

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Dan Wills** has returned to service with JAARS as of November 1st. His mailing address is the same, but his email is now dan_wills@jaars.org. (Please note: there is an underline between 'dan' and 'wills' in the address.)

▶ Congratulations to **Chris and Deb Bowers**, who are expecting their second child in May. Daughter Katie recently had to have tubes put in her ears, but she is doing well and walking much better.

▶ As most of you know by now, **Randy and Carla Sizemore** are moving to Dixon IL in mid-December to pastor our Bethel EC Church in addition to being GMC Director. This shared ministry position was approved in October by the National Ministry Team. There will be an article explaining in more detail in our next [Window on the World](#). Please keep Randy and Carla in prayer as they relocate and begin a new, additional ministry while continuing to serve our missionaries, international churches and US churches. Pat Strain will remain in the GMC office in Myerstown. Randy's email and cell phone number will remain the same.

▶ **Randy and Carla** will be coming east to PA several times a year. **Randy's free dates** for speaking in churches next year are:

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| March 2 – p.m. | May 25 – a.m. & p.m. |
| March 9 – a.m. & p.m. | September 7 – a.m. |
| March 12 – all day (Wed) | October 19 – a.m. & p.m. |
| May 18 – a.m. & p.m. | |

▶ REMINDER – The Christmas stockings for **Joe Toy** should be delivered to him by December 1st. Do not bring them to Church Center! You will need to make arrangements with Joe for a pick up location if you can't get them to his house.

▶ We have learned that retired missionary **Dorothy Stermer** had a serious heart attack recently. She is currently in an assisted living facility. Her address is 2232 29th Street SW, Ste. 1, Allentown, PA 18103. Please drop a note of encouragement to her.



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MOVING DAY

People move for many reasons: new job, change of climate, or downsizing after the kids leave home. As I write this, my boss Global Ministries Director Randy Sizemore and his wife Carla are packing up their house in preparation for a move from Myerstown, PA to Dixon, IL. Randy will be embarking on a shared ministry, serving as lead pastor to Bethel EC while continuing in his current role as GMC Director.

That made me wonder what it must have been like for Jesus. As the preincarnate Son of God, he moved through heaven and commanded all authority. Then, he 'moved' to earth, setting aside his glory to arrive in the form of a human infant, helpless, relying on mortal human parents for his care and well being. What must it have been like for the High King of Heaven to be lying on straw and surrounded by animals? Who among us would want to move from the glory of heaven to the turmoil of earth?

Jesus knew that his time on earth was limited; he knew he would be moving 'back home' after his mission was accomplished. Before he left, Jesus gave instructions that all believers are to follow – spread the Good News to the entire earth.

As mortals, our time on earth is limited. Unlike Christ, we don't know how long we have, but we need to remember our dwelling place here is temporary. We need to be about our Father's business, so when we move to our eternal address, we will hear the coveted words, "Well done." As the Apostle Paul writes, "Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." (II Corinthians 5:1, RSV) We need to keep our house in order, so we can be ready when our moving day arrives.

"Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life." (II CORINTHIANS 5:2-4, RSV)

–Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1 HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore Dec. 1 & 2 - finishing Leadership Training Seminary in Churachandpur, India PRAYER NEEDS Eunice Wanjema - retired missionary in Kenya	2 Consider doing a service project in your town in the name of Jesus	3 Dec. 3 - leave for Delhi with Rev. Angam, ECCI General Director, to meet rest of EC team and travel to Nepal EC team leaves for Nepal - pray for flights to go as planned	4 Pray for our EC church planters, both in USA and abroad	5 BJ and Rachel Whitaker - planting a church in Alcora, Spain	6 - Sue Haglund  Dan Dixon - serving at RVA in Kenya; need for more support	7 Pray for the MK's who will be spending the holidays separated from family		
8 PRAYER NEEDS Kurt G. - praise for continued recovery of knee and leg; financial support need	9 Joe Toy - Christmas stocking handout in needy Philly neighborhoods	10 Dec. 10 - leave Nepal, arrive in USA on the 11th EC team leaves Nepal to return to USA - pray for safety in travel	11 Team arrives in USA after overnight travel from Nepal-praise!	12 Pray for the EC Church of Liberia and the need to train pastors and church leaders	13 - Rev. Dan Moury  Fern Sweigert - retired missionary in KY; wisdom for family to know what is best	14 Pray for the EC Church of Japan as it moves toward becoming a National Conference		
15 PRAYER NEEDS Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - serving as Director of Operations and teacher at RVA, Kenya	16 Dec. 16 - Moving day to Dixon, IL! Randy & Carla move to IL - pray for safety in travel and that everything arrives on time and intact!	17 Brian & Missy Wagner - busy with deputation, need for a second car, support needs	18 Chris & Deb Bowers - new baby on the way, need for increased support	19 Kitty Miller - serving at Payap University in Thailand. Future plans to relocate to USA next spring	20 Randy & Chris Amberman - working with Native American youth and church	21 Pray for the EC Church of India as it continues to minister in surrounding Hindu provinces		
22 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Mexico as it continues to grow in spite of the drug wars	23 John & Carolyn Miller - finishing Bru New Testament in Thailand	24 Office closed for Christmas  Rev. Lalrosiem Songate - spending holidays/Semester break with family in India	25 "Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!"	26 Pray for the EC Church of Nepal, growing in spite of persecution	27 Jamie & Anita Farr - Jamie's new position as Director of Mobilization for Wycliffe	28 - Janet Stahl  Pray for the persecuted church around the world		
29 PRAYER NEEDS Ron & Brenda Anderson - preparing for return to fresh ministry in Spain in mid-January	30 Pray for the leadership of the EC Church USA - Bishop Hill, our conference ministers	31 - Gloria Smethers  Office closed for New Years	ANNIVERSARIES * INDICATES RETIREE December 10 - Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus December 12 - Randy & Chris Amberman				JANUARY BIRTHDAYS * INDICATES RETIREE January 2 - Jim Farr January 3 - Lamar Stoltzfus January 5 - Jim Stahl January 8 - Celia Dick January 10 - Dan Wills January 11(1994) - Alyssa Stoltzfus	