

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **We give praise** that, while a number of our missionaries and international church leaders have contracted Covid 19, none have had serious symptoms or lasting side effects. Please continue to cover all of them in prayer, as for many, there are no decent medical facilities nearby to help them.

▶ **Our VBS project** for this year is to raise funds for **Nepal** (see front page.) The land where the denominational headquarters is built also houses the orphanage property and a church. If the land next door is sold to a private owner or a business, they would have the right to object to the services and training done at the headquarters. Since Christianity is barely tolerated in this Hindu kingdom, things could be made very difficult for our churches there. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 towards the estimated purchase price of \$30,000. Please pray about this and see if your church, youth group or MMK group would like to help. More information will be forthcoming in spring.

▶ Congratulations to **Jonathan & Kathy Wilson**, who gained two new granddaughters just as they left for their village in mid-September. Son Justin and his wife welcomed Milly, and daughter Sarah and her husband welcomed Selah Dawn. We understand everyone is doing well. Unfortunately, Kathy & Jonathan won't be able to hold those precious little ones until they come back to the USA in 2022 for their year of furlough. Until then, there will be a lot of Zoom and online chats, I'm sure!

▶ If you need to contact the **Global Ministries office** for information regarding missionaries available for speaking, to check addresses, etc., please use the ecglobal@eccenter.com email for the time being. Our new receptionist/GMC assistant started in late December, but as of this writing I don't know her email address. This way she will be able to access your emails until her email is published.

▶ Also, since the two positions have been combined, the phone number originally assigned to the Global Ministries office will no longer be in service. Do not call 717-866-7584 or 1-800-866-7584 as of January. **Please use the Church Center general number, which is 717-866-7581.** Thank you! If there are any changes to this information, it will be sent out from Church Center.

▶ You will be seeing a new **Church Center building** in a few months. The outside of the front of our denominational headquarters is currently under construction, with a new staircase and railings to be put on. Then the inside will be renovated to be more functional. Just as the PennDOT signs always say, "Temporary inconvenience for permanent improvement." Hopefully there will be an open house when all is done! (If we aren't still under Covid restrictions – we will pray that is not the case!)

▶ **New 2021 Missions Directories** will be available soon. Please contact Church Center if you would like one emailed to you, either as a pdf or in Word format. If you need a print copy, it may take a little longer to mail to you. We do not put this on our website since some of our missionaries work in restricted access countries or assist those who do so. Thank you for your understanding.



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EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

JANUARY 2021



Nepal

The Evangelical Congregational Church of India began the E.C. mission outreach to eastern Nepal resulting in the planting of ten churches. We officially inaugurated the E.C. Church of Nepal in June, 2003. Some of the Nepalese



leaders have been trained at the Evangelical College of Theology in Churanchandpur, India. Currently there are 13 churches and seven fellowships (church plants) in Nepal.

In June 2003 the churches elected a leadership team of five people to lead this new conference of the E.C. Church, and a church center was established at Dharan, in eastern Nepal. In January 2009 the E.C. church of Nepal became an international conference. The Director is Rev. Th. Janga Kipken.

The EC Church of Nepal is meeting the spiritual and physical needs of this nation through the planting of local churches, intentional discipleship, leadership training and a variety of hands-on ministries that meet the physical needs of orphans, widows and families. They have been doing mission work among the Chepang tribe, one of the poorest and least civilized in Nepal.

Nepal, like so many countries, has been dealing with Covid 19. In late March of 2020, the government enforced a lockdown that lasted until the end of July. The GMC was able to send funds quickly so that ECCN could buy rice in order to distribute it to their churches. Without that, many families would have faced starvation.

Our 2021 VBS project will be to raise funds for Nepal, to buy the piece of land next to the current headquarters building and orphanage. This way, no one could build a private home or public building and then object to the worship services, which might result in ECCN headquarters being shut down. Our goal is \$10,000. Watch for more information coming in spring.

Pat Strain

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EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES
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1 Happy New Year
Praise God for a new year, and pray for safety as the world continues to deal with a pandemic

2 - Jim Farr*
Pray for the **EC Church of Japan** – health and safety for the pastors and church members

3 - Lamar Stoltzfus
Pray for all our **missionaries to stay healthy** and not be exposed to Covid 19 as they serve their communities

4
Pray for **Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate**, principal of Evangelical College of Theology in Manipur, India -wisdom for new school year

5 Jim Stahl
Kurt & Nancy G. – continuing to recruit & meet with young people by Zoom interested in serving in missions in closed access countries

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Pray for **Rev. Th. Janga**, the director of the EC Church of Nepal – for safety and health as he trains pastors & leaders

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Ivy Limbert – a full teaching schedule at Black Forest Academy in Germany – school for MK's

8 - Celia Dick*
Pray for the EC Church of Nepal, which continues to reach out with the Gospel in spite of government threats and Hindu leaders' interference

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Pray for our **13 District Field Directors**, many of whom are still actively pastoring in addition to DFD duties

10 - Dan Wills
Pray for the **EC Church of Liberia**, as they continue to teach literacy to their people using the Bible

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Mrs. Marcia Hopler – retired missionary still active in cross cultural ministry in inner city Philadelphia

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Rev. Tomoyuki Abe, candidate – working with Japanese expatriates living in France. Wife Jessica is pastoring at an E Free Church.

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Dan & Melinda Moury – videographer at Wycliffe headquarters in FL; home schooling their children

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Pray for **Dr. Juliana Leshner**, National Director of Veteran Affairs Chaplaincy

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Pray for **Rev. Abraham Powell**, bishop of the EC Church of Liberia – for clarity of vision for moving forward

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Jamie & Anita Farr – serving as VP of Planning, Staffing & Development at Wycliffe headquarters in FL

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Pray for **Rev. Juan Zuñiga**, Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America – health and safety

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Pray for the **EC Church of India**, as they also deal with the effects of the pandemic among their presbyteries

19
Jane Heck – retired missionary living and serving her local church in Ohio

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Pray for **Rev. Nobuo Abe**, Chairman of the EC Church of Japan – health, safety and vision

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Dan Quigley, candidate – wisdom in knowing when to return to Nicaragua in light of Covid

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Pray for the **new staff at Church Center**, as she replaces the outgoing GMC assistant & Church Center receptionist

23 - Anita Farr
Rev. Gene Stevenson, candidate – administrator/ teacher at Indian Bible College in AZ

24 - Rev. Ted Rathman
Beth Grimm – helping MK's with learning disabilities around the world; developing teaching plans for them

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Pray for **Rev. Paozathang Singson**, General Director of the EC Church of India – unity among the presbyteries

26 - Kathy Wilson
Ron & Brenda Anderson – working with church planters in Spain and helping Maasai girls escape child marriages & female genital mutilation

27 - Noah Stevenson + (2010)
Pray for the **EC Church of Latin America** as they struggle to recover from the devastating effects of Covid 19

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Pray for the **persecuted church**, especially in North Korea, where believers are arrested without cause and jailed

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Randy & Chris Amberman – working with Native American children and leaders in NM

30 - Randy Amberman - David Hershey - Melinda Moury
Dave Hershey – training campus ministers for CSF as well as ministering at PSU-Berks

31 - Christopher Bowers
Chris & Deb Bowers – training missionary pilots despite restrictions due to Covid virus

ANNIVERSARIES
February 6 – Rev. Dan & Melinda Moury

*DENOTES RETIREE
+ DENOTES CANDIDATE