

▶ **Jamie & Anita Farr** and their four children participated in their first family mission trip to Cat Island during the end of June/beginning of July. From all accounts it was a grand success. What a great way to spend a family vacation!

▶ **The Farris** also drove up to PA in early July and are returning to home in Orlando, FL by the beginning of this month (August.) Keep them in prayer for safe travel and that their van will make the round trip without any emergencies.

▶ **Joe Toy** is once again collecting school supplies and knapsacks to distribute to underprivileged inner city children. However, he needs all supplies by August 7<sup>th</sup>. If you want to participate or want more information, please contact Joe at [Oamphilly@aol.com](mailto:Oamphilly@aol.com) or go to his website, [www.oamphilly.org](http://www.oamphilly.org) for details.

▶ Please keep **Joe Toy** in prayer as he does beach evangelism this summer: Ocean City, MD from August 1-5 and then 19 -20, Rehoboth Beach, DE on August 9-11. Pray for traveling safety and open hearts to hear God's Word.

▶ **Gloria Smethers** wants to remind everyone that her correct email is now [gloria.smethers@aimint.org](mailto:gloria.smethers@aimint.org). The old email address with aimint.net will no longer be active after September. Please correct your records.

▶ **Chris Amberman** returns home early this month to New Mexico and hubby Randy after six weeks in PA, doing deputation and visiting friends and family. She is grateful for all who kept her in prayer for safe travels both ways.

▶ **REMINDER - The VBS Project** for this year is to raise \$10,000 to assist the Bethel Church in Rio Bravo in providing a safe place where they can conduct children's programs. The existing patio needs a roof and chain link fence to provide security for the street children so they can learn and not be afraid. If you have already held your VBS program, please forward the monies collected as soon as possible so our churches in Mexico can move forward with the IGLE Kids training program; thank you!

▶ The **2016-2017 MMK Lessons** are now available on our website. This year's focus is on our work in Mexico. To access the lessons, go to [www.eccenter.com](http://www.eccenter.com) and look at the right hand channel. Just click on the MMK Lessons - Mexico and you will be taken to the correct page. You can download the seven lessons individually or the entire group.

▶ **David Hershey** is looking for folks to put together goodie bags for students coming to PSU-Berks campus this fall. There are specific requirements as to what can and can't be put in the bags, and they need to be dropped off by mid-August at a church in Reading area. For more details contact Dave at [campusminister\\_dave@yahoo.com](mailto:campusminister_dave@yahoo.com).



## Robert and Bettina Schaeffer

**R**obert is a native of St. Clair, PA, and a graduate of Lebanon Valley College (1984) with a B.A. degree in history. He taught social studies at the Salzburg International Preparatory School (Salzburg, Austria) from 1984-88, before attending Evangelical School of Theology 1988-1992, where he earned an M.Div. degree. After serving on the pastoral staff at Palmyra First E.C. Church and as pastor of Harrisburg Faith E.C. Church, he moved to New York City (1995) to be part of L.I.F.E. (Living in Freedom Eternally) Ministry. Since moving to NYC, he has served as director of a senior center and supervisor of a ground crew at LaGuardia Airport. He currently serves as a counselor at L.I.F.E. Ministry during the week, and as supply pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in St. Clair, PA on weekends.

Bettina is a native of Bad Homburg, a suburb of Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany. After graduation, she entered into a banking career, and also pursued her interest in modern dance. She emigrated to New York City (1994) to pursue further education in dance. Since arriving in New York City, she worked as a cater-waitress, receptionist and administrative assistant. In 2010 she received certification as a Pilates instructor, and currently teaches classes and individual sessions in New York City and St. Clair, PA. She has a ministry of evangelism primarily to women whom she meets through Pilates and informal contacts.

Robert and Bettina met at L.I.F.E. ministry and were married in August, 1998. They currently reside in Astoria, Queens (NYC), commuting to Pennsylvania on weekends.



# EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



# AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <small>*DENOTES RETIREE</small>
	<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for <b>Yoriyoshi &amp; Emiko Abe</b> as they reach out to Japanese people through the Garden Church plant</p>	<p><b>Roy &amp; Sue Haglund</b> – serving at MAF headquarters in ID; helping to train new group of missionaries</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>District Field Directors</b> as they work with their churches to facilitate a spirit of unity and community</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>various activities at our camp meetings</b> this summer</p>	<p><b>Beth Grimm</b> – leading a vision tour to Guatemala where she served in years past</p>	<p><b>GMC work team</b> to Camp LIWA in AK leaves today – pray for traveling mercies</p>
7	8 <small>– Sierra Farr (2010)</small>	9	10	11	12	13
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Jim &amp; Aiyana Ehrman</b> – getting settled in PA, Jim's new position with Evangelical Seminary</p>	<p><b>Marcia Hopler</b>, retired missionary but mighty prayer warrior, living in Philadelphia</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Liberia</b>, as it continues to minister to a country still fractured by the aftermath of civil war and epidemic</p>	<p><b>Gloria Smethers</b> – serving as staff nurse at AIM Retirement Center in FL – new director begins this month</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Bishop Bruce Hill</b> as he works with his new leadership team to help the EC Church move forward</p>	<p><b>Rev. Joel Copeland</b> – serving as the Chief of Chaplain Services at Lebanon PA VA Med Center</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Mexico</b> as they try to implement their IGLE Kids program for at risk children</p>
14	15 <small>– John Miller</small>	16	17 <small>– Katelyn Bowers (2012)</small>	18	19	20
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for the <b>EC Church of Nepal</b> – pastors have been experiencing more persecution lately; pray for personal safety</p>	<p><b>John &amp; Carolyn Miller</b> – as they continue to adjust to living in the USA after decades overseas</p>	<p>Pray for our <b>church planters</b>, both in the USA and abroad, that they may plant seeds and see fruit</p>	<p><b>VBS Project</b> for this year – to raise monies to create a safe teaching space for street children in Mexico</p>	<p><b>Jane Heck</b>, retired missionary but very active in her home church in Ohio</p>	<p><b>Rev. Joe Toy</b> – prepares to hand out school supplies to inner city children</p>	<p><b>GMC work team</b> to Camp LIWA returns today from Fairbanks, Alaska</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Robert &amp; Bettina Schaeffer</b> – working with LIFE Ministries in NY &amp; PA; pastoring in St. Clair, PA – safety in travel from NY to PA and back</p>	<p>Pray for all <b>Missionary Kids</b> heading to boarding school or college, away from family for the first time. Pray for good friends and good experiences.</p>	<p><b>Jim &amp; Joan Farr</b> – serving as Bible translators/ linguists with the Baruga and Korafe people of PNG</p>	<p><b>Lamar &amp; Janice Stoltzfus</b> – at Lititz missionary apts for a year of home assignment – helping Donovan get ready for college</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>EC Church- Japan</b>, as they seek ways to reach the communities around our churches and church plants</p>	<p><b>Dan &amp; Melinda Moury</b> – serving as videographer at Wycliffe headquarters in FL – balancing work and family</p>	<p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of India</b> as they continue to seek ways for the six presbyteries to work together in harmony</p>
28	29	30 <small>– Rachel Wagner (1995)</small>	31	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><b>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</b>                      August 3 – Jim &amp; Bonnie Bound *                      August 10 – Jim &amp; Aiyana Ehrman                      August 13 – Jonathan &amp; Kathy Wilson                      August 18 – Roy &amp; Sue Haglund                      August 22 – Robert &amp; Bettina Schaeffer</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><b>SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</b>                      September 3 – Dave &amp; Celia Dick                      September 3 – Ron &amp; Brenda Anderson                      September 3 – Ed &amp; Val Schubert</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>                      September 3 (2012) – Laura Whitaker                      September 5 – Aiyana Ehrman                      September 13 – Gwen Melger *</p> </div> </div>		
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate</b> and his return to Evangelical College of Theology in India</p>	<p><b>Jim &amp; Janet Stahl</b> – Bible story tellers doing training seminars in SE Asia</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Christian teachers</b>, that they may be able to share their faith without backlash</p>	<p>Pray for <b>GMC Director Rev. Randy Sizemore</b> as he plans for fall schedule of mission events</p>			