OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

EC Church Japan would appreciate your prayers for the Franklin Graham Crusade in Tokyo this month from the 20th-22nd. **Yoriyoshi Abe** will be participating as a translator. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will move mightily in the nation of Japan to bring people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior.

Dave Dick spent several weeks in September teaching about Islam at the OMS seminary in Haiti. Islam has already migrated to that country, and during the course Dave and his pastor students visited the local imam to discuss each other's religions.

Joe Toy is once again looking for people to contribute filled Christmas stockings for Joe and his helpers to distribute to needy inner city children in December. Instructions on how to make the stockings and what to put in them can be found on Joe's website, www.oamphilly.org. The stockings must be delivered to Joe by December 1st. Please do not bring the stockings to Church Center. If you have questions or need more information, contact Joe at (610)583-2266.

Rev. Robert Schaeffer was part of a panel discussion offered jointly by Grace EC Church Lancaster and The Gathering entitled "Where to Stand on Shifting Sand: Questions, Answers, Dialog and Prayers in the Midst of a Gender Confused Generation." Other panel members included pastors, counselors, and attorneys. This is a subject that will affect our churches more and more in the future.

BJ and Rachel Whitaker will be returning to the USA next summer for a brief furlough. They need a 2 or 3-bedroom apt/house to rent in the Lebanon/Lancaster County area (preferably southern Lebanon to northern Lancaster Counties) for the months of June, July and August. If you know of any place, please contact Pat at the GMC office (1-800-866-7584) or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com. Thank you!

Congratulations to Sarah Wilson, oldest daughter of Jonathan and Kathy Wilson, on her engagement to Brady Nash. The wedding is sent for mid-December in Washington state. Sarah also graduates this December, so it will be a very memorable month for the Wilson family!

Former missionaries **Will and Connie Wright** want to thank everyone for their prayers during Will's recent accident and long recovery. He was able to go back to work part time the third week of September, long before the doctors expected. Praise the Lord for His healing! Will still has a ways to go, but is doing well.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MISSIONARIES: This is the annual reminder for individuals or churches who wish to give monetary Christmas gifts to our EC missionaries. If the missionary serves overseas, it is better to give the monetary gift through either the GMC office or the mission agency with which the missionary serves. Cashing checks overseas always costs the recipient a lot in fees, plus it may open your check to being altered and cashed for a much higher amount than you intended. That's if the missionary even receives the check.

If the missionary is in the USA, either permanently or on furlough, then feel free to mail the card, check or gift directly to them. If you need current mailing addresses, contact Pat at the GMC office for that information. Thank you!

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DAVID HERSHEY

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ello from the Cyber Cafe at Penn State Berks where coffee on Tuesday costs whatever the temp is when they open up in the morning. So come visit me in February and you may get a coffee for like six cents! I'll buy. For those unfamiliar, my name is Dave Hershey and I work in campus ministry at the Berks campus of Penn State. I run an organization called Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) that is a chapter of the Christian Student Foundation of PA.

We meet for Bible study and prayer on Thursday nights and do a variety of other activities throughout the year: men's and women's small groups, retreats, spring break mission trip and more. Throughout the year a strong community of college students forms, centered on Jesus Christ. The students desire to reach out in love to their peers and also appreciate the support they get in their Christian walk from other members of CSF.

Sometimes, after ten years, I wonder how long I can do this work. But the truth is, I love college students! I love talking to college students about everything from movies and books to sports and weather. Most of all, I enjoy talking about the things that matter most: God, Jesus, salvation and faith.

My wife Emily and I live in Wyomissing with our two kids: Junia (age 4) and Elijah (age 1). Emily is a teacher at Wilson High School where she is a Reading Specialist. Junia likes preschool, making art and Sofia the First. Eli likes eating tomatoes and Graham crackers and being tickled. God bless.

Pat Strain

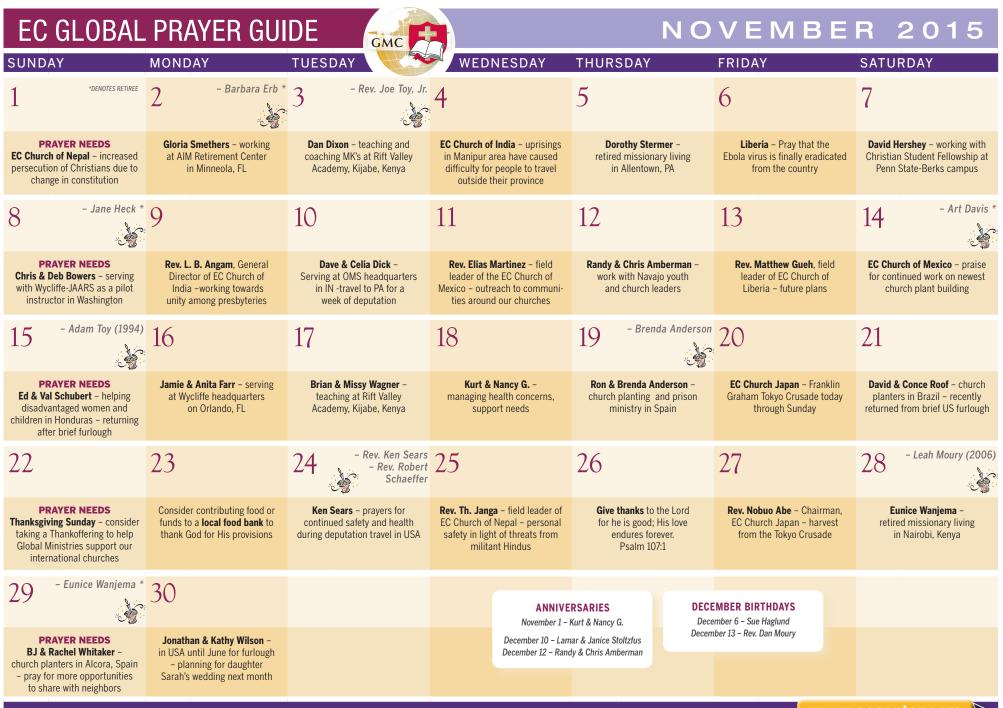
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