

▶ **Joe Toy** is once again looking for folks to help with the Christmas stocking ministry. These stockings are distributed to needy children in inner city Philadelphia. For information on how to make the stockings, including a pattern, and what to stuff in them, go to Joe's website at www.oamphilly.com. If you are willing to participate, please let Joe know. Stockings are to be turned in to him by December 3rd.

▶ **David & Conce Roof** will be returning to the USA at the end of October until January for a brief furlough. Their deputation schedule is already full, but mail can be sent to them during November and December at their US address, which is 45 Tiffany Lane, Lebanon, PA 17046.

▶ **Dan Moury** was in Asia again, this time Thailand, in mid to late September to film another segment for Wycliffe. Dan was the only videographer on this trip, so he was twice as busy, trying to get all the necessary film footage.

▶ **Gloria Smethers** is coming north for a few weeks this month, to do some deputation as well as visit friends. She will be in PA from October 9-23rd. Her Sunday mornings are already filled, but she may be available for some midweek events. Call the GMC office to find out.

▶ **Kurt and Nancy G.** were able to spend some time recently in South Korea with their youngest son Adam and his wife, who are teaching conversational English. Their photos indicate some very interesting new cultural experiences!

▶ **Beth Grimm** will be re-commissioned as an EC missionary this month at her home church of Grace Community in Willow Street. The afternoon service begins at 4 p.m. Beth served in Africa under AIM for many years as a teacher, then was seconded to Wycliffe Bible Translators and relocated to Guatemala. There she was part of a new program for teaching missionary children. Beth returned home to pursue specialized education, especially to diagnose MK's with learning disabilities and develop educational programs so they could be taught on the field where their parents serve. *See article with more information in the Fall/Winter 2016 edition of [Window on the World](#).*

▶ We now have new prayer cards for **Joe and Wendy Toy**, and **Robert and Bettina Schaeffer**. They will also be posted to our website at www.eccenter.com. Go to Structures tab, then Communities, then GMC, then Mission Workers. You can download photos and short biographies about our missionaries. Because some of our people work in sensitive areas, not all our missionaries are listed on the webpage, but we may still have prayer cards in the GMC office.

▶ **Jonathan and Kathy Wilson** are currently in their village of Nindeware, working with local co-translators to continue translation of the Binandere New Testament. They will be away from internet and phone service until mid-November.



Penny Prayers

When I was a child, my grandmother would often say, "A penny for your thoughts?" At that time, a penny still seemed like a good deal, so I would tell her what I was thinking or daydreaming about, and she would give me a penny. I remember the satisfying clink the penny made when I dropped it in my piggy bank. I was rich!

In the (many) decades since my childhood, pennies have fallen out of favor. No more penny candy or penny pitches at local fairs. Occasionally merchants have a 'give a penny, take a penny' dish by the cash register, but most folks pay with plastic these days, so those dishes are disappearing as well. A few years ago, a news report stated that it cost more to mint pennies than they are worth; periodically there is a movement to get rid of them altogether. But the humble penny continues to be part of our US currency and vocabulary.

I thought about pennies in conjunction with prayers recently. We teach children to say simple prayers, such as "God bless Mommy and Daddy". The expectation is that, as they grow, children will be able to pray in a deeper and more meaningful manner.

We shouldn't be so quick to dismiss those simple prayers, though. As adults, how often have we put off praying for something or someone because we don't have time 'to do it right' at that moment? Instead of sending up a small prayer immediately, we wait until we have our devotional time, and hopefully remember to incorporate all the prayer requests which we have received throughout the day.

Our heavenly Father loves to hear from His children, any time of the day or night. We don't have to wait until we can spend a half hour or more in prayer to share our heart's desire with Him, or bring another hurting soul before His throne. When you get a text, phone or email message requesting prayer, if possible stop what you are doing and take a minute right away to pray. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't have a longer, deeper devotional time, but those 'penny prayers' can still reach the Throne of Grace. And just like the actual penny, when there are a lot of them, they have value and weight.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

EPHESIANS 6:18 (NIV)

EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

ANNIVERSARIES

October 16 - Jim & Janet Stahl
November 1 - Rev. Kurt & Nancy G.

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PRAYER NEEDS
Gloria Smethers - driving to PA for three weeks of deputation

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PRAYER NEEDS
Jim & Janet Stahl - training Bible story tellers in Southeast Asia and Africa - currently living in TX with plans to return to PA

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Dan Moury - videographer for Wycliffe - returning from filming trip to Thailand

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Pray for the EC Church - Japan, that they can reach their countrymen with the good news of the Gospel

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Roy & Sue Haglund - serving at MAF headquarters in Idaho - training new missionary families

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Jim & Joan Farr - working with Korafe and Baruga peoples in their respective villages in PNG

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- Adam Schubert (1996)

John & Carolyn Miller - living in NY and finishing up work on Bru translation

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Pray for the EC Church of Nepal - it is being threatened by militant Hindu forces within the government

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PRAYER NEEDS
Pray for Rev. Randy and Carla Sizemore as they drive from IL to PA for a week of GMC and denominational meetings

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- Chris Amberman

Pray for missionary candidates coming before GMC tomorrow for interview process

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- Mary Ellen Davis *

Pray for GMC fall board meetings and the decisions to be made

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- Andrew Roof (1995)

Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe - church planters of the Garden Church in Ebina, Japan

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Pray for the National Ministry Team as they meet to discuss the ongoing restructuring of the EC Church

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GMC hosts a free lunch for pastors and wives at Sinking Spring Community Church

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Susquehanna Missions Brunch - 10 a.m. at Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown, PA

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- Brian Wagner

PRAYER NEEDS
Beth Grimm - being recommissioned as an EC missionary at Grace Community Willow Street

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Joe Toy - continuing open air ministry at college campuses and abortion clinics

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- Rev. Jim Bound *

Pray for the EC Church of Mexico, that the IGLE Kids program continues to grow

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Pray for Major Josh Metz, Army chaplain for the 780th MI Brigade, serving at Ft. Meade, MD

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Pray for the EC Church of India - that the six presbyteries will work together to see the Gospel go forward

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- Josiah Moury (2004)

Kitty Miller - retired missionary still very active in Lehigh Valley, PA

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Pray for the EC Church of Liberia, that Rev. Powell's literacy program will help people to read the Bible

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PRAYER NEEDS
Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate - Principal of Evangelical School of Theology in India

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Rev. Jack Murray - retired but still active in Rough and Ready, CA

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Pray for our international EC church leaders, many of whom face increasing persecution

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Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - busy with deputation while in USA this year

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Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - counseling with LIFE Ministries in NY and PA

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- Brandon Farr (2006)

Pray for our EC church planters in the USA and abroad, that they may see fruit

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- Rebekah Moury (2009)

Jim Ehrman - transitioning into full time work with Evangelical Seminary

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PRAYER NEEDS
Brian & Missy Wagner - serving as teacher and administrator at Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya

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David & Conce Roof - heading to USA for three months furlough, deputation and vacation

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2 - Barbara Erb *
November 3 - Rev. Joe Toy Jr.
November 8 - Jane Heck *
November 14 - Art Davis *

*DENOTES RETIREE