

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Janet Baker**, a retired missionary who had served under Wycliffe Associates and lived in TX for many years, has relocated to PA. Janet is living with her daughter and son –in-law. Her new address is: 59 Crestview Drive, Lebanon, PA 17042. Janet is a member of our Lititz Trinity EC Church.

▶ We offer our condolences to **Jim & Joan Farr, and Jamie & Anita Farr**, along with their extended families, on the passing of Jim's mother/Jamie's grandmother, Charlotte Farr on July 30th. A memorial service was held in mid-August to allow Jim and Joan time to come back from Papua New Guinea, where they had just returned after a year of furlough.

▶ **Ron and Brenda Anderson** are in the USA on sabbatical until mid-January. They are taking a course at the US Center for World Missions in Pasadena, CA from now through mid-October.

▶ **David Hershey** had the opportunity to lead a group of Penn State psychology and education major students to serve in Newtown, CT. The group held Camp Noah, a week-long day camp that teaches children resiliency skills with a focus on reliance on God. Most Camp Noahs take place following natural disasters; this one was unique in taking place after the shooting in Newtown. Many parents commented that it was the most meaningful thing that had been done for their children.

▶ **David & Conce Roof** came to the USA for a brief visit last month to get son Andrew settled in for his senior year in high school and to visit colleges for next year following graduation. Time flies!

▶ **Jim & Janet Stahl** were excited to reconnect recently with a former student from their storytelling seminars. This young man has been telling Bible stories in his country to girls who have been trapped in the sex trade. While hostile to attempts to be friendly, the girls eagerly listened to the stories and wanted to hear more. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts to hear and know the Truth that will set them free.

▶ **Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus** had to delay their return to RVA in Kenya by a week due to the fire that broke out at the Nairobi airport in early August.



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## KNOW BY HEART

**W**hen I was in school (back in the Middle Ages), memorization was a big part of learning. In elementary school we had to memorize everything from multiplication tables to poetry. As I entered high school, we had to memorize a soliloquy from one of Shakespeare's plays for English Lit class. In my first year of high school French we had to memorize entire dialogues (we didn't use textbooks!)

In Sunday School, we were encouraged to memorize portions of scripture. That was how I 'earned' my first Bible. In all these instances, I was told to 'know it by heart.' That made me start thinking; what does it mean to know something 'by heart'? The dictionary of idioms states that it means to know something perfectly.

That is how God knows us; perfectly, completely. No one else can really know us 'by heart' as God does. No one else can know our hearts as God does. Our goal in life then should be to know our Lord 'by heart' and make our hearts perfectly in tune with His. The closer we walk with our Heavenly Father, the more like Him we strive to be, the more we will know Him 'by heart.'

*"I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord.  
They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they  
will return to me with all their heart." – JEREMIAH 24:7(NIV)*

–Pat Strain

SEPTEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

FACILITATING MISSION WORKERS  
EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES  
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# EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



# SEPTEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>HERE AND THERE</b> - Randy Sizemore  <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Best wishes to Jeremy & Kristen Kunkel, who are leaving missionary service to become full time students	2 Be thankful for the opportunity to work and for those who provide necessary services	3  - Laura Whitaker (2012) <b>Tuesday evenings Sept. 3 - Dec. 10</b> - teaching Missions Course at Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown, PA  Randy Sizemore - teaching a missions course at Evangelical each Tues. evening this fall	4 Rev. Lalrosiem Songate returns to USA to continue his Ph.D. work at Concordia Seminary in IN	5  - Aiyana Ehrman <b>Sept. 5-9</b> - Pick up Lalrosiem Songate at airport and drive him back to Indiana	6 Jim & Joan Farr, serving in PNG with SIL. Pray for Jim and extended family on recent passing of his mother	7 David & Conce Roof - serving as church planters in northern Brazil with OMS
8 <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the EC Church of Liberia, and Rev. Matthew Gueh, field leader	9 Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at headquarters in ID	10 Teaching Missions Course at Evangelical Seminary  Congratulations to Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown - training pastors & leaders for 60 years	11 Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - translators in PNG among Binandere people	12 Rev. & Mrs. Don Kunkel - retirees in ID	13  - Gwen Melger* <b>Sept. 13</b> - India/Nepal Committee meeting in afternoon	14 Pray for the EC Church of Nepal, and Rev. Th. Janga, field leader
15 <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Jim & Janet Stahl - training native language storytellers to tell Bible stories	16 Nick & Lisa Lakatos - still seeking support to return to ministry in Mexico	17 Teaching Missions Course at Evangelical Seminary  Ed & Val Schubert - working with children and women's ministries in Honduras	18 Jim Ehrman, serving with Love 146 and Rivendell Institute at Yale	19 Gloria Smethers - settling into new job as staff nurse at AIM Retirement Center in FL	20 Marcia Hopler - cross cultural expert with IVCF in Philadelphia area	21 Pray for persecuted Christians, especially those caught in the unrest in the Middle East
22 <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the EC Church of Japan and Rev. Nobuo Abe, field leader	23 Gwen Melger - retiree in FL	24 Teaching Missions Course at Evangelical Seminary  Pray for our EC church planters, both in USA and abroad	25 Dan & Melinda Moury - serving with Wycliffe at FL headquarters	26 Pray for the EC Church of Mexico, and Rev. Elias Martinez, field leader	27 Rev. & Mrs. Nobuo Abe, field leaders of Japan, arrive for short visit in USA	28 <b>Sept. 27 - Oct. 7</b> - host Rev. Nobuo and Keiko Abe, field leaders of EC Church of Japan  Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with The Seed Company in NC
29 <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the EC Church of India, and Rev. L. B. Angam, General Director	30 Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - serving with LIFE Ministries in NY	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> <small>* INDICATES RETIREE</small> September 3 - Dave & Celia Dick September 3 - Ron & Brenda Anderson September 3 - Ed & Val Schubert		<b>OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS</b> October 7(1996) - Adam Schubert    October 11 - Mary Ellen Davis * October 8 (1997) - Hannah Lakatos    October 12 (1995) - Andrew Roof October 10 - Chris Amberman		