

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► Our **VBS** project for this year is to raise funds for our EC Church of Latin America. They want to renovate a building to use for training programs for teaching children. The goal is \$10,000. We realize that many of your churches may not have a VBS this summer due to Covid 19. If that is the case, would you consider taking a special VBS offering to help our Mexican brothers and sisters continue their outreach in their communities, especially to children? You can mail it to Church Center, marked 'VBS offering' and it will be used for that purpose. You can also donate online at our EC website. Gracias! (Thank you!)

► **Rev. Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe** give thanks for the many prayers offered on behalf of their three-month-old daughter Wakana. She had to be hospitalized in late May, showing signs of Kawasaki disease. This is a side effect of Covid 19 that has been affecting some children. It affects their hearts and can be fatal. Most children outgrow it. Wakana had to be hospitalized for five days, but she recovered and is home with her family. Thank you, Lord!

► Unfortunately, **Rev. Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe** and family were unable to come to the USA this month as they had planned. There are still restrictions on international travel, both coming and going, so even if they had come, they would have faced a two-week quarantine.

► Congratulations to **Rev. Paozhang Singson**, the new General Director of the Evangelical Congregational Church of India. He was elected in a special session on May 9th, since ECCI, just as EC Church-USA, couldn't hold their annual conference. Rev. Singson served as a missionary with ECCI before becoming the Mission Director for his presbytery, the position he held up to his election. Please keep Rev. Singson in prayer as he takes on the responsibility of the leadership of our largest national EC Conference – almost 60,000 members!

► **CORRECTION** – We mistakenly listed **Rev. Jeff Byerly** as the Kingdom Extension Associate; he is the Ministerial Development Associate. The prayer request was accurate; Jeff works with men who feel called to serve the Lord in pastoral leadership. This month we are asking you to pray for **Rev. Les Cool**, who is the Kingdom Extension Associate. He works with our church planters, providing training opportunities and guidance for them as well as our churches so they can become more Kingdom minded.

► We also give praise that **Justin Wilson**, son of missionaries Jonathan & Kathy Wilson, is home and recovered from an emergency appendectomy in late May. Justin had a stone that perforated his appendix, so he was rushed to the hospital before sepsis set in. His sisters Sarah and Jonita flew to Nebraska to help Justin's wife Kelsie with their three children while he was under the weather.

► **Brian & Missy Wagner** plan to return to Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya early next month. They are finishing their year of home assignment and are eager to get back to teaching and other responsibilities at RVA. Pray that the staff and students will all be able to return and gather safely for the new school year.



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Mexico

Our neighbors south of the border are the other United States – the United States of Mexico, the country's official name. Labeled as a “pluricultural” nation, the majority of the population



is Mestizo (of mixed European and Indigenous descent.) Though Spanish is the primary language in Mexico, there remain over 60 indigenous languages spoken, each of which is nationally recognized.

The EC connection to Mexico began with the work of Miss Mae Royer, a Lancaster County native and missionary nurse who, in 1939, went to work among the Indian villages in a mountainous tropical area. In 1960, she relocated her home for needy children/orphans (El Retiro Juvenil) to Montemorelos, south of Monterrey. That work eventually became the basis for the EC Church of Mexico, as many of the children who lived at El Retiro went on to become pastors and/or missionaries, planting churches in the area around the children's home. Today there are 11 EC churches, mostly located in northern Mexico. There are also several mission works/outreaches going on further south.

In 2017 the E.C. Church of Mexico was officially recognized as a National Conference of the Global Evangelical Congregational Church. Now known as the EC Church of Latin America, under the direction of Superintendent Rev. Juan Zuñiga, the conference leaders, pastors and members are working together to reach their neighbors in the various states of Mexico with the goal of extending the Gospel to other areas in Latin America.

This year's VBS project is to help our brothers and sisters in Mexico reach out to their communities, especially the children. Their plan is to renovate an existing building and equip it to be a training center for outreach to the children around the area. Our goal is \$10,000. If you would like to help, please contact the GMC office or go online to contribute towards this very worthy project. Gracias!

Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>BIRTHDAYS August 2(2010) - Sierra Farr August 15 - John Miller *</p>		<p>ANNIVERSARIES July 14 - Dan & Mary Lynne Wills July 27 - John & Carolyn Miller * August 3 - Rev. Jim & Bonnie Bound* August 13 - Jonathan & Kathy Wilson</p>		<p>1 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for those pastors and churches who will start new assignments this conference year</p>	<p>2 Rev. Don Kunkel - retired missionary in Idaho</p>	<p>3 Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe, Chairman of EC Church - Japan - how to reopen churches safely</p>	<p>4  Americans should thank God for their freedoms and not take them lightly</p>
<p>5 PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Liberia, as they also deal with Covid 19 cases as well as grinding poverty</p>	<p>6 Dr. David Dick - working with the Duewel Literature Trust and OMS in Indiana</p>	<p>7 Pray for Rev. Th. Janga, field leader of Nepal - that he can provide for the needs of his churches and their leaders</p>	<p>8 Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson - church planting specialist & member care - Madrid, Spain</p>	<p>9 Pray for the EC Church of Latin America, as they seek to protect their members while reaching out to communities</p>	<p>10 Chris & Deb Bowers - missionary pilot/trainer in Washington; need for more support</p>	<p>11 Rev. Abraham Powell, bishop of EC Church of Liberia - wisdom to prioritize his people's needs</p>	
<p>12 PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe - church planters in Ebina City, Japan - thankful daughter Wakana healthy again</p>	<p>13  - Rev. Kurt G. Randy & Chris Amberman - high number of coronavirus cases on Navajo nation reservation</p>	<p>14 David Hershey - campus minister at PSU-Berks campus and staff development director for CSF</p>	<p>15  - Hannah Wagner (1999) Rev. Gene Stevenson, missionary candidate - training Native American leaders at Indian Bible College, Flagstaff, AZ</p>	<p>16 Dr. Juliana Leshner, National Director of Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy - heavy schedule</p>	<p>17 Pray for the EC Church of India, as they deal with the effects of Covid 19 on presbyteries and future plans</p>	<p>18 Ivy Limbert - teaching at Black Forest Academy in Germany; plans for fall teaching</p>	
<p>19 PRAYER NEEDS Dr. Beth Grimm - education specialist working with MK's with learning disabilities</p>	<p>20  - Pat Strain David & Conce Roof - church planters in northern Brazil - high toll Covid 19 has taken on area</p>	<p>21  - Janet Baker * - Dan Quigley + Pray for Rev. Les Cool, Kingdom Extension Associate - see note on back page</p>	<p>22 Mrs. Marcia Hopley - retired missionary involved in church plant in Philly area</p>	<p>23 Pray for the EC Church of Nepal, as they deal with food shortages due to the border closure by India</p>	<p>24  - Rev. Don Kunkel * Kurt G. - working with students who minister in closed access countries</p>	<p>25 Rev. Juan Zuñiga, Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America - wisdom in opening churches again</p>	
<p>26 PRAYER NEEDS Dan Quigley - working with street children in capital of Nicaragua - wisdom to plan for future</p>	<p>27 Pray for the EC Church of Japan, as they move forward after Covid 19</p>	<p>28 Jamie & Anita Farr - serving at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL</p>	<p>29 Rev. Paozathang Singson, new General Director of ECCI - wisdom in leading churches</p>	<p>30 Rev. Dan Moury - videographer for Wycliffe Bible Translators, in Orlando FL</p>	<p>31 Pray for the persecuted church, especially in Sudan</p>	<p>*DENOTES RETIREE</p>	