

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **Dan Dixon, Brian & Missy Wagner** are happy to report that there was very little violence in Kenya during the presidential elections this past March. A winner was announced by March 10th, and things have been peaceful so far. Please continue to pray that there are no flare ups, and that the new president will govern fairly.

► **Roy and Sue Haglund** are in eastern/central PA this month for two weeks of intensive deputation, in order to connect personally with their supporters as well as speak in EC churches.

► **Gloria Smethers** has chosen her next assignment after furlough. She will be going to Clermont, FL to work at the AIM Retirement Center located there. Currently there is only one nurse on staff, so another pair of hands would be most welcome! Gloria will be moving in September.

► **2013 VBS Project** – Our VBS project for this year is to raise monies to help our Sagamihara Grace Chapel church put in a ramp and child size bathrooms, so they can expand their daycare facilities. This is a very necessary service, and it is drawing in young mothers and children to the church. The 10-Minute VBS lessons will be posted on our website soon.

► **Randy & Carla Sizemore**, and **Rev. Jim & Kathy Price** will be spending a week in Mexico at the annual conference for the EC churches there. They will also sit in on the board meeting for El Retiro, the children's home, to hear updates about the work going on there.

► **Chris & Deb Bowers** have relocated in Washington. Their new address, effective immediately, is 18110 N. Lidgerwood Court, Colbert, WA 99005. They give praise that daughter Katie's eye problem is not as serious as initially thought.



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The kingdom of Nepal is the world's only Hindu kingdom; however, the constitution guarantees some religious freedom. People can choose their faith, but it is illegal to convert others. An isolated mountainous land, containing 8 of the 10 highest mountains in the world, Nepal is just slightly larger than Pennsylvania and New Jersey combined. The 27,000,000 people represent approximately 95 people groups, but caste is more crucial socially than ethnicity. The capital city of Katmandu has 1,500,000 people.

The main livelihood of the people is from subsistence agriculture, but the chief foreign exchange is earned through tourism. While 75% of the population is Hindu, Buddhists are also well represented at 16%. An estimated 450,000 people are Christians (about 2%). The first group of Christians was formed in 1959. At the climax of persecution in 1990, Christians numbered about 200,000.



The EC Church of India began the EC mission outreach to eastern Nepal, resulting in the planting of 13 churches. We officially inaugurated the EC Church of Nepal in June, 2003. In addition to 13 churches, there are several church plants and a village school being operated by ECCN.

In June, 2003 the churches elected a leadership team of five people to lead this new field of the EC Church, and a church center was established at Dharan, in eastern Nepal. In January 2009 the EC church of Nepal became its own international field. **The field superintendent is the Rev. T. Janga.** Rev. Janga and his wife Mercy care for a number of orphans as well as their own boys at Mercy Home, the orphanage that the EC Church of Nepal has established.

In preparation for one day becoming a national conference, Rev. Janga has led his churches to begin to take on some of their pastors' salaries, as well as tithe to the conference in order to help defray costs. Praise God for this witness among a people long denied the Truth! If you would like to help support the work in Nepal, contact the GMC office. Our email is ecglobal@eccenter.com or call 1-800-866-7584.

–Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 - Mary Reimer * 	2	3	4 - Abigail Farr (2007) 	5	6 - Fern Sweigert * 	
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore		April 2-9 - Trip to annual conference of EC Church of Mexico at El Retiro					
	PRAYER Wes & Mary Reimer, retirees in TX	Randy and US team leave for Mexico - traveling mercies	EC Church USA leadership - direction forward for our denomination	Kurt & Nancy - unexpected trip overseas for five months	Dan Dixon - teaching at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya	Roy & Sue Haglund - two week deputation trip to PA	
7	8 - Lisa Lakatos 	9 - Dorothy Stermer * 	10	11	12 - Deborah Bowers 	13	
PRAYER EC Church of Mexico - working on becoming a National Conference	Pray for our international EC church leaders - some have been threatened	GMC team returns from Mexico - traveling mercies, flights on time!	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - whirlwind deputation tour; safety and health for family	EC Church of Nepal - praise that Rev. Janga was able to visit Liberian churches	John & Carolyn Miller - praise that Bru Bible is ready for typesetting	EC Church of India - pray for over 200 missionaries sent out to neighboring states and countries	
14 April 14 - Speak at the morning service of St. David's EC Church, Weigelstown, PA	15	16 - Megan Amberman (1993) 	17	18	19	20	
PRAYER Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - on furlough from RVA; support needs so can return in August	Randy & Chris Amberman - working with Navajo youth and church leaders in NM	Brian & Missy Wagner - need for car when return in July for a year of furlough from Kenya	Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson - for plans during sabbatical in last half of this year	EC Church planters both here in USA and abroad - wisdom, safety, boldness in the Lord	Rev. Jack Murray - retired but active in CA	20 Chris & Deb Bowers - teaching at Moody Aviation in WA, new location	
21 April 21 - Speak at morning services at Trinity EC Church, Boyertown, PA	22	23	24 - Jared Farr (2008)	25	26	27	
PRAYER Marcia Hopler - cross cultural ministry with IVCF	Pray for the Church to preach the Gospel and not water it down to make it palatable to the world.	Jamie & Anita Farr - praise for new, larger home!	EC Church of Japan - pray for ministry to those still suffering from effects of tsunami	Ken Sears - teaching at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine	David Hershey - student ministry at PSU Berks campus	Pray for persecuted Christians in lands where the Gospel is forbidden	
28 - Junia Hershey (2011) April 28 - Speak at the morning services at Sinking Spring Community Church, PA	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>MAY BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>May 4 - Nancy G. May 4 - Conce Roof May 5 - Valerie Schubert</p> <p>May 6 - Carolyn Miller May 6 - Jamie Farr May 10 - Carolyn Saltenberger *</p> </div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p>April 4 - Chris & Deborah Bowers</p> </div>	
PRAYER Joe Toy - Open air ministry in Philly area and large public events	Kitty Miller - teaching English at Payap University	EC Church of Liberia - growth of discipleship program					

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