

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **Brian & Missy Wagner** and family will be coming back to the USA in August for a year of furlough. They will be living at the former parsonage of our Millersville Grace E.C. Church. However, they are in need of a vehicle to use while in the USA. **If you know of anyone willing to loan or rent a van/SUV in good condition to the Wagners, please contact Pat in the GMC office.** The Wagners need a reliable vehicle to do deputation, and also to get daughter Rachel to college! (Yes, she graduates from high school this year!)

► **The Delaware/Susquehanna regions Mission Minded Kids Rally** will be held on the first Saturday of this month (March 2nd.) Place: Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown, PA. If you haven't already registered, get your list of MMK's in today! Call Shirley Long at 717-866-7581.

► We wish to express our sympathy to the family of **Becky Moser**, one of our retired missionaries, who went to be with the Lord on January 12th. Becky and her late husband Ed Moser pioneered the literacy work among the Seri Indians of northern Mexico. They served as linguist-translators with Wycliffe SIL, developing the first written alphabet for the Seri, as well as translating scripture. In addition, Becky co-authored several books and articles on the Seri uses for local plant life. Becky is survived by her daughter Cathy and son-in-law Dr. Steve Marlett as well as her grandsons, nieces and nephews.

► **Jamie & Anita Farr** have moved, and the following address is effective immediately: 9925 Turtle Bay Court, Orlando, FL 32832. They needed a larger house to accommodate their growing family!

► **Joe Toy** spent a good portion of February in the Big Easy. First he was doing event ministry at the Super Bowl, and stayed over to work with Open Air Campaigners friends at Mardi Gras.



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ANTICIPATION

Those of us of a 'certain age' might remember this as the title of a Carly Simon song from the 70's. If you are a Gen X'er, you might remember it as the theme song for a ketchup commercial. If you are younger than that, you probably don't even know this song. ☹

But you know the feeling. Anyone who has children or remembers his/her childhood knows that the countdown to a special occasion – birthday, vacation, Christmas – starts well before the event arrives. Children get excited, chattering away about what they will do at their party, or what they will see on vacation, or what they want Santa to bring. Anticipation!

Webster lists one of the definitions of anticipation as “to look forward to something.” This month, Christians around the world will celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. But do we look forward to his coming again?

Unfortunately, for many folks there are only two holidays on the church calendar; Christmas and Easter. We celebrate Christ's birth and then his victory over the grave. Then we go on with our lives until October, when the stores remind us that it's time to start thinking about Christmas again. Many believers have lost a true sense of anticipation for the return of our King. We know that it's going to happen sometime, but we don't live with that eagerness, and we don't feel any sense of urgency to share the Good News with our family and neighbors who are not prepared for Jesus' return.

As we observe this season of Lent and prepare our hearts for the coming celebration of Christ's victory at Calvary, let's remember that we as believers have something to look forward to – the return of Jesus Christ as Lord of All. When that happens, the celebration will never end!

“Coming again, coming again, maybe morning, maybe noon, maybe evening and maybe soon. Coming again, coming again; Oh what a wonderful day that will be, Jesus is coming again!” –John W. Peterson

–Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>31 - Kathryn Kunkel * - B. Micah Wagner (2001)</p>  <p>PRAYER Christ the Lord is risen today. Hallelujah!</p>	<p>APRIL BIRTHDAYS April 1 - Mary Remier * April 8 - Lisa Lakatos April 4 (2007) - Abigail Farr April 9 - Dorothy Stermer * April 6 - Fern Sweigert * April 12 - Deborah Bowers</p>		<p>ANNIVERSARIES March 8 - David & Conce Roof March 22 - Joe & Wendy Toy March 25 - David & Emily Hershey April 4 - Chris & Deborah Bowers</p>		<p>1</p> <p>March 1 - Rev. Lalrosiem Songate arrives for a week; staying with Sizemores</p> <p>Day of Prayer for the E.C. Church and its leaders</p>	<p>2</p> <p>March 2 - MMK Rally, Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown, PA</p> <p>MMK Rally at Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown, PA</p>
<p>3</p> <p>March 3 - transport Lalrosiem to Grace Community Church, Willow Street, PA</p> <p>PRAYER EC Church planters, both in the USA and abroad</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Gwen Melger - retired missionary in FL</p>	<p>5</p> <p>March 5-6 - GMC spring board meetings</p> <p>Global Ministries Commission board spring meetings</p>	<p>6 - Rev. David Dick</p> <p>Global Ministries board meetings finish today</p>	<p>7 - Joan Farr</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Nepal and Rev. Th. Janga, field leader</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - LIFE Ministries, NY</p>	<p>9</p> <p>March 9 - Take Lalrosiem back to Philadelphia airport</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Liberia and Rev. Matthew Gueh, field leader</p>
<p>10</p> <p>PRAYER Self Denial Sunday - one of only two offerings that support GMC all year</p>	<p>11</p> <p>March 11 - Delaware Region Mission Leaders Brunch - Superior Restaurant, Emmaus, PA</p> <p>Brian & Missy Wagner - teaching at RVA in Kenya</p>	<p>12</p> <p>March 12 - Cabinet meeting - a.m.</p> <p>Kurt & Nancy - extreme financial need to continue ministry</p>	<p>13</p> <p>March 13 - speak at Reichs E.C. Lenten Service - p.m.</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Mexico and Rev. Elias Martinez, field leader</p>	<p>14</p> <p>March 14 - National Ministry Team meeting</p> <p>Jeremy Kunkel - a CAD specialist with EMI in Colorado</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Jim Ehrman - serving with Love 146 and Rivendell Institute in CT</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Nick & Lisa Lakatos - peace with decision to postpone return to field for now</p>
<p>17 - Rev. Ron Anderson</p> <p>March 17 - Teach Sunday School at Zion E.C., Myerstown, PA</p> <p>PRAYER Dan Moury - serving as videographer at Wycliffe headquarters, FL</p>	<p>18 - Rev. Randy Sizemore</p> <p>March 18 - out - afternoon</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of India and Rev. L.B. Angam, General Director</p>	<p>19</p> <p>March 19 - GMC Finance Committee - afternoon</p> <p>Rev. Don & Kathryn Kunkel - retirees in Idaho</p>	<p>20 - Donovan Stoltzfus (1998)</p> <p>Gloria Smethers - new assignment after end of furlough</p>	<p>21</p> <p>David & Conce Roof - church planters in northern Brazil, with OMS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - bible translators in Papua New Guinea</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Ed & Val Schubert - serving disadvantaged families and children in Honduras</p>
<p>24 - Marcia Hopler</p>  <p>PRAYER Jim & Janet Stahl - training oral story tellers to share the Gospel</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Jim & Joan Farr - deputation while on furlough in PA</p>	<p>26 - Cheyne Schubert (2005)</p> <p>Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with The Seed Company in NC</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at ID headquarters</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray for the EC Church of Japan and Rev. Nobuo Abe, field leader</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son... to die for our sins</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pray for Christians in countries hostile to their faith</p>

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