

► **CORRECTION:** Our apologies to **Chaplain Noel Blancaflor** for not listing his rank properly in the May Global Prayer Guide. He is now a Major. We apologize and congratulations on your promotion, Noel!

► **Rev. Ted Rathman** will be installed as the next Global Ministry Associate on Friday morning, June 1st, at National Conference. Ted will officially take office on July 1st. He will continue to pastor at Grace E.C. Church, Schuylkill Haven, PA. Please keep Ted in prayer as he seeks God's help in balancing his responsibilities.

► **Rev. Randy Sizemore** will be finishing his 10 years as Global Ministries Director/Global Ministries Associate at the end of this month. He will remain as lead pastor at Bethel E.C. Church in Dixon, IL. We want to thank Randy for his vision and leadership over the last 10 years, and wish him and Carla well as they continue to serve the Lord in IL.

► **Jim & Joan Farr, Jamie & Anita Farr** and their four children plus a contingency of E.C.'ers will be attending the dedication of the Baruga New Testament this month in Papua New Guinea. It will be an emotional time for Jim, as he and his late wife Cindi started work on the Baruga translation decades ago. Jamie is excited to be able to show his children the place where he grew up, and reconnect with some old friends. The dedication is set for June 8-10 and will be a very big event, with many local dignitaries in attendance. Pray that all the logistics for an event of this size come together, and that God is honored throughout the celebration.

► Congratulations to **Dan and Mary Lynne Wills** on the recent engagement of their son Troy. Troy and his fiancée Lacie are planning a September wedding. We wish them both a long and happy life together.

► **Joe Toy** has a couple of outreach/training sessions coming up this month. First, he'll be at Ocean City, MD from June 10-15 as part of an outreach to high school seniors, and then June 18-22 he will be working with a youth group ministry team at the same location. Joe would appreciate your prayers.

► The **VBS project** for this year is to raise \$10,000 for Evangelical College of Theology in Churachandpur, Manipur, India. ECT is planning to offer a new program this summer, an M.Th. (Master in Theology). The first major will be in Missiology. In order to be certified, they must have 20,000 books in their library. To date, they have about half that number. Please help us to raise the funds to help ECT so they can equip young men and women to work as pastors and missionaries among the tribes of Northeast India and beyond.

► **The 5-Minute VBS Lessons** for this year are now posted on the EC Center website. These lessons are meant to help acquaint the children at your VBS with our project (listed above) so they will understand where the offering is to go. You can download the lessons as pdf's or in Word. Feel free to add more visuals as you desire; you know what works best with your children.

► **Lamar and Janice Stoltzfus** are beginning to prepare for their return to RVA after two years in the USA. Praise for continued good reports for Janice's health. Keep them in prayer as they make plans. They will return to RVA in August.



Hey, I Know a Guy

When I was growing up, information spread two ways throughout the neighborhood; the ladies chatted while hanging their wash, and the men all gathered at the local barber shop and shared news. The women swapped recipes and talked about their children while the men talked about sports, cars, etc. Occasionally, someone would ask for a recommendation for a person to do home repairs – a roofer, electrician, etc. Usually at least one person would respond, “Hey, I know a guy who...” Fill in the blank for whatever service you needed. And often, because there was a personal recommendation by someone you knew who could vouch for the person recommended, you would trust them and make the contact.

That memory made me think of how we as believers share the Good News about Jesus with others. Most of us don't like to ‘witness’ to other people; it brings up connotations of being preachy, pushing your religion down other people's throats, etc. We try to spiritualize our lack of effort by saying, “I'm not an evangelist” or “that isn't my gift”. Yet the New Testament is full of instances when ordinary people gave witness to what Jesus had done for them. The Samaritan woman at the well in John 4 had a life changing encounter with Jesus. Afterwards, she went back to her village and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” (John 4:29 NIV) In Luke, Zacchaeus is addressed by Jesus and told that the Master will be dining with him. Zacchaeus immediately acknowledges his sinful ways in front of everyone and vows to change them. (Luke 19:8)

Think about what the crowds who followed Jesus saw - “hey, I know a guy who can make the lame walk and the blind see!”. Or the disciples - “hey, I know a guy who can walk on water and calm the seas just by talking to them!” These are just a couple of examples of ordinary people whose encounters with Jesus brought about life changing results. And they weren't afraid to tell others about it.

