

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Jim and Joan Farr** will have a new email as of February, as they have returned permanently from Papua New Guinea. The new email is jim_farr@sil.org. Both Jim and Joan will have access to this. Please change your records and start using this new email address now.
- ▶ **Just a reminder** – The Global Ministries office will only be open Tuesday-Thursday beginning this month. Office hours will remain 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Church Center will still be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
- ▶ **Rev. Ron and Brenda Anderson** had the opportunity to travel to Tanzania at the end of November to lead a consultation with key influencers. Attendees were from the countries of Malawi, Kenya and Tanzania. Pray that there will be great results and many churches planted in these countries.
- ▶ **Jim & Joan Farr** will be remaining in the USA and retiring in June of this year. Their plan is to relocate to Florida to be near son Jamie and his family. The Farris will be available for limited deputation in late January through late March. Please contact the GMC office to make arrangements.
- ▶ Congratulations to **Dan Dixon** for being accepted into the Cairn University online program for an MA in Education Leadership and Administration. Please keep Dan in prayer as he pursues his degree while also looking for employment when he returns to the USA in July.
- ▶ **Cassie Wells** has moved, effective November 24th. Please change your records immediately. Her new address is: 930 Cold Spring Road, Apt. 7, Allentown, PA 18103.
- ▶ **BJ Whitaker** was invited by the local parish priest to give a talk about Evangelicalism at the parish hall on November 22nd (Thanksgiving Day!). The event was open to the public. Pray that he and other evangelical pastors will be able to share the Gospel in a way that allows more inter-church cooperation.
- ▶ Congratulations to **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson**, who will become grandparents again in January. Daughter Sara and her husband Brady are expecting their second little girl.
- ▶ **David & Conce Roof** recently had the opportunity to return to their original ministry area of Londrina in southern Brazil for some meetings and vacation. They are excited by some new opportunities for outreach and church planting that are on the drawing board with the OMS field leadership.
- ▶ **Ken Sears** was able to return to Texas in December to spend the holidays with his parents and other family. He returns to Ukraine early this month. Please keep him in prayer for safe travels and good health.
- ▶ Please keep **Rev. Ted Rathman**, our Global Ministries Associate, in prayer as he plans his international trips for this year. There are always more requests than can practically be honored. Pray for wisdom and strength to know which trips are necessary and which must be put off for another time.
- ▶ **Joe Toy** shared that his opportunity doing open air ministry in and around London, UK in late October was an excellent experience. You can read about it at Joe's website, www.oamphilly.org.



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MEXICO

The EC work in Mexico began in the 1940's with Mae Royer, a missionary nurse who eventually established a home in northern Mexico for orphaned and unwanted children known as "El Retiro Juvenil". Many of the young men who grew up there went on to be pastors, training at the Rio Grande Bible Institute.



Out of these roots, the EC churches in northern Mexico and Texas were begun.

For many years there did not seem to be a great deal of growth in our churches. Since many of the men had received training at a bible school that held different theological views than the EC doctrine, eventually there were some lively discussions among the pastors. Some pastors chose to leave the EC denomination, either on their own or taking their church with them.

Under the leadership and vision of former superintendent Rev. Elias Martinez, the EC churches of Mexico took on the responsibility of paying their own pastors instead of relying on GMC monies, and also for caring for their buildings. They developed their own training school for pastors, and fulfilled the requirements to be their own national conference: self-governing, self-sustaining and self-propagating.

In 2017, the EC churches in Mexico became their own National Conference, and were celebrated at the National Conference-USA in May, and then in their own conference in July. They are now formally known as the E.C. Church of Latin America. The new Superintendent, Rev. Juan Zuñiga, wants to see the EC footprint go beyond the northern area of Mexico, and even into other countries in Latin America.

Rev. Zuñiga reports that there are currently 11 churches, three missions and a married couple being trained to open a mission in Oaxaca, a state in southern Mexico. In addition, an institute was opened to train new pastors. So far eight couples have taken training and are already serving in the pastorate.

Please keep Rev. Zuñiga and his wife Rosie in prayer, as well as the other leaders of our EC Church of Latin America. Their vision is to see all of Latin America come to know the Gospel and Jesus as Savior.

Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 PRAYER NEEDS Praise God for a new year and new opportunities to share Jesus with others	2 - Jim Farr Pray for those missionaries involved with education as a new semester begins this month	3 - Lamar Stoltzfus Pray for Rev. Kaitikap Vaiphei, General Director of the EC Church of India	4 Eunice Wanjema, retired missionary living in Kenya	5 - Jim Stahl Pray for Rev. Juan Zuñiga, Superintendent of the EC Church of Mexico
6 PRAYER NEEDS Beth Grimm – education specialist who helps test MK's with learning disabilities & set up study programs for them	7 Pray that our missionaries will be in good health. The holidays are a busy time, and it's easy to get run down.	8 - Celia Dick Pray for Rev. Jeff Byerly, Ministerial Development Associate, as he works with men who feel called to the pastorate	9 Rev. Dana Logan, chaplain at StoneRidge Retirement Living complex in Myerstown	10 - Dan Wills David Hershey – campus minister and staff trainer for Christian Student Fellowship at PSU - Berks	11 Pray for Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe – church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan – plans for moving forward	12 Dan Moury – videographer for Wycliffe; working out of headquarters in Orlando, FL
13 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Yoriyoshi and Emiko Abe, church planters in Ebina, Japan – need for a larger facility so they can increase activities	14 Ron & Brenda Anderson – travelled to Tanzania for a consultation with church planters in late November	15 Pray for the leaders and assessors involved with the Pastoral Assessment Center, which starts tomorrow through Saturday	16 Jim & Joan Farr – back in USA, wrapping up decades of translation work in PNG. Pray as they transition into retirement later this year.	17 Kurt G. – serving as a recruiter/trainer for young men called to serve in closed access countries	18 Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Navajo church leaders and youth in after school program	19 Pray for all our church planters, both in the USA and around the world.
20 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe, Chairman of the EC Church of Japan	21 Wes & Mary Reimer – retired missionaries living in FL	22 Pray for GM Associate Rev. Ted Rathman as he plans his travel schedule for the year	23 - Anita Farr Chris & Deb Bowers – serving as missionary pilot/trainer for Moody Aviation	24 - Rev. Ted Rathman Pray for Rev. Th. Janga, leader of the EC Church of Nepal	25 David Dick – serving as president of the Duewel Literary Trust for OMS	26 - Kathy Wilson Pray for Rev. G. Abraham Powell, bishop of the EC Church of Liberia
27 PRAYER NEEDS Jamie & Anita Farr – serving at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL	28 Pray for our missionaries' home life, that they don't neglect family for service	29 Dan Dixon – wisdom and guidance for coming changes this year	30 - Randy Amberman - David Hershey - Melinda Moury Pray for the persecuted church, especially in North Korea	31 - Christopher Bowers Ivy Limbert – ESL teacher at Black Forest Academy in Germany	*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE	

ANNIVERSARIES
February 6 – Dan & Melinda Moury