

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Randy Amberman** once again is participating in the Passion Play put on in the Four Corners area of NM. This is a community effort by a number of churches and is done as an outreach to the community.
- ▶ **Beth Grimm** spent a week in Mexico at Oaxaca Christian School from March 15-24. She and another teaching diagnostician were testing MK's to see if they had learning disabilities and if so, developing a teaching program for them. Beth returned just in time to be a speaker at the Delaware Region Missions Brunch. She is a very busy lady!
- ▶ **Ed & Val Schubert** recently launched a new program for preteens and teens at their Zambrano location in Honduras. Called Defenders of the Light, the Schuberts started the pilot program by inviting 24 boys and girls to participate. The response has been overwhelming, and they give praise for how God has worked out all the details.
- ▶ **Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus** will be back in the USA for part of this month, but they are not here to do any deputation. Janice was given permission by her doctors to return to Rift Valley Academy in Kenya with the condition that she returns every two years for thorough testing and checkups. Please keep them in prayer for safe travel and good test results.
- ▶ **Kurt G. (and possibly Nancy)** will be in the central PA area in late May/early June. Kurt is available to speak in churches or to bible study groups, youth groups, etc. about his work with Caf  1040. Please call the GMC office if you want to have Kurt bring an update about his work and the exciting progress that's being made.
- ▶ **Dan Dixon** would appreciate prayers as he sends out r sum s to various schools in search of a teaching or administrative position for the fall. Dan has decided to return to the USA permanently after RVA's graduation in July.
- ▶ **David Hershey** and two other advisors took a group of 15 Christian Student Fellowship volunteers to Chicago during spring break last month. A trip is planned each year which involves a service project as well as some time learning and digging deeper into the Scriptures. This year the group will spend a lot of time on the streets, getting to meet people who live in the inner city.
- ▶ Congratulations to **David Roof** on finishing his post grad courses and graduating at the end of March. It is never easy to fit in continuing education when you are working full time, especially on a foreign field. Well done, David!
- ▶ Please keep **Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe** in prayer as they transition this month from church planters in Japan to working with Japanese expatriates in France. Jessica will be working with her former denomination, while Tomoyuki will be serving as a missionary with OMF (Overseas Missionary Fellowship.) For more information about this new and exciting field of service, read their article in the upcoming Spring/Summer edition of [Window on the World](#).
- ▶ **Chris & Deb Bowers** will be in eastern PA from July through December. They have some open dates yet for speaking; specifically July 21-September 1, and all of December. Call the GM office if you want to make arrangements for the Bowers to come and share about their aviation ministry.



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LIBERIA

Liberia, Africa's oldest republic, was devastated by civil war in the 1990's that lasted over a decade. It is estimated that over a quarter of a million people were killed, while thousands more fled to neighboring countries. Just when the country was beginning to get back on its feet, it was nailed with another disaster, this time a medical

one. The deadly Ebola virus cut a large swath through the Liberian population, killing over 11,000 people. It took three years to eradicate the deadly disease.

Through war, disease and other crises, the EC Church of Liberia has been the hands and feet of Christ to its neighbors. After the civil war, the EC Church leadership arranged for families to care for many of the children left orphaned by the war. They also set up rehabilitation centers for some of the child soldiers, young boys who were kidnapped, given drugs and guns, and told to kill. Then President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf commended the leadership of the EC Church for their part in the recovery of the war torn nation.

Both during and after the Ebola epidemic, the EC Church of Liberia has been active in working with the communities around EC churches. The leadership taught people how to clean affected areas as well as protect themselves when working with infected people. EC Church-USA sent monies that were used to buy bleach and other cleaning agents to help out.

Current bishop Rev. Abraham Powell has started a literacy initiative for the Bassa speaking communities, of which most of our EC churches are comprised. Because so much of the infrastructure of Liberia was destroyed during the civil war, there is an entire generation that has not had the opportunity to go to school. Rev. Powell's vision is to train teachers who will then go out and begin literacy classes in our EC churches, using the Bassa bible as a text book. In this way, people will not only learn to read, they will learn by reading God's Word.

The Liberian EC churches recently held their annual conference, and we are excited to hear what other initiatives they hope to put into place to reach Liberia for Christ. Although the country is nominally Christian, Islam and other religions are making inroads into Liberia. Please keep Rev. Powell and his leadership team, as well as our churches there, in prayer.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>- Mary Reimer *</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>- Abigail Farr (2007)</i>	6
	PRAYER NEEDS Pray for our international church leaders , as they deal with adverse socio-economic situations while seeking God's will for their congregations	David & Conce Roof – serving as church planters with OMS in northern Brazil	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – serving at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya	Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill as he continues to work with the leadership team on preparations for National Conference	Pray for Rev. Les Cool , Kingdom Extension Associate, as he provides resources for churches to reach out to their communities	Rev. Jim & Bonnie Bound – retired but still active in Vermont
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>- Deb Bowers</i>	13
PRAYER NEEDS Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe – church planters in Ebina area of Japan. Pray for a new, larger site for ministry; they are outgrowing their current facility	Dan Quigley , missionary candidate, working with children in Nicaragua – safety as there are still pockets of rioting	Keep the EC Church of Nepal in prayer, as they continue to boldly share the Gospel in spite of threats from the government	Roy & Sue Haglund – retired MAF missionaries living in Idaho	Cassie Wells – campus ministry with Disciple Makers at Kutztown University and Cedar Crest College	Keep the EC Church of Japan in prayer as they send Tomoyuki and Jessica Abe out as their first missionaries, to serve in France	Ken Sears – serving in Ukraine – praise for good preaching/ teaching session in Armenia recently
14	15	16	17	18	19 	20
PRAYER NEEDS BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planters in Alcora, Spain – praise for cooperative and open spirit of local Catholic priests	Jim & Janet Stahl – trainers with Wycliffe/SIL - leading workshops in Bible storytelling among native peoples	Keep the EC Churches of Mexico in prayer as they deal with the constant threat of violence from the drug cartels in their area	Ed & Val Schubert – serving in Honduras. Praise for good start to new preteen/teen program!	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – translators in Papua New Guinea – newly returned from their Binandere village	Remember the price paid for your salvation	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia , as it continues to minister to communities devastated by war and disease
21	22	23	24 <i>- Jared Farr (2008)</i> <i>- Elijah Hershey (2014)</i>	25	26	27
He arose, he arose, Hallelujah! Christ arose! 	Pray for the persecuted church, especially in southern Sudan , where violence against Christians is being revived	Brian & Missy Wagner – teachers and administrators at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya – plans for furlough	Dan & Mary Lynn Wills – working for Wycliffe at JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – counseling with LIFE Ministries as well as pastoring in St. Clair, PA	Pray for Evangelical College of Theology in Churachandpur, as they train the next generation of pastors and missionaries	Joe Toy – open air ministry in greater Philadelphia area as well as special events
28 <i>- Junia Hershey (2011)</i>	29	30	BIRTHDAYS May 4 – Nancy G. May 4 – Conce Roof May 5 – Valerie Schubert May 6 – Carolyn Miller * May 6 – Jamie Farr May 13 – Cassie Wells		ANNIVERSARIES April 4 – Chris & Deb Bowers	
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of India as they continue to reach out to surrounding states and countries	Gloria Smethers – nurse at AIM retirement center in FL – need for another nurse	Pray for opportunities to share the love of God with a neighbor, friend or family member who doesn't yet know Jesus as Savior			*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE	