

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ Congratulations to **Dave and Emily Hershey** on the safe arrival of their son Elijah William on April 24th. He joins big sister Junia who just turned three a few days later. Dave serves as a campus minister at Penn State-Berks campus.

- ▶ Congratulations to **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** on the birth of their granddaughter Sojourn Wilson on April 26th! She is the daughter of Justin and Kelsie Wilson, and joins big brother Tadgh.

- ▶ It is with sadness that we announce the homegoing of retired missionary **Fern Sweigert**. Fern served for over 30 years as a missionary teacher at the Canyon Falls mission school, and continued to serve in the church and community after the school closed. She was called home on May 5th. Services were held in KY and PA.

- ▶ **Brenda Anderson** broke a toe in early May and had to have a cast put on her foot. Ouch! Ron was out of the country at the time at a conference. Pray for a quick healing and mobility while she's recuperating.

- ▶ Congratulations to MK's **Andrew Roof** and **Adam J Schubert**, both graduating from high school this year. Andrew is the son of David & Conce Roof (Brazil) and will be attending Messiah College in Grantham, PA and AJ is the son of Ed and Val Schubert (Honduras) and will attend Nicolette Bible Institute in Wisconsin. Congratulations also to **Leah Sizemore**, daughter of GMC Director Rev. Randy and Carla Sizemore) who graduated from Cairn University last month (formerly Philadelphia Biblical University) with a dual degree in Science and Bible, and a Master's in Education.

- ▶ Many thanks to those who have given to the need to help our churches in **Liberia** relocate people due to the ebola virus. The need was \$10,000; to date over \$4500 has been sent to help our Liberian leadership provide alternate housing, food and medicine for those who needed to leave infected areas. Most of those who needed to be relocated were women and children. If you would like to help with this emergency need, please send your check marked 'World Emergency Fund' to Global Ministries, 100 W. Park Ave., Myerstown, PA 17067.



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Worthy of Their Wages

Some people may wonder why we give an honorarium to missionary speakers when we already send them regular support. Recently several of our E.C. missionaries who have gone out speaking while on furlough in the USA, have told me in private that some of the churches where they have spoken have not offered any honorarium, not even gas money. The perception seemed to be that missionaries are already 'paid', so there doesn't need to be any compensation offered.

Please allow me to correct this misperception. Our missionaries have to raise all their support plus ministry funds that are needed for them to perform on their fields. In addition, all our missionaries serve under non-denominational mission agencies, which charge between 10-25% of the gross support income to cover the agency's operating costs. In addition to all the taxes and health insurance that we all pay, those missionaries serving on foreign fields also have to have monies set aside for taxes that are paid to the host country, and extradition monies (in case they need to leave the country in a hurry.) All this means that the figure you may see for a missionary's monthly support level is not what they receive; often they only get about half of that total income.

When missionaries come off the field for furlough, they often find their budgets stretched while living in the USA due to the higher cost of living. This means having to pay for the extra gas, meals and possible housing to get to a speaking engagement can cause a hardship if there is no love gift offered. None have told me that they wouldn't accept an engagement due to lack of funds, but it is a factor that is taken into consideration.

Even if the missionary speaker is one whom your church supports, please consider giving them an honorarium to help with the expenses of travel. Consider putting out an offering plate and asking for a love gift to help with any expenses that might be over what you've budgeted. Including a pot luck meal before or after the service, or inviting the missionary family to a meal is an additional way of showing appreciation.

The apostle Paul, in his first letter to Timothy, tells him that 'the workers are worth their wages.' (1 Timothy 5:18b) This is in reference to the elders of the church, but also applies to our missionaries. Most could be earning a lot more in secular jobs, but have chosen to follow God's calling to take the Gospel to all the earth. Let's help them, not hinder them, in that process. Thank you.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work it preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker is deserves his wages." 1 TIMOTHY 5:17-18

—Pat Strain

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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>1</p> <p>HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore</p> <p>PRAYER E.C. Church of Liberia – need for funds to prevent spread of ebola virus</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Kitty Miller – getting situated in new apartment and settled in living in USA again</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Jim & Janet Stahl – training national workers to tell Bible stories in their own language</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Nick & Lisa Lakatos – future plans, son's full recovery from accident</p> | <p>5</p> <p>- Hannah Moury (2002)</p> <p></p> <p>Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – working with Wycliffe at JAARS headquarters in NC</p> | <p>6</p> <p>- Bonnie Bound * - Kent Ehrman (2000)</p> <p></p> <p>Ed & Val Schubert – trip home for summer, getting AJ settled at college</p> | <p>7</p> <p>EC Church of Japan – moving forward to be a National Conference, church planting efforts</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>- Nick Lakatos</p> <p></p> <p>PRAYER Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit!</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Ken Sears – continued prayer for situation in Ukraine and personal safety</p> | <p>10</p> <p>David Hershey – adapting to new baby, summer ministry project</p> | <p>11</p> <p>- Wendy Toy</p> <p></p> <p>Jim & Joan Farr – doing translation work among the Baruga and Korafe people in PNG</p> | <p>12</p> <p>June 12 – Speak at Rock River Bible Camp</p> <p>Pray for Dorothy Stermer, retired missionary in Allentown, PA</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Pray for the persecuted church around the world</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Congratulations to all the MK's graduating from high school and college this year!</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>PRAYER Praise for Godly fathers who raise their children to know the Lord</p> | <p>16</p> <p>David & Conce Roof – deputation, preparing to return to Brazil next month</p> | <p>17</p> <p>- Ed Schubert - Miriam Whitaker (2010)</p> <p></p> <p>E.C. Church of Mexico – working on becoming a National Conference next year</p> | <p>18</p> <p>- Missy Wagner - David Roof</p> <p></p> <p>Chris and Deb Bowers currently in Australia with daughter Katie, due to new baby</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Gloria Smethers – nurse at the AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, FL</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Roy & Sue Haglund – serving with MAF at headquarters in Idaho</p> | <p>21</p> <p>BJ & Rachel Whitaker – health, serving as church planters in Alcora, Spain</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>Janice Stoltzfus</p> <p></p> <p>PRAYER Jim Ehrman, working with Rivendell Institute at Yale</p> | <p>23</p> <p>- Kitty Miller</p> <p>Church of Nepal – protection from persecution, need for new home for orphans</p> | <p>24</p> <p>- Rachel Whitaker</p> <p></p> <p>Pray for Eunice Wanjema, retired missionary in Kenya</p> | <p>25</p> <p>- Wes Reimer *</p> <p></p> <p>Dan Moury – serving as a videographer and still photographer with Wycliffe</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Brian & Missy Wagner – winding down furlough, preparing to return to Kenya</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Marcia Hopler – serving as a cross cultural consultant with IVCF</p> | <p>28</p> <p>E.C. Church of India – unity as they move forward, that churches support the conference</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>- Bettina Schaeffer</p> <p>June 29 – Host IL E.C. pastors and churches at Bethel E.C., Dixon for meeting with David and Conce Roof</p> <p>PRAYER Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – LIFE Ministries in NY and PA</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – working as bible translators in PNG</p> | <p>JULY BIRTHDAYS July 7 – Jim Ehrman July 9 – Rev. Dan Dixon July 13 – Kurt G. July 15(1999) – Hannah Wagner</p> | | <p>ANNIVERSARIES June 15 – BJ & Rachel Whitaker July 14 – Dan & Mary Lynne Wills</p> | | |