

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Gloria Smethers** has a new mailing address. It's 1001 Media Road, Minneola, FL 34715. It is very similar to the Retirement Center address, but she now has her own private mailbox. Mail does not need to be sent c/o AIM Retirement Center anymore.

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- ▶ **One of each** – We have learned that Dave & Emily Hershey are expecting a boy in April, and Chris & Deb Bowers are expecting a girl in May. Both families have daughters who are looking forward to becoming big sisters. Congratulations!

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- ▶ **Jim and Janet Stahl** recently spent several weeks in Africa leading Bible storytelling workshops. This method is very effective at getting the Bible to oral cultures and those who do not yet have the scriptures in their own language.

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- ▶ Congratulations to **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** who found out they are going to be grandparents again in May, courtesy of their son Justin and his wife Kelsie. Needless to say, Kathy is already working on plans to see if she can get to Spokane in spring!

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- ▶ **Joe Toy** left in mid-February for open air ministry at the Daytona 500 in FL, and then went to New Orleans to stand for Christ at Mardi Gras. Please keep Joe and his companions in prayer for safety in travel and personal safety in the drunken brawl that has become part of the Mardi Gras celebrations.

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- ▶ **DON'T FORGET** – The Family Missions Celebration will be held at Trinity EC Church in Boyertown on Saturday March 1st. If you haven't made your reservations, please call us immediately at 717-866-7584. Hope to see you there!

## TIME FOR A CHECKUP?

**R**ecently I received a post card reminder in the mail that it is time to schedule my next eye examination. Since I only go every two years, it's easy to lose track of when that time rolls around again. Luckily for me, the optometrist's office keeps better records than I do!

Wellness is a buzz word these days, especially with the cost of health care in America. We are constantly reminded to eat properly, exercise, and take preventive precautions to maintain good health. Part of that is having regular checkups. Since I wear glasses, I need to have my eyes checked on a regular basis to see if my myopia is improving or getting worse, if I'm developing cataracts, and just to keep track of the general health of my eyes.

But what about our spiritual health? Do we keep track of that? We don't get any heavenly reminder notices to check on how we're doing in our daily devotions, in spending time in the Word and in prayer. It's up to us to maintain a healthy regimen of prayer and confession, time alone with God so that we can grow in our relationship with Christ.

In Ephesians 1:18-19, the apostle Paul says this to the church at Ephesus, "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." (NIV) If you want to avoid spiritual myopia, ask God to keep the eyes of your heart healthy and aware, so you can see what God wants you to see.

–Pat Strain

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.*

*To see you high and lifted up, Shining in the light of your glory,  
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.*

– Michael W. Smith

MARCH PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

# EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



# March 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
30	31 - Kathryn Kunkel * - B. Micah Wagner (2001) 	<b>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b> April 1 - Mary Reimer *      April 8 - Lisa Lakatos April 4 (2007) - Abigail Farr      April 9 - Dorothy Stermer * April 6 - Fern Sweigert *      April 12 - Deborah Bowers			<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> March 8 - David & Conce Roof March 22 - Joe & Wendy Toy March 25 - David & Emily Hershey April 4 - Chris & Deborah Bowers		1  March 1 - Family Missions Celebration at Trinity EC Church in Boyertown, PA
<b>PRAYER</b> Pray for the persecuted church around the world	Kitty Miller - getting ready to relocate to USA, new assignment	<b>HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore</b>					Spring Family Missions Celebration at Trinity EC in Boyertown, PA
			<small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small>				
2	3	4  March 4-5 - GMC spring board meetings, Myerstown PA	5  March 5 - Missionary Review Task Force - 2-4 p.m., Myerstown, PA	6  March 6 - Japan Committee meeting, 7-9 p.m., Myerstown, PA	7  March 7 - India/Nepal Committee meeting, 1-2 p.m., Myerstown, PA	8	
<b>PRAYER</b> Joe Toy - heading to Mardi Gras in New Orleans to share Christ	Rev. Nobuo Abe - preparing EC Church of Japan for National Conference status	Global Ministries board meetings	Global Ministries & Missionary Review meetings	Rev. Elias Martinez - field leader of the EC Church of Mexico	Pray for the EC Church of Nepal - praise for growth in spite of persecution	Pray for Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, principal-elect of ECT in India	
9	10  March 10 - Delaware Mission Leaders Brunch, Perkins Restaurant, Allentown, PA	11	12	13  March 13 - National Ministry Team, Myerstown, PA	14  March 14 - drive back to Dixon, IL	15	
<b>PRAYER</b> Self Denial offering - supports work of our international churches	Delaware Mission Leaders Brunch - south Allentown, PA	Pray for EC Church of India - six presbyteries that send out over 100 missionaries	Rev. Matthew Gueh - field leader of the EC Church of Liberia	National Ministry Team meetings - wisdom for future of the EC Church	Barbara Erb - retired but still active in Surinam	Kurt G.- heading east for two weeks of deputation in central/ eastern PA	
16	17 - Ron Anderson 	18 - Randy Sizemore 	19	20 - Donovan Stoltzfus (1998) 	21	22	
<b>PRAYER</b> Rev. L. B. Angam, General Director of the EC Church of India	Chris & Deb Bowers - serving at Moody Aviation, new baby due in May	John & Carolyn Miller - working on Bru New Testament updates	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia - sharing Christ among poorest of poor	Art & Mary Ellen Davis - retired but active in Kenya	Rev. Th. Janga, field leader of the EC Church of Nepal - safety as he and his wife care for 8 orphans	Dave & Celia Dick - serving at OMS headquarters, Islamic specialist	
23	24 - Marcia Hopler 	25	26 - Cheyne Schubert (2005) 	27	28	29	
<b>PRAYER</b> Dan Dixon - teaching at RVA in Kenya; rough allergy season	Pray for the EC Church of Mexico - ministering in spite of danger from drug cartels	Randy & Chris Amberman - working with Native American youth	Jamie & Anita Farr - serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators at Orlando headquarters	Pray for the EC Church of Japan-praise for open attitude in area affected by tsunami	Ron & Brenda Anderson - church planting & prison ministry in Spain	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - serving and teaching at RVA in Kenya	