

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Several of our missionaries are now in the USA for a time of furlough. Here are the mailing addresses we are aware of: **Dan Dixon**, 38 E. Orange St. 1st flr, Lititz, PA 17543 until December 15<sup>th</sup>); **Gloria Smethers**, c/o Ochs, 104 Bran Road, Reading, PA 19608 (until July 2013); **Nick & Lisa Lakatos**, 332 Mercer Road, Greenville, PA 16125; and **Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus**, P.O. Box 10162, Lancaster, PA 17605.

**Chris & Deb Bowers** are now in Australia until their baby girl arrives (due this month.) They will remain there until November, then return to PA for November and December, before heading out to Washington where Chris will serve as a trainer at Moody Institute for their two years in the USA, while Deb pursues her US citizenship. Their address in Australia is: PO Box 10, Wee Waa NSW 2388, Australia.

**BJ & Rachel Whitaker** are also expecting their second daughter this month. Please keep them in prayer for continued good health for Rachel and the baby.

**Jim and Joan Farr** also are in the USA for a year of furlough, which they will be dividing basically between California and Indiana. We don't have any US addresses for them at this time.

**David, Conce and Andrew Roof** return to Brazil in early August after finishing a year of furlough in the USA. Andrew managed to get his PA driver's license before they left, but can't drive in Brazil until he's 18.

**Anita Farr** recently had to have emergency surgery. She came through it well, and is recovering nicely. Both **Jamie and Anita, and Dan and Melinda Moury** give praise that neither family had any damage to their homes from the severe flooding in Florida during hurricane Debby in late June.

**Jeremy & Kristen Kunkel** give praise that Engineering Ministries International, Jeremy's mission board, was not damaged in the recent fires in Colorado Springs. The Kunkels are in temporary housing right now, so Jeremy asked that all mail be directed to them c/o EMI, 130 East Kiowa St. Suite 200, Colorado Springs, Co 80903

**Rev. Lalrosiem Songate**, former General Director of ECCI and newly elected Principal of Evangelical College of Theology in NE India, will be arriving in the USA in late August for a 2 year doctoral program at Concordia University in IN. A scholarship is covering his academic costs, but he will still need financial assistance for room and board, books, and living expenses. If you would be willing to make a contribution, please contact the GMC office. Thank you.

The **2012-2013 MMK lessons** are now available on our website, [www.ecglobal.org](http://www.ecglobal.org). If you would like a hard copy, please contact the GMC office at [ecglobal@eccenter.com](mailto:ecglobal@eccenter.com) or call 1(800) 866-7584.



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SECOND NATURE

Have you ever met anyone who could play an instrument or play sports almost effortlessly? Whenever people do something automatically, almost without thinking, we say "Oh, it's second nature to them."

Unfortunately, we humans submit to our first nature, our sin nature, all too easily. The apostle Paul wrestled with his sin nature too, stating that he did that which he didn't want to do, and didn't do that which he should do (Romans 7:19.) But we don't have to give up in defeat! The more we spend time in the presence of Christ through reading scripture and prayer, the more like Him we will become. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome our human nature and take on the nature of Christ, which is what we should be doing as believers.

All too often we just shrug off our tendency to sin, excusing it by saying "I'm only human." But God says otherwise. He invites us to be renewed, to get rid of the old human sin nature, and to grow closer to Him, our Lord and Creator. Through His Spirit we are re-newed, i.e. given a new nature, the one modeled by His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

When we start absorbing and in turn reflecting the teachings in scripture, when we start to model for others what Christ modeled for us, then we truly will have the nature of Christ. And becoming more like Him will become second nature for us.

*"Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.... But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.*

-ROMANS 8:5,9 (NLT)

-Pat Strain




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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |  |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>ANNIVERSARIES</b><br>August 3 – Jim & Bonnie Bound*<br>August 13 – Jonathan & Kathy Wilson<br>September 3 – Dave & Celia Dick<br>September 3 – Ron & Brenda Anderson<br>September 3 – Ed & Val Schubert<br>* INDICATES RETIREE<br>(c) INDICATES CANDIDATE<br>+ INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE |   |  | 1  | 2   | 3  | 4   |  |
|  |   |  | HERE AND THERE<br>– Randy Sizemore   | PRAYER Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill and the Futures Initiative Task Force   | Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Native American youth                | Pray for Conference Ministers Rev. Gary Brown, Rev. Gary Kuehner, and Rev. Gordy Lewis  | 1 <sup>st</sup> AK work team returns, 2 <sup>nd</sup> team leaves for Camp LIWA, Fairbanks |
| 5  | 6   | 7  | 8  | 9   | 10   | 11  |  |
| ←..... August 1 through 11th – on vacation! .....→   |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |
| PRAYER NEEDS Chris & Deb Bowers – upcoming birth of their first child  | Don & Kathryn Kunkel – retirees in ID   | Marcia Hopler – serving with IVCF in Philadelphia                    | Pray for our EC camps – ECCO, Rock River, and Twin Pines   | Pray for the persecuted church world wide   | Dave & Celia Dick – work at OMS headquarters in IN                         | Barbara Erb – retiree in FL   |  |
| 12   | 13  | 14   | 15   | 16  | 17   | 18  |  |
| August 12 – Speak at morning worship service – Zion EC, Myerstown, PA  |   |  | – John Miller<br>             | August 16 – Church Center staff picnic – evening  | August 17 – GMC staff meeting – 9-10:30 a.m.                               |   |  |
| PRAYER NEEDS Dan & Melinda Moury – serving at Wycliffe headquarters in FL  | Dan Dixon – beginning 6 month furlough in USA, travel safety                            | BJ & Rachel Whitaker – preparing for birth of second child           | Joe Toy – distribution of backpacks to needy inner city school children  | Jamie & Anita Farr – Anita's health, Jamie's travel schedule  | Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson – serving in Europe with ECMI                   | Ken Sears – teaching at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine   |  |
| 19   | 20  | 21   | 22   | 23  | 24   | 25  |  |
| August 19 – Speak at morning worship service - Bushkill EC, Stroudsburg, PA  |   |  |  | August 23 – New student orientation at Evangelical Theological Seminary   |  |   |  |
| PRAYER NEEDS Second work team returns from Camp LIWA, Fairbanks, AK  | Pray for Rev. Angam, new General Director, and the EC Church of India                   | Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – returning for a year furlough, deputation | Pray for Rev. Randy Sizemore, GMC director – financial concerns  | Dave Hershey – getting ready for back to school campus activities   | Pray for Rev. Elias Martinez and the EC Church of Mexico                   | John & Carolynray for work among Tang people  |  |
| 26   | 27  | 28   | 29   | 30  | 31   |   |  |
|  |   |  | – Samuel Lakatos (2000)<br> | – Yvonne Amberman (1991)<br>– Rachel Wagner (1995)<br> |  | <b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b><br>September 3 – Jeremy Kunkel<br>September 5 – Aiyana Ehrman<br>September 13 – Gwen Melger*<br>* INDICATES RETIREE<br>(c) INDICATES CANDIDATE<br>+ INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE |  |
| PRAYER NEEDS Nepal – Rev. Janga, his family and the orphans they care for had to move due to landlord selling house.   | Pray for the MK's starting/ returning to college away from their families and countries | Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe, field leader, and the EC Church of Japan    | Rev. Lalrosiem Songate arrives in USA for 2 year program   | Pray for Rev. Matthew Gueh, field leader, and the E C Church of Liberia   | Pray for our EC Church planters – Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, Fuchinobe, Japan |   |  |