

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **Brad and Maxine Waldman** will no longer be serving under the Global Ministries Commission as of the end of this month. The Waldmans will continue to serve under CCMN, the board they have established. Their new email is ccmn.usa@verizon.net and the home phone number is now 610-432-6146. Please keep them in prayer during this time of transition and refocusing of their ministry.

► A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17th at Community EC Church in Sinking Spring PA for all those interested in **Vision Japan**, a vision tour for youth and adults to connect with our EC churches in Japan. The tour is scheduled for summer of 2013, but we need to start planning now! The meeting will be from 9 a.m. – 11a.m. (approximately.) A letter has been sent to all churches along with a brochure giving more details. If you would like to be on the mailing list of interested parties (no commitment required at this time) email to ecglobal@eccenter.com or call the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584.

► **The MMK Rally** for the Susquehanna/Delaware regions will be held Saturday, March 3rd at Trinity EC Church, Boyertown, PA. Information has been mailed to all churches, but if you didn't see it, call the GMC office and we'll send a copy. There will be puppets, missionaries, curios, and fun for all! The MMK portion is geared towards 1st-5th grades, but a special Youth Track for 6th-9th graders will be offered. Cost is \$5/person (includes lunch and one curio) and registration deadline is February 20th. Contact Shirley Long at 1-800-866-7581.

► Congratulations to **Kurt and Nancy** on becoming grandparents for the first time! Aaron Lee made his debut a little early, but everyone is doing fine.



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I SURRENDER SOME

The other week we sang the old hymn “I Surrender All” during the morning worship service. Anyone over the age of 40 who grew up in an evangelical church is probably familiar with the words; “All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I gladly give; ..” The chorus states, “I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.”*

We sing the words with gusto, but do we mean them? Are we really willing to give everything to Christ – our lives, our families, our possessions, our money? Most of us don't really understand what it means to live sacrificially. The EC Church of Nepal, which is made up of and ministers to some of the poorest people in Asia, gathered an offering of \$500 to present to the EC Church of Liberia after hearing about the suffering of their brothers and sisters in Christ in that country. By contrast, people in the USA spend more on their pets than they give to charity. People in Nepal, where one-third of the population live on less than \$1 a day, gave at a greater rate than people living in one of the wealthiest countries on earth. What's wrong with this picture?!!

Global Ministries depends on two offerings a year to help our brothers and sisters in our international church conferences, as well as cover the costs of our printing, postage, staff salaries, etc. This month, on March 11th, the Self Denial offering will be taken. Please prayerfully consider what it means to give sacrificially so that God's work can go forward. How much can you surrender?

(*Words by Judson W. VanDeVenter, music by Winfield S. Weedon, 1896)

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. I TIMOTHY 6:6-10a

–Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ANNIVERSARIES March 8 - David & Conce Roof March 22 - Joe & Wendy Toy March 25 - David & Emily Hershey April 4 - Chris & Deborah Bowers</p> <p><small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small></p>		<p>APRIL BIRTHDAYS April 1 - Mary Reimer* April 4 - Abigail Farr (2007) April 6 - Fern Sweigert* April 8 - Lisa Lakatos April 9 - Dorothy Stermer* April 12 - Deborah Bowers</p> <p><small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small></p>	<p>HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore</p>	<p>1</p> <p>March 1 - Short Term Missions Committee meeting - morning - Myerstown, PA</p> <p>PRAYER Pray for the EC Church of Costa Rica - sense of direction and future</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - safety in traveling for deputation in USA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>March 3 - Mission Minded Kids Rally - Trinity EC Church, Boyertown, PA</p> <p>MMK Rally for ages 6-11 - Trinity EC, Boyertown, PA</p>
<p>4</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Nepal - working among the poorest people in Asia</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pray for wisdom for GMC as we deal with difficult support issues for missionaries</p>	<p>6 - Marion Albright* - David Dick</p> <p>March 6 - Missions Leaders Brunch - Delaware region - Emmaus, PA</p> <p>Rev. Jack Murray, retired but very active in CA</p>	<p>7 - Joan Farr</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Randy Sizemore, GMC Director - wisdom and direction for future</p>	<p>8</p> <p>March 8 - National Ministry Team</p> <p>Kitty Miller - in USA doing deputation, furlough</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Gloria Smethers - nurse at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Japan - first anniversary of earthquake/Tsunami tomorrow</p>
<p>11</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS SELF DENIAL SUNDAY - give that others can have eternal life with Jesus</p>	<p>12</p> <p>David & Conce Roof - in USA until July - safety while traveling for deputation</p>	<p>13</p> <p>March 13-14 - Global Ministries Commission spring board meetings, Myerstown, PA</p> <p>GMC spring board meetings - safety for board members who travel distances</p>	<p>14</p> <p>GMC spring board meetings - that we can get all our business completed</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - serving with LIFE Ministries in NY and West Lawn, PA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Jim Ehrman - serving with Rivendell Institute at Yale</p>	<p>17 - Ron Anderson</p> <p>Vision Japan meeting - 9 a.m. Community EC Church, Sinking Spring, PA</p>
<p>18 - Randy Sizemore</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF in Idaho, visiting IL in April</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ken Sears - teaching at bible college in Zaporozhye, Ukraine</p>	<p>20 - Donovan Stoltzfus (1998)</p> <p>Jim & Joan Farr - serving as translators in PNG</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Ed & Val Schubert - serving in children's ministries in Honduras</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Kurt & Nancy - serving with Café 1040, training young people to serve overseas</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Jim & Janet Stahl - training storytellers in other cultures to share the Gospel</p>	<p>24 - Marcia Hopler</p> <p>Brian Wagner & daughter Rachel coming to USA to look at colleges</p>
<p>March 18-24 - Vacation</p>						
<p>25</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Marcia Hopler - serving in Philadelphia with Inter-Varsity</p>	<p>26 - Cheyne Schubert (2005)</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Mexico - still ministering in the midst of drug cartel violence</p>	<p>27</p> <p>March 27 - Cabinet meeting - morning</p> <p>Jeremy Kunkel - serving in CO with EMI as a draftsman/project coordinator</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Liberia - continuing to recover from 14 years of civil war</p>	<p>29</p> <p>March 29 - Church Center staff social event - evening</p> <p>Pray for EC Church of India as they prepare for election of new Supt. next month</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Wes & Mary Reimer - retired and living in TX, raising service dogs</p>	<p>31 - Kathryn Kunkel* - Micah Wagner (2001)</p> <p>Pray for the persecuted church around the world, but especially in the Middle East</p>