

► Keep **John and Carolyn Miller** in prayer as John continues to receive chemo treatments for prostate cancer. He has been doing well and is over half way through the treatments. The Millers are retired and living in Houghton, NY.

► **CORRECTION** – **Joe Toy** was not at Daytona Beach in February; he was at the NBA All Star Game in mid-February between the Super Bowl in Texas and Mardi Gras in New Orleans. He went to Miami in mid-March for a little over a week to do open air ministry to college students on spring break.

► **David & Conce Roof** give praise that the necessary funds were available to put windows into the third floor of their church building, which is still under construction. The building has been enclosed and each floor was used as it was finished, but the plan was always to add more floors as needed. The third floor concrete was poured and interior walls finished, but without windows and the rainy season starting, a lot of that work could have been damaged. So the windows were a necessity and a blessing. Another praise is the couple currently staying in Brazil with Roofs and helping with their ministry; the husband with construction and the wife with Conce in children's ministry.

► **Jim and Janet Stahl** have spent the first quarter of the year traveling to South Asia and northeastern Africa to conduct training sessions for Bible story tellers. The idea is to train people how to tell the stories of the Bible to those who either can't read or don't have the scriptures in their heart language. The hope is that eventually their language group will have translated scriptures, and then be able to read the stories. In the mean time, many have come to the Lord by hearing the spoken Word, just as in New Testament times.

► **Ed and Val Schubert** give praise that they were able to expand the work of Casa de Luz to a second campus in their hometown of Zambrano in Honduras. They are operating four days a week, with three full-time Honduran employees leading the program. Their three missionary interns assist, and a full time Honduran Christian psychologist divides her time between the two campuses.

► **Rev. Ken Sears** will be pulling double duty while his friend, Vladimir Gorbenko, is on sabbatical. Vladimir is the Academic Dean of Zaporozhye Bible College and pastor of the church where Ken goes (when he isn't preaching elsewhere), so keep Ken in prayer for good health and stamina to take on this extra work in addition to his own duties.

► **Rev. Ron and Brenda Anderson** spent the last half of March and will spend most of this month (April) with their daughter Jenny and her family in northwestern USA. Jenny was due in mid-March with grandchild #5.



INDIA

India is the second most populated nation on earth, consisting unofficially of over 6,000 distinct people groups. It is ranked among the top 10 industrial nations of the world because of a booming computer industry. This economic success, however, has not extended to the general population; less than one quarter of the



population is employed in industry. The large majority of Indians still depend on agriculture as their main income source. And with an average income of only \$620 (US Dollars) per year, poverty is prevalent in this unique nation.

Hindi is the official national language of India but English actually dominates the business, governmental, and legal arenas. Most educated Indians speak English but across India there are at least 400 different languages spoken. Illiteracy is a huge problem in India.

More than 80% of Indians practice Hinduism and almost 13% are Muslim. Although full religious freedom is protected officially, religious extremism is rampant in India, fueling a dangerous climate of persecution, especially toward Christians.

Sensitive to the fact that each region of the India has its own unique culture, the E.C. work in India exists primarily in the state of Manipur, located in the hills of Northeast India. Ministering to the local tribal groups whose traditions are closely related to the Burmese (Myanmar) culture, the E.C. church has had a presence in India since 1966. About 35% of the local Manipur population is Christian.

Committed to reaching the world for Christ, the Evangelical Congregational Church of India (ECCI) has six conferences, with a total of about 60,000 members. ECCI's department of Missions and Evangelism ministers in the neighboring states and countries of the region. Evangelical College of Theology, the Bible College and Seminary of ECCI's members also trains men and women from over 20 different denominations and faith traditions.

EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						1 - Mary Reimer* PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of India and its leader Dr. Kaitinkap Vaiphei
2	3	4	5 - Abigail Farr (2007)	6	7	8
PRAYER NEEDS Gloria Smethers – nurse at the AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, FL	Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan	Pray for the persecuted church , especially in the Middle East	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving at JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC	Kitty Miller – retired but active in the Lehigh Valley PA area	Rev. Ken Sears – preaching & teaching at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia and its bishop, Rev. G. Abraham Powell
9	10	11	12 - Debbie Bowers	13	14	15
PRAYER NEEDS BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planters in Alcora, Spain. Pray for connections with neighbors and softening of hearts in this nominally Catholic country	Ivy Limbert, candidate – that she can raise remaining funds to leave in July for training in Germany	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – Bible translators in Papua New Guinea. Recently returned from Nindewari village.	Rev. Dan Dixon – teacher & coach at Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya	Pray for EC Church of Mexico leaders as they make final preparations to join the EC Church-USA at National Conference in May	For God so loved the world...	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – ministering through LIFE Ministries in NY/PA, and pastoring in PA
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Christ the Lord is isen today! Hallelujah!	Pray for the EC Church of Nepal and its leader, Rev. Th. Janga and his wife Mercy	John & Carolyn Miller – retired missionaries in NY	David & Conce Roof – praise that funds to put windows in 3rd floor of church were available	Rev. Joel Copeland, Chief of Chaplain Services at Lebanon PA Veterans facility	Pray for the EC Church – Japan and its leader, Rev. Nobuo Abe	Joe Toy – open air ministry in the greater Philadelphia area, as well as at national events
23	24 - Jared Farr (2008) - Elijah Hershey (2014)	25	26	27	28 - Junia Hershey (2011)	29
PRAYER NEEDS Jim & Janet Stahl – training national story tellers to accurately share Bible stories in their heart language	Brian & Missy Wagner – teachers/ administrators at Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya	Jim & Joan Farr – preparing for trip to USA next month	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – Janice's ongoing treatments, deputation schedule	Cassie Wells, candidate – support raising to begin her campus ministry	Ed & Val Schubert – praise for expanded ministries in hometown of Zambrano, Honduras	Pray for the Community Associates of the E.C. Church
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PRAYER NEEDS Pray for EC church planters , both in the USA and abroad						

MAY BIRTHDAYS
 May 4 – Nancy G. May 6 – Carolyn Miller
 May 4 – Conce Roof May 6 – Jamie Farr
 May 5 – Valerie Schubert May 13 – Cassie Wells +

ANNIVERSARIES
 April 4 – Chris & Deborah Bowers
 *denotes retiree
 + denotes candidate