

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **The VBS project for 2014** will be to raise monies for a Youth Camp in Liberia. The monies raised will go towards training equipment which will include: generators, computers, video, beds, mattresses and bedding, in addition to giving each child a bible. The children are trained through quizzing, videos, games, and visual aids. Watch for 5-minute VBS lessons to be posted to our website (www.eccenter.com) soon.

▶ **Kitty Miller** is relocating from Thailand to the USA for her next assignment with Wycliffe. Kitty will be living in the Allentown PA area, and her tentative plans are to serve as a recruiter or on home staff with Wycliffe.

▶ **John & Carolyn Miller** are returning to the USA this month for a brief (three month) furlough to touch base with friends, family and supporters. At this time, we do not know if/when they will be in PA.

▶ **David and Conce Roof** are also in the USA for a brief furlough until the end of June. Part of that time will be to see son Andrew graduate from high school and get him ready for college. They are doing some limited deputation during this time, but all dates for PA have been filled.

▶ **David and Emily Hershey** and daughter Junia are getting ready to welcome a new baby boy at the end of this month. The official due date is April 25 (not that it means anything with most babies.) Please keep them in prayer for a safe delivery for both mother and child. David serves as a campus minister with CSF at Penn State Berks campus.

▶ **GM Director Randy Sizemore, Rev. Carlos Kelly, Rev. Lalrosiem Songate,** and another possible candidate will be traveling to El Retiro in Mexico at the end of this month for the annual conference of the EC Church of Mexico and a board meeting of El Retiro. Please keep them in prayer for safety in travel in northern Mexico, and that the meetings may go well.

▶ **Dr. Kenneth Miller and Rev. David Swift** will be going to NE India at the end of this month. Dr. Miller, professor of Theology at Evangelical Seminary, will be a speaker at the EC Church of India Leadership Conference. Rev. Swift, pastor of Zion EC in Myerstown, is the chairman of the India/ Nepal Committee for GMC.



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EC CHURCH OF LIBERIA

The EC Church of Liberia continues to survive and grow, even after 14 years of brutal civil war that reduced the country to rubble. Even now there is very little functioning infrastructure – electricity is sporadic, no real law enforcement, banks open and close at whim, and so on.

In spite of this, our EC churches have grown in number from 39 to about 100 (this includes church plants and churches out in the bush.) The field leader, Rev. Matthew Gueh, has a discipleship program to train pastors and missionaries, and equip them to go out to minister in the cities, towns, and the bush (jungle.)

One of the highlights last year was the visit by Liberia’s president, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf to our St. Paul’s EC church in Monrovia. She was there for the funeral of the mother of Liberia’s famous soccer star, George Weah. Mrs. Weah was a credentialed evangelist with the EC Church of Liberia. This event was carried by all Liberian news agencies, along with very favorable reports of Rev. Gueh’s preaching. When Mrs. Johnson-Sirleaf was elected, Rev. Gueh had led a group of pastors to welcome her and offer their services to help heal the land and people of the deep emotional and psychological scars caused by the civil war. Matthew boldly proclaimed that only Christ could heal the hearts of Liberians.

One of the ways the EC Church of Liberia is helping to heal its people is by rehabilitating some of the former child soldiers. The rebel factions had kidnapped children, given them drugs and guns, and sent them out to kill people. Some of the children were as young as ten. As you can imagine, these children are now struggling to deal with their past and how to fit into society. Rev. Gueh and others are taking these boys into their homes to give them the stable home environment they need.

Our VBS Project for 2014 is to raise funds to help with a children and youth camping ministry. The camp site is used to teach the children the word of God through visual aids, games, quizzing, videos, and other means. The camp needs computers, generators, video equipment, beds, bedding and mattresses, and hopes to put a Bible in the hands of each child. Watch for 5-minute VBS program material to be posted to our website.

Please continue to pray for Rev. Gueh and the EC Church of Liberia as they battle both the physical difficulties of life in Liberia and satanic forces that are trying to prevent God’s work from being done.

–Pat Strain



APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



April 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 - Mary Reimer * 	2	3	4 - Abigail Farr (2007) 	5
	HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore					
		PRAYER Jim Ehrman - Love 146 & Rivendell Institute	Ken Sears - continued prayer for situation in Ukraine and safety	Pray for L. B. Angam, Executive Director of the EC Church of India	Dan Moury - serving as a videographer with Wycliffe at FL headquarters	Pray for Rev. Matthew Gueh, leader of the EC Church of Liberia
6 - Fern Sweigert * 	7	8 - Lisa Lakatos 	9 - Dorothy Stermer * 	10	11	12 - Deborah Bowers 
PRAYER David & Conce Roof - in USA for deputation and son Andrew's graduation	Marcia Hopler - working cross culturally in urban Phila.	Ed & Val Schubert - safety for all work teams coming to Honduras to help with building project	Pray for Rev. Elias Martinez, leader of EC Church of Mexico, and upcoming conference	Jim & Joan Farr - safe return from villages in PNG where they serve as translators	Jim & Janet Stahl - in Asia for training conference for bible story tellers	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - working for LIFE ministries in NY & PA
13 	14	15	16 - Megan Amberman (1993) 	17	18 	19
PRAYER Pray for Rev. Janga, leader of the EC Church of Nepal	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - son Samuel's health, that he'll recover quickly from accident	Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, principal-elect for ECT in India; finishing studies in IN	Gwen Melger - retired missionary in FL - health issues	Kitty Miller - relocating to the USA for continued ministry with Wycliffe	We remember with gratitude and humility the price paid for our sins	Pray for EC Church of Japan as they prepare to apply for National Conference status
20 	21	22	23	24 - Jared Farr (2008) 	25	26
PRAYER We serve a risen Savior! Thanks be to God!	Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe, leader of the E. C. Church of Japan	Pray for Randy & group as they travel to Mexico for conference	David Hershey - he & wife Emily expecting baby boy any day now	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at headquarters in ID	Pray for Mercy Home in Nepal as they must find another place for orphans before August	Pray for the meeting of the El Retiro Children's Home board
		April 22-29 - Trip to Mexico with US and international delegation for annual conference and El Retiro board meeting.				
27	28 - Junia Hershey (2011) 	29	30	APRIL BIRTHDAYS May 4 - Nancy G. May 4 - Conce Roof May 5 - Valerie Schubert May 6 - Carolyn Miller May 6 - Jamie Farr		
PRAYER Gloria Smethers - nurse at AIM retirement center in FL	Pray for our church planters in USA and abroad, safety and success	Safe return for Randy and EC-USA delegation from Mexico	Rev. Don & Kathryn Kunkel - retired missionaries in Idaho	ANNIVERSARIES April 4 - Chris & Deb Bowers		