

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Brian Wagner and daughter Rachel** returned to the USA for a couple of weeks in late March to check out some colleges for Rachel. She will begin her senior year this fall, and it's time to start making plans.

▶ **Chris & Deb Bowers** report that Deb's pregnancy is progressing well. The three weeks of bed rest helped considerably. The Bowers will be returning to Deb's home in Australia from July through September for the birth of their first child.

▶ **DGM Rev. Randy Sizemore, Rev. John Friedlund** (Trinity E.C. Boyertown, PA), **Nancie Young and Lucille Putt** will be traveling to Mexico in early April for the E.C.Church's annual conference there. Please keep them in prayer for safety and good health.

▶ Our **2012 VBS Missions Project** is to raise funds for a security fence around the women's dorm at the Evangelical College of Theology in Churachandpur, India. The safety of the students is very important, and the current fence is made only of cut brush. We hope to raise \$10,000 towards this project.

▶ Keep **DGM Rev. Randy Sizemore, Bishop Bruce Hill, Rev. David Swift and Dr. Gordy Lewis** (Susquehanna region CM) in prayer as they travel to India for the national conference of the EC Church of India. Rev. Lalrosiem Songate is finishing his term as General Director, so this is a very important election year for ECCI.

▶ **John Miller** had to have cataract surgery in late March. Pray for complete healing so he can continue to work with wife Carolyn on proofreading Bru scriptures.



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NORTH EAST INDIA

**T**he E.C. Church of India came out of the North East India General Mission (NEIGM) founded by Rev. Watkin Roberts in 1910. Rev. Roberts was instrumental in bringing the gospel to the hill tribes of Manipur, known to be fierce head hunters. Today ECCI is one of the largest evangelical denominations in this region.

ECCI, which is its own National Conference (as is the EC Church-USA) is a confederation of six different tribal groups, or presbyteries. The headquarters is in the town of Churachandpur, Manipur state. Also in Churachandpur is the campus of Evangelical College of Theology, the Bible college associated with ECCI. It trains young men and women from more than 20 denominations to be pastors, church leaders and missionaries. There were 110 students enrolled in 2011.

Rev. L.B. Angam, the Mission Director, oversees the deployment of 195 national missionaries reaching to 31 people groups and 20 languages, both in India and in four other countries, including Nepal and Myanmar.

The current General Director, Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, will be finishing his second term this month and is not eligible for re-election. Please keep ECCI in prayer as they will be electing new leaders for the positions of General Director, Mission Director, and Principal of ECT, along with other committee positions.

The work of training and equipping more pastors and missionaries in Northeast India can only continue with the financial support of our E.C. churches here in the USA. Please encourage your church to put 'International Churches' in your budget as a line item, so that the Gospel can continue to go forth among people of neighboring states and countries.

—Pat Strain



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>  April 1 – Speaking at Christ E.C. Church, Allentown PA – morning service <b>PRAYER</b> Carolyn Saltenberger – retiree living in FL	<b>2</b> John & Carolyn Miller – working with Bru translators	<b>3</b> Dan Dixon – teaching at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	<b>4</b> – Abigail Farr (2007)  Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – finishing a year furlough, return to PNG in July	<b>5</b> Joe Toy – open air ministry in Philly area and at large public events	<b>6</b> – Fern Sweigert*  April 6 – Speaking at First E.C Church, Lebanon, PA Remember the cost of your salvation – Christ died for you	<b>7</b> April 6-9 – Easter Holiday – Church Center closed BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planting in Alcora, Spain
<b>8</b> – Lisa Lakatos   <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Share the Good News!	<b>9</b> – Dorothy Stermer*  Dave Hershey – working with college students at PSU – Berks campus	<b>10</b> E.C. team leaves for Mexico churches' annual conference	<b>11</b> Rev. Elias Martinez – field leader of the E.C. Church of Mexico	<b>12</b> – Deborah Bowers  Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – teachers at RVA in Kenya	<b>13</b> April 10-15 – Travel to Mexico for annual conference of E.C. Church of Mexico Dan & Melinda Moury – serving at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL	<b>14</b> El Retiro Juvenil (children's home) of Mexico – board meeting
<b>15</b> <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> E.C. team returns from Mexico – safety in travel, health	<b>16</b> – Megan Amberman (1993)  April 16 – rest, regroup, repack!	<b>17</b> E.C. team leaves for E.C. Church of India national conference	<b>18</b> Rev. Lalrosiem Songate – General Director of ECCI; finishing his term of service	<b>19</b> Chris & Deb Bowers, serving in PNG – Deb's pregnancy, furlough plans	<b>20</b> April 17-26 – travel to India for annual conference and election of new General Director of E.C. Church of India Rev. Dr. Gordy Lewis – main speaker at ECCI opening ceremony	<b>21</b> Rev. David Swift – chairman of India/Nepal committee –speaker at morning worship service
<b>22</b> <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Bishop Bruce Hill & DGM Randy Sizemore as they speak in morning/ evening services	<b>23</b> Pray for the delegates at ECCI conference as the elect a new General Director	<b>24</b> – Jared Farr (2008)  E.C. team returns from trip to India; safety in travel and good health	<b>25</b> Nick & Lisa Lakatos – church planting in Mexico – plans for returning this summer for year furlough	<b>26</b> Ron & Brenda Anderson – serving with ECMI throughout Europe; living in Spain	<b>27</b> Dave Dick – safety in travel, good health, and stamina as he visits many of OMS's overseas fields	<b>28</b> – Junia Hershey (2011)  April 27-28 – Attend World Gospel Mission conference in Punxatawny, PA
<b>29</b> April 29 – Speak at Seneca E.C. Church, Seneca, PA <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving The Seed Co. in NC	<b>30</b> April 30 – out of office Alejandro Ruiz – retiree in Mexico					

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 4 – Nancy Graff  
 May 4 – Conce Roof  
 May 5 – Valerie Schubert  
 May 6 – Carolyn Miller  
 May 6 – Jamie Farr  
 May 9(1991) – Aaron Toy  
 May 10 – Carolyn Saltenberger \*

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### ANNIVERSARIES

April 4 – Chris & Deborah Bowers  
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