There are many hurting, unhappy people in this world. You probably know some of them; people who are struggling with financial problems, dysfunctional families, or some form of addiction. Listen to them if they are willing to talk to you about their situations. And when the opportunity arises, share with them that you know someone who can help. They may not always want to hear what you have to say, but hopefully your life will bear witness that ‘hey, I know a guy who can change your life.’

Pat Strain

EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



JUNE 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 9 – Rev. Dan Dixon
July 13 – Rev. Kurt G.
July 15 (1999) – Hannah Wagner

*DENOTES RETIREE
+ DENOTES CANDIDATE

ANNIVERSARIES

June 15 – BJ & Rachel Whitaker
July 14 – Dan & Mary Lynne Wills

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PRAYER NEEDS
Final day of National Conference; Rev. Ted Rathman installed as next GMA

2
EC Church of India – moving forward to reach neighboring states/tribes

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PRAYER NEEDS
Brian & Missy Wagner – teachers and administrators at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya

4
Jamie & Anita Farr and their 4 children – traveling to PNG for the dedication of the Baruga scriptures, and for Jamie to show his children where he grew up

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– Hannah Moury (2002)
Gloria Smethers – serving as a nurse at AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, FL

6
– Bonnie Bound *
BJ & Rachel Whitaker – serving as church planters in Alcora, Spain – Rachel is now part of ECMI's Euro-Third Culture Kid team which helps missionary children

7
Kitty Miller – retired Wycliffe missionary living in Lehigh Valley, PA. Very active in her church and community

8
Today is the beginning of the **3 day celebration/dedication of the Baruga scriptures** in Papua New Guinea.

9
Joe Toy – beginning two weeks of open air ministry and training ministry teams in Ocean City, MD

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PRAYER NEEDS
Ed & Val Schubert – working with at risk women and children in Honduras at two campuses; one in capital and one in their town

11
– Wendy Toy
Pray for all our summer camps – Twin Pines, Camp ECCO, and Rock River Bible Camp- that children will be reached with the Gospel

12
Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – working at the JAARS Center in NC. Dan is part of Wycliffe's Member Care & Resource team

13
Jim & Janet Stahl – leading workshops in Bible storytelling around the world, in order to train native speakers to orally share the Bible

14
Dr. Juliana Leshner, Chief of Chaplain Services for the S. Texas VA Health Care System – serving in San Antonio, TX

15
David & Conce Roof – church planters in Brazil; getting back to normal after a couple of months in the USA

16
Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – bible translators among the Binandere language people in Papua New Guinea

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– Miriam Whitaker (2010)
– Ed Schubert
PRAYER NEEDS
Praise God for Christian fathers who lead by example, teaching their children to follow the Lord

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– David Roof
– Missy Wagner
Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe – church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan – guidance for future decisions

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EC Church of Latin America – plans to evangelize not only Mexico, but Central America

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Ken Sears – teaching, preaching and administrator at Zaporozhye Bible College, Ukraine

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Dan Quigley, missionary candidate – currently serving in Nicaragua among at risk children

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– Janice Stoltzfus
Cassie Wells – campus ministry at Kutztown University with Disciple Makers

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– Kitty Miller *
EC Church of Japan – pray for God to raise up new leaders within the churches and wisdom for how to move forward

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– Rachel Whitaker
PRAYER NEEDS
EC Church of Nepal – perseverance in the face of persecution; safety for pastors and church members

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– Beth Grimm
Wes & Mary Reimer – retired Wycliffe-JAARS missionaries living in FL. Some health issues

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Pray that God will raise up a new generation of pastors, missionaries, and leaders for the EC Church

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Rev. Ted Rathman, new Global Ministries Associate – begins on July 1st.

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– Wesley Reimer *
Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – serving with LIFE Ministries in NY & PA

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– Bettina Schaeffer
EC Church of Liberia – helping to rebuild the infrastructure in their war torn country

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Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – beginning to make plans to return to RVA in Kenya in August