

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** and family are relocating this month! They will be moving to Mecó, a suburb of Madrid. While there is a small evangelical cell group there, there is no church, so the Whitakers would be working to help plant one. In addition, BJ has felt called to become more involved in men's ministries, especially at a national level. Please keep them in prayer as they start over meeting neighbors and new friends. Pray that the girls will find friends quickly and do well in their new school. On the plus side, they will be closer to Grandma and Grandpa (aka **Ron and Brenda Anderson**.) ☺

▶ **Gloria Smethers** gives praise that there haven't been any Covid 19 cases among the residents of AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, Florida where she serves. The Center has put restrictions in place regarding social distancing and mask wearing when possible, but they are glad that the 80+ residents and staff have all been healthy to date, given how fast the virus is spreading among some nursing homes and personal care facilities.

▶ **Ivy Limbert** has decided to stay in Germany for another year, teaching at Black Forest Academy, a school for missionary children. However, she is in extreme need of more support; her estimate is that she is \$1500/month short. Ivy had hoped to return to the USA for a month this summer to raise support, but the Covid 19 pandemic cancelled those plans. If you can help with support for Ivy, either as a regular contribution or even a one-time gift, please contact the GMC office for details on how to do that. Danke!

▶ **Ed & Val Schubert** have informed us that the pandemic situation in Honduras has reached epic proportions. Many of the families whose children are part of their ministry have been affected. Parents and grandparents have contracted the disease, and in some cases, have died, leaving the children destitute. The Schuberts have been organizing food distributions to the families in their neighborhood and the neighborhood of their facility in the capital city. Prayers for safety and the availability of necessary food products are appreciated.

▶ **A number of our missionaries** are struggling with support deficiencies. In some cases, this has resulted in cuts to the amount we can send to them. If you are able to help by offering monthly support, no matter how small the amount, please contact the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584 or email at pstrain@eccenter.com. One time gifts are also welcome, as they can boost the support balance.

▶ **The Covid 19 pandemic** has affected the entire world, and the way we do ministry. Please know that our missionaries are keeping busy, adapting as needed in order to continue to minister in their chosen fields. This may include online teaching or outdoor services, but God's Word continues to be spread around the globe. Our God still reigns and is in control. Hallelujah!

▶ **Rev. Dan Dixon**, who served as an EC missionary for 20 years, stepped out of that ministry last year to teach at a Christian academy in North Carolina. That turned out not to be what he expected, so Dan pursued another path of ministry. He has moved back to PA and is now the pastor of our Rexmont E.C. Church. Congratulations and welcome back, Dan!



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Jamie and Anita Farr

Jamie serves with Wycliffe USA as Vice President for Planning, Staffing and Development. He leads a national team comprised of three different areas: Workforce Planning and Recruitment, Staffing, and Development-Orientation-Training.

Jamie's teams are responsible for engaging with our global partners to determine the workforce needs in the future for each area of the world. Collaboratively they identify the needs, the likely future scenarios, and prayerfully consider how to invite the global church to participate together. The various teams recruit, invite, assess, place, and develop sufficient numbers of Godly people for Bible Translation roles.

Jamie grew up as the son of Bible translators in Papua New Guinea. Jamie and Anita have four adopted children; Abby, Sierra, JJ, and Brandon. Anita grew up as a farm girl in Lititz PA where she worshipped at Lititz Mennonite Church. Both Jamie and his wife, Anita, have a breadth of experience in education, training and leadership in various contexts. Their mission statement as a family is to accelerate the return of Christ.

Jamie's experience as a missionary kid and a global nomad helps bring a different exposure to those considering global service. Jamie's background in various cultures, cross-cultural experiences and diverse leadership opportunities have taught him a dependence on God in all seasons. Jamie has a Master's Degree in Intercultural Studies from Wheaton College and has served on various boards.

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PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for those serving in health care, especially overseas, during this pandemic

2 - Sierra Farr (2010)

BJ & Rachel Whitaker – relocating to Mecó, a suburb of Madrid – new outreach

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Rev. Joe Toy – open air ministries in the greater Philadelphia area and Camden, NJ

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Pray for our **EC Church of Nepal**, as they continue to minister in a country hostile to the Gospel

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Pray for all **families dealing with Covid 19** among members, especially those in nursing homes

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John & Carolyn Miller, retired missionaries/bible translators living in New York; health issues

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Pray that our **missionaries** will remain healthy and not contract the coronavirus as they work in their areas

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Pray for the **EC Church of Japan**, that new pastors will be raised up and plant churches

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Ken Sears – continuing to minister and serve through Zaporozhzhya Bible Seminary and his church in Ukraine

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Pray for the **EC Church of India**, that they can recover from the physical and economic effects of Covid 19 and move forward

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Ed & Val Schubert – doing food distributions to the most impoverished families in their area of Honduras

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Brian & Missy Wagner – plans to return to Rift Valley Academy to teach after a year of home assignment in USA, that Kenya will allow them to return

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Rev. Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, missionary candidates -reaching out to Japanese expatriates living in France

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Jim & Janet Stahl – adapting to teaching bible storytelling seminars online, around the world

15 - John Miller *

Pray for the **VBS project** this year, which is to raise funds for our EC Church of Latin America to rehab a building for children's ministries

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Pray for **Bishop Bruce Hill** as he leads our denomination in these very uncertain times

17 - Katelyn Bowers (2012)

Pray for **Capt. Noel Blancaflor**, serving as a chaplain in the US Air Force, in California

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Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – bible translators in Papua New Guinea, working with the Binandere people

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Pray for the **EC Church of Liberia**, as they continue with literacy programs as well as pastoral training

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Gloria Smethers – serving as one of only two nurses for all the residents at AIM Retirement Center in Florida

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Pray for **Christian teachers** as they begin a new school year not knowing exactly what it will look like

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Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate, principal of Evangelical College of Theology – how to plan for upcoming term

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Cassie Wells – eager to be back on campus to begin work with Disciple Makers and college students

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Pray for all **MK teachers and campus workers** as they prepare for a new semester in uncertain times

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Pray for **Uplift Liberia**, our program to help our EC churches there with 4 main ministries to their communities

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Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – ministering with Life Ministries in NYC, and pastoring in St. Clair, PA

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Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – serving at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya – adapting to what the new school year will look like

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Kitty Miller, retired missionary now serving her church and community in Lehigh Valley, PA

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Pray for the **EC Church of Latin America**, as they seek to expand in Mexico and beyond

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Pray for the **persecuted church**, especially in Iran

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Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving at JAARS Center with Wycliffe, helping missionary families

ANNIVERSARIES

August 3 – Rev. Jim & Bonnie Bound*
 August 13 – Jonathan & Kathy Wilson
 August 18 – Roy & Sue Haglund *
 August 22 – Rev. Robert & Bettina Schaeffer
 September 3 – Rev. Dave & Celia Dick
 September 3 – Rev. Ron & Brenda Anderson
 September 3 – Ed & Val Schubert

BIRTHDAYS

September 3 – Rev. Gene Stevenson +
 September 3(2012) – Laura Whitaker

*DENOTES RETIREE
 + DENOTES CANDIDATE