

PRAYER REQUESTS (cont.)

- Pray that Katie and Emily have been able to catch up with their school work, after being away for six months. Chris and Debbie have been homeschooling, but the girls missed starting with their new classmates this past fall. Pray that they can feel comfortable with their new teachers.
- That we (Chris & Deb) would take advantage of every opportunity God gives us to be His light in our neighborhood and community.

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ Be in prayer for **Rev. Ted Rathman and Rev. Rick Sergi** as they finish their week+ long trip to Liberia to be present for the annual conference of the EC Church of Liberia. Pray for safety, health, and an uneventful trip home. Also that they won't get stuck somewhere at an airport on the way home due to bad weather!

▶ Please continue to keep **Janice Stoltzfus** in prayer as she recovers from the effects of the chemo and immunotherapy treatments for her breast cancer. She is doing well, but still tires easily.

▶ **A note from Joe Toy** - I want to express my thanks to you for your sacrificial giving to our Christmas stocking project for 2019. Approximately seven hundred stockings were placed into our hands by thirteen EC churches. Also, many hats, gloves, socks and scarves were contributed and have been passed out to our friends in Camden. About 120 children and parents were blessed to hear the gospel at both locations. A big thanks goes out to our friends from Faith EC Church in Lancaster for making the trip to Philly to assist us. It was a blessing to have Pastor Dave Long and some people come from the Lenhartsville EC Church to assist us. They also contributed a number of blessing bags, which will be given out to our homeless friends in Camden. Thanks for being a part of our support team.

In closing, I want you to know that this will be the last year for our Christmas stocking project. Thanks for making this project such a big success in spreading the gospel to needy communities in Philly over the years. Continue to keep us in your prayers as we spread the gospel in the Philly area and beyond. God Bless. Joseph Toy, Jr.

▶ Also keep **Joe Toy** in prayer as he finishes up ministry at the Super Bowl in Miami (January 29-February 3) and heads down to New Orleans for Mardi Gras (February 18-27.) At Mardi Gras in particular, there is always a threat of violence due to the excessive drinking that goes on.

▶ **Kurt G.** was hospitalized in mid-December with a case of acute pneumonia. He responded well to the medications, but due to his heart issues, there are ongoing concerns. Please keep Kurt and Nancy in prayer as both have had serious health issues this past year.

▶ **Dr. Juliana Leshner**, currently serving as the National Director of Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy, has notified us of yet another move. In order to be closer to her office, Juliana moved in January. Her new address is: 2101 16th St. NW, Apt. #103, Washington, D.C., 20009. She notes that this is her 32nd move. That's a lot of packing and unpacking!

▶ Please keep **Yoriyoshi and Emiko Abe** in prayer as they anticipate the birth of their second daughter in early March. Pray that all will go well and both mother and baby will be healthy. Their oldest daughter Kanae is anxious to be a big sister! The Abes are church planters in the Ebina City area outside of Tokyo, Japan.

▶ Many of our **missionaries and international workers** seem to be struggling with health issues. Please pray for healing and for the Holy Spirit to protect them against any spiritual attacks, especially while they are physically weak.



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Chris & Debbie Bowers

Chris was born into a Christian family and grew up in Allentown, PA. With an early interest in aviation, and a small push from God through a friend, he began thinking about a career as a missionary pilot. After three years of training, Chris joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in 2004, and headed to Papua New Guinea as a missionary pilot at the end of that year.

Deb spent all her elementary years living in Papua New Guinea where her parents served as MAF missionaries. Even as a child, Deb knew she wanted to help people come to know Jesus. To this end, she completed a teaching degree and eventually attended Bible College in Sydney, Australia, before joining Wycliffe Bible Translators in 2006.

Chris and Deb met in Papua New Guinea in 2006, and were married April 4th 2009, in Australia. Chris served there for almost eight years, flying missionaries to remote villages, while Deb taught Science and coached sports at the MK school there.

In 2012, Chris and Deb were sent on loan to help train new Missionary Pilots through the Moody Aviation Program in Spokane, WA. They remain members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and are financially supported through their supporters.

In Chris' work as a flight instructor, he is involved in preparing and teaching ground school classes, flight instruction in various types of aircraft, debriefing students, writing exams with grading and follow up of results, meeting with students in small group and chapel.

Deb seeks opportunities to help student wives as they prepare for the mission field. She looks after our two daughters and also serves through our local church in a lay counseling role as well as helping with various kids and women's ministries.

The partnership of the EC Church through Global Ministries Community has played a vital role in enabling Chris (and now also Deb) to be involved in God's work. You are a blessing and encouragement and a witness of God's presence among you, shown in your love for the family of God all over the world.

SOME PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Debbie's health. She has been suffering from severe migraines for most of the past year. She had relief for a while, but now the headaches have returned and are more frequent and severe than before.
- Wisdom for Chris, as he is in charge of all the students and instructors in the 4th year of flight training.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

ANNIVERSARIES

February 6 – Rev. Dan & Melinda Moury
February 21 – Jim & Joan Farr
March 8 – David & Conce Roof

BIRTHDAYS

March 6 – Dr. David Dick
March 9 – Joan Farr *

*DENOTES RETIREE

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PRAYER NEEDS
Pray that **our missionaries** will have good health and stamina to complete their work

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PRAYER NEEDS
Cassie Wells – still having some health issues, and need for more support for her campus ministry

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Dan & Mary Lynne Willis – serving at JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC

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Kitty Miller – retired but very active missionary in the Lehigh Valley, PA area

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Pray for the **EC Church of Liberia**, that their annual conference will be a time of unification and peace

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Ed & Val Schubert – working with children and women in two locations in Honduras

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Pray for **Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe**, as they prepare for ministry in France to Japanese expatriates

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Jim & Janet Stahl – training Bible story tellers in oral cultures in Asia and Africa

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PRAYER NEEDS
Pray for **Rev. Ted Rathman and Rev. Rick Sergi** as they return from their time in Liberia with our EC churches there

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Pray for **Capt. Noel Blancaflor**, Air Force Chaplain, serving in California

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Pray for the **EC Church of Nepal**, as they continue to boldly share the Good News despite militant Hindu leadership in their government

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Pray for **Rev. Jeff Byerly**, Ministerial Development Associate, working with men interested in full time ministry in the EC Church

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BJ & Rachel Whitaker – that recent community outreaches will have results in Alcora Spain and surrounding areas

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Happy Valentine's Day!
Share God's love with someone today

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Pray for the **EC Church of Latin America**, as they reach out to neighboring states with the Gospel

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PRAYER NEEDS
Rev. Ken Sears – teaching, preaching and administrator at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine

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Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – serving with LIFE Ministries in NY & pastoring in St. Clair, PA

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Rev. Joe Toy – prayer coverage for safe travel and personal safety at Mardi Gras ministry through the 27th

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Pray for the **EC Church of Japan**, as they seek to impact their country for Christ, especially during summer Olympics

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Wes & Mary Reimer – retired missionaries living in Florida

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Pray for **Bishop Bruce Hill** as he works on plans for National Conference in May

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Gloria Smethers – serving at AIM Retirement Center in FL; helping retired missionaries

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PRAYER NEEDS
Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – SIL translators in Papua New Guinea, working with the Binandere language group in Nindeware village

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Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – working at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya

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Pray for the **EC Church of India**, as they prepare to select a new General Director in April at their annual conference

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Ash Wednesday – Signals the beginning of the Lenten season, as our Savior looks at fulfilling his mission on earth

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 – Roy Haglund *
– Jonathan Wilson

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Pray for the **persecuted church**, especially in North Korea where believers are actively pursued

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