OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

• Apologies for missing **Jonita Wilson** as a graduating senior this year. Jonita graduated in June from Ukarumpa International School in Papua New Guinea, where her parents Jonathan and Kathy serve as translators with Wycliffe-SIL. She will be attending Cornerstone in Grand Rapids, MI this fall. Congratulations Jonita!

Summer may barely be here, but some folks have to plan ahead. **Dave Hershey**, who serves as a campus minister at Penn State Berks campus, is asking for folks to help him with the preparation of goody bags for new students arriving on campus in late August. For a specific list of what can and cannot be included, go to our website at <u>www.eccenter.com</u>, look under Structures, then GMC, then Mission Workers. Under Dave's bio, you will find a pdf you can print out. Or you can email to Dave at <u>campusminister_dave@yahoo.com</u>.

• Jonathan and Kathy Wilson arrived in the USA in late June to begin a year of home assignment. They will be living in the New York area from July until the end of December. Contact the Global Ministries office if you need their mailing address. Their email address will remain the same.

• We were thrilled to have **Rev. Janga and Mercy** join us for National Conference at Messiah College in late May. They have now returned to Nepal and are dealing with the need to find a new place to live. The house they were renting was damaged in the earthquake, and their family (Janga, Mercy, five children and eight orphan boys) were all living on the first floor. However, building inspectors are coming through and checking on facilities, and they have been told they must get out. Many times Hindus will not rent to Christians, so please pray that they can find suitable housing. Also <u>pray that the VBS offerings will raise the \$20,000 they need</u> to build a stable home/church center for their family and the orphans. This is an urgent prayer request!

Congratulations to retired missionaries Art and Mary Ellen Davis who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Kenya. A number of their friends, children and grand-children were there to celebrate with them.

• Jim and Janet Stahl recently spent a couple of weeks in PA (late May-early June) to catch up with friends and family as well as do some deputation. They give praise that their part of Texas was not inundated with the recent flooding in that state, especially since they were in PA at the time. Finding your house underwater is not a good way to come home from vacation!

Ron and Brenda Anderson are finishing up a four month home assignment at the end of July. Along the way, they helped three relatives pack and move to new locations, while Ron also did a fair amount of speaking from SC to IN, including MD, PA, OH and IL. They are looking forward to returning to Spain and staying put for a while!

David, Conce and Andrew Roof will be coming to the USA for a brief home assignment as well. They arrive in late July and will be staying until mid-October. David is accepting some speaking engagements, but his calendar is filling fast. Contact the GMC office if you want him to speak in your church. Phone 1-800-866-7581 or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com.



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Riding for Liberia

any of us read in horror of the toll that the Ebola virus took on western Africa, particularly Liberia, where we have over 35 E.C. churches planted. We solicited your prayers and you responded, also giving funds so we could help our Liberian church leaders provide food and shelter for their people.



One of our pastors, Rev. Ralph Owens of Trinity E.C. Church, Royersford, PA, decided to be more pro-active. An avid cyclist, Ralph had been part of the 'Launch Liberia' ride to National Conference a few years ago. This time he decided to make a much bigger commitment. Ralph

and a friend, Steve Lockhoff, will be riding their bicycles from Seattle, WA to St. Louis, MO during the months of June and July to raise support to Help Stop Ebola in Liberia.

Though media reports indicate no new cases of Ebola in Liberia, this is only true for cities like Monrovia and along the coast. The situation in the interior, which is largely inaccessible, is a different story. While our Ebola Response Team members have been doing what they can to distribute medical and food supplies, it is nearly impossible to carry all the necessary items in by foot to these remote villages.

Ralph and Steve have partnered with the Global Ministries Commission to raise funds to purchase a heavy duty four wheel truck that can transport the large quantities of supplies needed plus response team members into the interior. The goal is \$20,000. These two men are giving up two months of their lives to do this ride and covering their own expenses. What will you do to help? You can find more information on this project and can donate through our website, <u>www.eccenter.com</u>. On the main page, look at the right hand channel and click on **Help Liberia Bike Tour**. This will show you the many ways you can give; in addition you can purchase a Help Liberia T-shirt or golf shirt. Or mail a check payable to Global Ministries Commission and note in the memo section "Help Liberia Bike Tour." All funds will go towards the goal of purchasing the truck to help our E.C. people in Liberia.

> You can follow Ralph and Steve's daily progress on their blog at <u>https://helpliberiabiketour.wordpress.com</u>, or on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/helpliberiabike tour</u>.

Please keep them in prayer for safety and health during this grueling endeavor to help our brothers and sisters in Liberia.

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