taught, and that He will use the discipleship program to raise up a new generation of Christ-followers.
- Pray for our National Leadership Teams as they develop strategies and coordinate efforts with ministry partners to share the Gospel and disciple children in their areas.

October 8-15 This week pray for... Hard-to-reach Groups

- Pray for the specific areas of the world that will be reached that have less than 1 percent of believers.
- Pray that the message of Jesus Christ will penetrate these darkened locations and that many children and families will come to know Him as their Lord and Savior.

October 24-31 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

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Happy Birthday

10 - Chrisanne Amberman 11 - Mary Ellen Davis* 16 - Brian Wagner
18 - Rev. Jim Bound* 21 (2004) - Josiah Moury 28 (2006) - Brandon Farr
29 (2009) - Rebekah Moury

*"There is nothing that will grow our faith
more than the three key elements of faith
building: prayer, prayer, prayer."*

Franklin Graham