

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ The annual **Pastors' Luncheon** for pastors of the Delaware/Susquehanna regions will be held Friday, October 20th in the Commons of Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown, PA. The meal begins at noon and is free to all pastors and their wives; however, registration is necessary so we can have an accurate count. Please call the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584 or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com by **October 6th** to let us know if you are coming.

▶ The **Susquehanna Region Missions Brunch** will be held Saturday, October 21st at Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown, PA. This is open to anyone who wants to hear an update on our EC international churches and missionaries. This event is 'Dutch treat' (meaning you pay for your meal©) but we do need reservations in order to give the restaurant a head count. Again, please contact the GMC office (1-800-866-7584 or ecglobal@eccenter.com) by **October 6th** to let us know how many are coming. Thank you!

▶ This year **Chris Bowers** has taken on the additional responsibility of supervising 5th year flight instructors and students, in addition to being an instructor himself, at Moody Aviation in Washington. Keep him in prayer for time management with this extra duty, as well as being a husband and father to two young girls.

▶ **Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus** will remain in the USA through July of 2018. While Janice has finished her chemo treatments, she does have other on-going treatments she must take to prevent the return of the cancer. They will remain in the missionary apartments in Lititz, PA. Lamar (and Janice if she is up to it) is available to speak in churches and small groups throughout the coming year. Contact the GMC office if you would like to arrange for the Stoltzfuses to share at your church.

▶ **Joe Toy** had the opportunity to go to London, England for open air evangelism at the World Athletic Championship, held there in early August. As a bonus, son Adam, who is stationed over there with the Air Force, was able to join his dad in ministry for the week.

▶ Congratulations to **Cassie Wells**, who has received her assignment with Disciple Makers, the mission agency under which she will serve. Cassie will be doing campus ministry at Kutztown University in PA. She is looking for an apartment or room to rent in that area, to help keep her costs down. If anyone is aware of any opportunities, please contact Cassie at wells@dm.org.

▶ As many of you know by now, our EC churches in Nepal suffered a great deal of loss in mid-August due to heavy flooding. At last count, two church buildings were seriously damaged and 11 EC church families have lost their homes. GMC sent monies in late August from our **World Emergency Fund** to help. However, that fund is depleted and the needs continue. If you would consider sending a donation marked "World Emergency Fund", payable to Global Ministries, it would help us to be prepared for the next emergency that comes up.

▶ We give praise that none of our EC missionaries were directly affected by the recent flooding of the **greater Houston/gulf coast of Texas**. However, that state will be dealing with the repercussions for a long time. Please keep the people of Texas in prayer, as well as seeing where and how you can help.



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MEXICO

The EC Church in Mexico was an outgrowth of the ministry started decades ago by Miss Mae Royer to orphaned children. Many of the orphans aided by Mae eventually went into the ministry, and started planting churches along the northern Mexican border. Today we have 12 active churches and several church plants in northern Mexico.

Under the direction of recent field leader Rev. Elias Martinez, the churches began cooperating together more. At the same time, the leadership realized that not all the pastors had as much Bible and pastoral training as they should. Elias started a training program for the pastors; the conference still has periodic seminars and continuing education for the pastors and wives.

With the turnaround in direction and purpose, it became evident that Mexico was well on its way to becoming its own national conference. GMC Director Rev. Randy Sizemore and Rev. Martinez worked together on the requirements and over the last several years, the churches have fulfilled them.

Earlier this year the EC Church of Mexico officially applied to the National Ministry Team of the EC Church-USA to have National Conference status. That request was approved, and at the annual National Conference held in late May at Messiah College, the EC Church of Latin America was officially granted the status of a national conference. Mexico is the third international church to become a national conference; they join India and Japan. They asked that their name be listed at the EC Church of Latin America, since they have the vision to reach out to not only other states in Mexico, but also other countries in Central America.

Rev. Martinez finished his term as field director and passed the baton to Rev. Juan Zuniga, who became the first Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America. His installation was celebrated in late July in Mexico, with an EC-USA delegation there as well. Rev. Zuniga's goals are: to expand missions to truly reach Latin America, group churches into districts to foster cooperation/synergy and emphasize the need for training through their Bible institute.

You will be able to read more about this in the fall/winter issue of the Windows on the World. Please keep the churches and leadership of our newest National Conference in your prayers.

Pat Strain



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PRAYER NEEDS Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – Wycliffe/SIL translators working with the Binandere people in Papua New Guinea; currently in village	2 Ed & Val Schubert – ministering to women, children, and families in Honduras. Also safety for their workers	3 Pray for Dr. Juliana Leshner , Chief of Chaplain Services, South Texas VA System	4 Pray for our pastors and churches in Nepal ; still recovering from the damaging floods in August	5 BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planters with ECMI in Alcora, Spain – safety in light of recent attacks in Spain	6 Pray for Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe , church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan – need for larger facility	7 – Adam Schubert (1996) Pray for Rev. G. Abraham Powell , bishop of the EC Church of Liberia
8 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC churches of Northeast India , that they may continue the outreach to other states	9 Brian & Missy Wagner – teachers/ administrators at Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya	10 – Chrisanne Amberman Pray for Rev. Th. Janga , field leader of the EC Church of Nepal	11 – Mary Ellen Davis* John & Carolyn Miller , retired missionaries in Houghton, NY	12 Pray for our EC churches in Japan to continue ministry to surrounding communities	13 Joe Toy – open air evangelism in greater Philly area and at national events	14 Pray for Rev. Juan Zuniga , Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America
15 PRAYER NEEDS David & Conce Roof , church planters with OMS in northern Brazil. Safety in Moju River ministry.	16 – Brian Wagner Pray for the EC churches in Liberia , that they may bring stability to their communities, decimated by war and disease	17 Pray for the GMC Board meeting today as they plan for the coming year	18 – Rev. Jim Bound* Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe , Chairman of the EC Church of Japan	19 Pray for the National Ministry Team , meeting today to discuss work of EC denomination	20 Pastors' Lunch today at Evangelical Seminary; free to all but please register!	21 – Josiah Moury (2004) The Susquehanna Region Missions Brunch – Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown
22 PRAYER NEEDS Jim & Janet Stahl – training Bible story tellers in Asia and Africa to accurately tell God's stories in their native languages; trying to relocate to Bethlehem, PA	23 Ken Sears – teaching, preaching, administrative work at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine	24 Pray for Rev. Kaitinkap Vaiphei , General Director of the EC Church of India	25 Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – ministering in NY and PA with LIFE Ministries and pastoring in St. Clair PA area	26 Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving at JAARS Center in North Carolina with Wycliffe/The Seed Company	27 Gloria Smethers – nurse at AIM retirement center in FL. Health and stamina to deal with patients' needs	28 – Brandon Farr (2006) Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – keep Janice in prayer as she continues to recover from cancer and chemo treatments
29 – Rebekah Moury (2009) PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted Church – Syrian Christians who have been driven out of their country	30 Gwen Melger – retired missionary in FL	31 Pray for the safety of our pastors and churches in Mexico since drug violence is increasing	AUGUST BIRTHDAYS November 2 – Barbara Erb* November 3 – Rev. Joe Toy, Jr. November 8 – Jane Heck* November 14 – Art Davis*		ANNIVERSARIES October 16 – Jim & Janet Stahl November 1 – Kurt & Nancy G.	

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