

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Nick & Lisa Lakatos** and family will be returning from Mexico this month to begin a one year furlough. They will spend the first week of June at OMS headquarters in IN for debriefing, then return to their home in western PA. They will be available for deputation while raising support to return to Mexico. Please call Carla at the GMC office if you wish to schedule them to speak.

▶ **Ron & Brenda Anderson** are finishing up a brief time in the USA for meetings/deputation and some family time. They return to Madrid, Spain at the end of this month.

▶ **Chris and Deb Bowers** will be leaving for Australia next month until after their baby is born, then in October they will go to Moody Aviation Institute in Washington before coming to PA for November and December. In January, they will return to Moody for a two-year assignment while Deb works on getting her US citizenship. The Bowers are in need of more support due to the baby and the extended stay in the USA. If you can help, please contact the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584.

▶ We lost one of our missionary retirees recently. **Miss Marion Albright** went home to be with the Lord in March. She had served faithfully in Africa for many decades.

▶ **The 5-minute VBS lessons** are now available on our website, www.ecglobal.org. You can download them, or call the GMC office if you want a hard copy.

▶ Congratulations to the newly elected leaders of the **EC Church of India**. The new General Director is **Rev. L.B. Angam**, and the new principal of Evangelical College of Theology is former General Director **Rev. Lalrosiem Songate**. Please keep these men in prayer as they step into new leadership roles.



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YOU'RE THE MAN!

Throughout the scriptures, the name of King David is revered as a 'man after God's own heart.' God even chose to have the Messiah, His only son, be born into David's lineage as a way of showing His love for David.

Yet David was far from perfect. II Samuel 11 recounts the tale of David's adultery with Bathsheba. When his plan to cover his tracks didn't work, David resorted to murder, then took Bathsheba as a wife. Nathan the prophet came to David and told him a story of how a wealthy man stole a poor man's only sheep to entertain guests. David's anger was palpable; 'Tell me who did this and he will be punished' he seethed to Nathan. The prophet looked the king right in the eye and said "You are the man!" At once, David understood what Nathan meant; his sin had not escaped the notice of Jehovah. As a result, his infant son paid the price for his father's guilt. Not a very good example of fatherhood! But David repented and sought God's forgiveness. He went on to become one of Israel's greatest kings.

The importance of the role a father plays in the lives of his children can't be overestimated. Our society is seeing more and more children growing up with absentee fathers, so they have no role model on how to be good parents themselves, especially young men. As we celebrate Father's Day this month, encourage the men you know to be strong spiritual leaders in their families, and to train up their sons and daughters to know the Lord. One of the best gifts a father can pass on to his children is that of a strong Christian heritage to help them navigate life. Pray that they will 'be the man' after God's own heart, as David was long ago.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." -PROVERBS 22:6

-Pat Strain

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | <p>JULY BIRTHDAYS July 7 – Jim Ehrman July 9 – Rev. Dan Dixon July 13 – Rev. Kurt G. July 15(1999) – Hannah Wagner</p> <p><small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small></p> | <p>ANNIVERSARIES June 15 – BJ & Rachel Whitaker July 14 – Dan & Mary Lynne Wills</p> <p><small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small></p> | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| <p>June 3 - Speak at Cressona E. C. Church – morning service</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Ken Sears – that new visa process will go smoothly so he can remain in Ukraine</p> | | <p>– Hannah Moury (2002)</p> | <p>– Bonnie Bound * – Kent Ehrman (2000)</p> | | <p>HERE AND THERE – Randy Sizemore</p> <p>PRAYER Rev. Nobuo Abe, leader of the E.C. Church of Japan</p> | <p>Pray for the persecuted church around the world, especially in closed countries</p> <p>– Rev. Nick Lakatos</p> |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| <p>June 9 -10 – Drive to Youngstown, OH to speak at morning service</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving with the Seed Co. in NC.</p> | <p>– Wendy Toy</p> June 11 – Cabinet meeting (afternoon) <p>Pray for our camps as they begin their summer programs</p> | <p>– Leah Sizemore (1991)</p> Eunice Wanjema- retiree in Kenya | <p>John & Carolyn Miller – praise that John's cataract surgery went well</p> <p>Please pray for the financial concerns of the GMC</p> | <p>David & Celia Dick – serving with OMS in USA and abroad</p> <p>BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planting in Alcora, Spain</p> | <p>Joe Toy – safety in travel to large public events for open air evangelism</p> <p>Marcia Hopler – working for IVCF in Philly area</p> | <p>Dave Hershey – campus ministry at Penn State Berks campus</p> <p>Rev. L.B. Angam – new Director of the E.C. Church of Northeast India</p> |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| <p>– Ed Schubert – Miriam Whitaker (2010) June 17 – Speak at Weissport St. Peter's and Berlinsville – morning services</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Be thankful for Christian fathers</p> | <p>– Melissa Wagner – David Roof</p> Jamie & Anita Farr – serving at Wycliffe headquarters in FL | <p>– Wesley Schubert (1992)</p> Rev. Elias Martinez, leader of the E.C. Church of Mexico | <p>– Wesley Reimer *</p> Dan Dixon – preparing for 6 month furlough in July | <p>– Janice Stoltzfus</p> Pray for our MK's who are graduating and will be moving away | <p>– Kitty Miller</p> Janet Baker – Wycliffe retiree in TX | <p>←.....</p> <p>Pray for the E.C. church plants and restarts in the USA</p> |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| <p>– Rachel Whitaker</p> ←..... June 23 -28 – Leave for You Lead at Camp ECCO, and speaking in OH churches→ <p>PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Matthew Gueh, leader of the E.C. Church of Liberia</p> | <p>– Bettina Schaeffer</p> Ron & Brenda Anderson return to Spain after brief time in USA | <p>Rev. Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe – church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan</p> | <p>Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – preparations for one year furlough in USA</p> | <p>Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Native American youth</p> | <p>Rev. Th. Janga – leader of the E.C. Church of Nepal; new church plants</p> | <p>Chris & Deb Bowers – preparing for trip to Australia and upcoming birth of baby</p> |