

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► **CORRECTION:** Oops! We mistakenly listed the mailing address for Brian and Missy Wagner as 14 Kready Ave. The correct address is 18 Kready Ave., Millersville, PA 17551.

► We wish to offer our sympathy to **Ed and Val Schubert, their family** and Val's extended family on the sudden passing of her father, Rev. Keith Mong. Rev. Mong was called home suddenly on August 27th. Keith and his late wife Cheryl had served in a number of EC churches in the Great Lakes and Susquehanna regions of our denomination. A memorial service will be held this month at Bethany Crossroads EC Church in Emlenton, PA. Please uphold the family in prayer.

► **Dan Moury** recently had the opportunity to return to Papua New Guinea to shoot video for a Wycliffe production. Dan visited his uncle and late aunt, Jim and Cindi Farr, in their village when he was young, and then returned in 2008 as part of the EC tour group. Dan serves as a videographer with Wycliffe, working out of their Orlando, FL headquarters.

► Thanks to all our churches who contributed to our **2013 VBS Missions Project**, which was to raise money to help our Sagamihara Chapel EC Church re-fit some of their bathrooms for use by children. The Sagamihara Chapel is providing day care services combined with parenting classes for young mothers as part of their outreach to the community. If you have not sent in your offering yet, please do so before the end of the year. Thank you.

► Even though it's only October, think Christmas! **Joe Toy** is once again collecting Christmas stockings for underprivileged boys and girls in inner city Philadelphia. For more information on what to put in the stockings, where to drop them off and when they are needed, go to Joe's website at www.oamphilly.org.

► **Attention all pastors and mission leaders in the Susquehanna Region!** We will have our annual **Missions Brunch** for the districts of the Susquehanna Region on Monday, November 4th, at Dutch Way Restaurant in Myerstown, PA. The time is 10 a.m. and it is 'Dutch treat.' Please RSVP to the GMC office by October 23rd.



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JAPAN

The EC work in Japan was begun almost 40 years ago when Rev. John Masuda and his wife Machi returned to their homeland after finishing their higher education in the USA. John had become involved with the EC Church when, as a student at Houghton College, he was befriended by John and Ron Miller, fellow students and members of Seibert EC Church in Allentown, PA. Rev. John and Machi Masuda were commissioned as EC missionaries and returned to Japan with their young daughter Ruth to reach post war Japan for Christ.

The Masudas planted the mother church which is now Kyodo Grace Church. From there, several other churches were planted. Our current field leader, Rev. Nobuo Abe, pastors the Sagamihara Grace Chapel, and his son Tomoyuki and daughter-in-law Jessica are leading the church plant in Fuchinobe. Rev. Kenichiro Sudo is now pastoring at Kyodo Grace. Mr. Teiichi Arita founded a house church in Kobuchi. Currently Yoriyoshi Abe, nephew of Nobuo, is finishing his M.Div. degree at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown. He and his new bride Emiko will return to Japan after graduation next spring.

It is exciting to see the continuation of the EC Church in Japan through several generations. But Japan is still a very difficult country to evangelize, with only about 1% claiming to know Jesus as Savior. Our churches have been reaching out through various ministries: day care, English classes, training for young mothers, etc. to reach the needs of the Japanese people. Please continue to uphold our pastors and church members in prayer as they reach out in love to their family, friends and neighbors in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Pat Strain



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ANNIVERSARIES * INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE October 16 - Jim & Janet Stahl November 1 - Kurt & Nancy G.	HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore	1	2	3	4	5
		PRAYER NEEDS Global Ministries Commission fall meetings	Global Ministries Commission fall meetings	Japan Committee meets with Rev. & Mrs. Nobuo Abe	Kitty Miller - attending conference in CO for her work in Thailand	Dan Dixon - additional responsibilities at RVA in Kenya
6	7 - Adam Schubert (1996)	8 - Hannah Lakatos (1997)	9	10 - Chris Amberman	11 - Mary Ellen Davis *	12 - Andrew Roof (1995)
PRAYER NEEDS World Wide Communion Sunday - pray with/for believers around the world	Traveling mercies for Rev. & Mrs. Nobuo Abe - leave for GA	Ron & Brenda Anderson - studying at US Center for World Missions, CA	Kurt & Nancy - continued recovery of Kurt's knees, work with students	Randy - traveling mercies as he drives to IL for meetings	Pray for the EC Church of Nepal - freedom from persecution	Randy & Chris Amberman - working with native youth in after school clubs
13	14	15	16 - Brian Wagner	17	18 - Rev. Jim Bound *	19
PRAYER NEEDS Brian & Missy Wagner - safety in travel during this year in USA	Pray for the EC Church of Mexico - safety along border areas ruled by drug cartels	Wes & Mary Reimer - retirees in TX	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planters in Alcora, Spain	Pray for the EC Church of Liberia - the way forward in a land still devastated by civil war	John & Carolyn Miller - praise that their part of work on Bru Bible is done!	Pray for the leadership of the EC Church USA - Bishop Bruce Hill and our conference ministers
20	21 - Josiah Moury (2004)	22	23	24	25	26
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the EC Church of Japan - many opportunities to minister in the north where tsunami hit	Ken Sears - busy with teaching & preaching at Zaporozhye Bible College, Ukraine	Joe Toy - open air ministry on college campuses and in Philadelphia area	Pray for the EC Church of India - praise for the growth and of many new believers baptized	National Ministry Team - pray for wisdom in leading EC Church forward	Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in closed and/or persecuted countries, who suffer greatly for their faith	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - busy with new positions in middle of semester at RVA, Kenya
27	28 - Brandon Farr (2006)	29 - Rebekah Moury	30	31	NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS November 1(1993) - Justin Wills November 2 - Barbara Erb * November 3 - Joe Toy, Jr. November 8 - Jane Heck November 14 - Art Davis * November 15(1994) - Adam Toy * INDICATES RETIREE	
PRAYER NEEDS Jamie & Anita Farr - serving with Wycliffe at headquarters in Orlando, FL	Rev. Jack Murray, retiree in CA - recent health issues	Pray for our EC church planters, in USA and around the world	Chris & Deb Bowers - training pilots & admin work at Moody in WA state	Pray for Evangelical College of Theology, NE India - training national pastors and missionaries		