

► **SAVE THE DATE!** – **The Delaware Region Mission Brunch** will be held Friday, March 11th at the Perkins Restaurant located at 3400 Lehigh Street in Allentown, PA. The brunch is Dutch treat and begins at 10 a.m. Rev. Randy Sizemore will be bringing updates on our fields and missionaries, including his recent trip to Liberia. Reservations are requested. Please contact Pat at the GMC office (1-800-866-7584 or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com) by March 3rd.

► Praise! **Dan Dixon** received the biopsy report on the cyst he had removed from his ankle, and it was not cancerous. The doctor is going to review the MRI to see if they can find a cause, but it may have been just a post injury reaction. Dan is healing well and walking well.

► **Roy and Sue Haglund** are coming to PA for a deputation swing next month (April 3-17). Their Sunday mornings are booked, but they still have Sunday evenings and some weekdays/nights available. If you would like to have them speak at your small group or bible study, contact Pat at the GMC office (1-800-866-7584 or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com.)

► Congratulations to **Rev. G. Abraham Powell**, who was elected the new leader of the EC Church of Liberia. The election was held at the end of January at the national conference for our EC churches of Liberia. Global Ministries Director Rev. Randy Sizemore, his wife Carla, Rev. Ralph Owens of Royersford and Rev. Rick Sergi from Bethlehem were along to witness this historic moment.

► Pray for **Yoriyoshi and Emiko Abe** as they prepare to open their church plant in the town of Ebina, Japan where they live. Their goal is to begin services on Easter Sunday. Pray also that they can find a way to impact their community in a manner that will show people the love of Christ.

► The **EC Church of Mexico** will hold their annual conference the last week of March and the first weekend of April. Pray for GMC Director Rev. Randy Sizemore and Rev. Carlos Kelly as they are part of that conference. The EC Church of Mexico is on track to apply to become a National Conference in 2017. So far the EC Church of India and the EC Church-Japan have already achieved that status.

► Just a reminder that **there will not be a Mission Minded Kids Rally this spring**. The MMK Committee is taking a year off to regroup and evaluate whether this has been an effective method of reaching our children with information about missions, or if we should consider alternative methods. If your church has participated in the past and has any ideas or input, please email to the GMC office at ecglobal@eccenter.com. We will forward your comments to the MMK Committee. Thanks!



Restoration Business

There are probably a half dozen or more TV shows that demonstrate ways to take old furniture, garden tools, miscellaneous objects, and recycle them into new items. Old windows are painted and used for chalkboards, broken dressers are made over into bathroom sink cabinets, drawers are turned into shelves, etc. If an item can't be fixed so it can be used for its original function, it is 'repurposed' into something new and usable.

But the concept of not throwing something away when it was worn or dirty or not able to function as it should started long ago. It started with the Garden of Eden. When God created Adam and Eve, they (and by extension, we) were made to be in fellowship with our Creator for eternity. When sin entered the picture, that connection was broken.

Yet God did not give up on his creation. He didn't toss us aside, saying "Back to the drawing board for a newer, better model." He lovingly crafted a plan to bring us back to Him, one that involved a huge personal sacrifice, the life of the one and only begotten Son. In doing so, He provided a way for the hearts, souls and minds of all who have given in to their sin nature to be fully restored, both to fellowship and status as sons and daughters of the Most High God.

Those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior can claim 'new and improved' status. We not only have been restored to full fellowship with our Creator Father, we have been repurposed to share the Good News with the world. All around us are people who have been broken by circumstances and bad choices; many thrown away by the world as human litter with little or no value. But Christ sees these through different eyes; he sees their potential to be restored to the family.

This month we will again celebrate the death and resurrection of the One who loved us enough to die for us. Let us share that love with a world that so desperately needs to know there is a loving God who sees their true worth, and has a purpose for them.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." (II CORINTHIAN 5:17-20a, NIV)

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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL BIRTHDAYS April 1 – Mary Reimer* April 5(2007) – Abigail Farr April 9 – Dorothy Stermer* April 12 – Deborah Bowers		1	2	3	4	5
		PRAYER NEEDS Chris & Deb Bowers – in Australia for several months to visit friends, family & supporters	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – settled in PA, pray for health and safety during travels for deputation in this winter weather	Ed & Val Schubert – stamina to keep up with the four work teams that started arriving in mid-January and continue into the middle of March	Dan Dixon – praise that ankle healed well and Dan can go back to teaching/coaching duties	Pray for the persecuted church worldwide , but especially in areas controlled by ISIS
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
– Rev. David Dick 			– Joan Farr 			
PRAYER NEEDS Ken Sears – teaching at Zaporozye Bible College in Ukraine. Pray for health and stamina during harsh winter weather	Ron & Brenda Anderson – preparing for a major church planting seminar next month; over 150 people expected	Global Ministries Commission Spring Board meeting – pray for wisdom regarding restructuring	Pray for newly elected field leader of the EC Church of Liberia, Rev. Abraham Powell . Pray for his leadership team as well	Jamie & Anita Farr – serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators at the headquarters in Orlando, FL.	Delaware Region Missions Brunch – Perkins Restaurant, Allentown, PA	Pray for the outreach ministry of our Mexican EC churches in southern Mexico to indigenous tribal people
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				– Rev. Ron Anderson 	– Rev. Randy Sizemore 	
PRAYER NEEDS Beth Grimm – continuing to heal from back surgery; trying to take it easy as per doctor's orders (not so easy!)	Gwen Melger – retired missionary in Florida	Pray for Evangelical College of Theology in NE India – that they may continue to train future leaders for the Church	Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Navajo youth and churches	Pray for the EC Church of Mexico , as it continues to move forward in the process of becoming a National Conference	Gloria Smethers – serving as staff nurse at AIM Retirement Center in Clermont, FL	Pray for Bishop Hill and the leadership team of the EC Church-USA as they work on details of the restructuring
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
– Donovan Stoltzfus (1998) 				– Marcia Hopler* 		– Cheynee Schubert (2005) 
PRAYER NEEDS David & Conce Roof – church planters serving under OMS in northern Brazil. Pray for health due to the spread of Zika virus.	Pray for the new church plant in Japan scheduled to open on Easter Sunday- Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe will lead	David Hershey – campus minister with Christian Student Fellowship, serving at PSU-Berks campus	Pray for Rev. Th. Janga , leader of the EC Church of Nepal. Pray for wisdom in approaching authorities to get road built	Brian & Missy Wagner – teacher and administrator at Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya	Christ went to the cross for our sins	Pray for the EC Church of India , as it prepares for the election of a new General Director next month
27	28	29	30	31		
				– Kathryn Kunkel* – B. Micah Wagner (2001) 	<small>*DENOTES RETIREE</small>	
PRAYER NEEDS Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!	Kurt G. – coming east in May to do some deputation, connect with supporters	Share the good news of Christ with at least one person today!	Rev Don & Kathryn Kunkel – retired missionaries in Idaho	Pray for wisdom in upcoming elections in the USA – for God's choice as a future leader	ANNIVERSARIES March 8 – David & Conce Roof March 22 – Joe & Wendy Toy March 25 – David & Emily Hershey April 4 – Chris & Deborah Bowers	