

The Whitakers have two daughters, Miriam (8) and Laura (6), who are normal girls who love princesses, ballet and playing with their friends at the park. They are very much involved in the lives and ministry of their parents, and, every once in a while, sharing nuggets of wisdom and insight that God wants their parents to hear. The family is planning to be on Home Ministry Assignment from June to August, 2019, and if you'd like to be in touch with them you may do so in the following ways: [bj.whitaker@ecmi.org](mailto:bj.whitaker@ecmi.org), [rachel.whitaker@ecmi.org](mailto:rachel.whitaker@ecmi.org), [whitakerwire.wordpress.com](http://whitakerwire.wordpress.com), or on Facebook.

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Brian, Missy Wagner and son Micah** will be home for a brief visit at the end of this month so that Micah can visit prospective colleges. Keep them in prayer as Brian and Micah travel, and that they may know God's will in this matter. Missy will be spending time with her mother and daughters.
- ▶ **Jonathan & Kathy Wilson** return to SIL headquarters in Ukarumpa, PNG around November 7<sup>th</sup> after spending a couple of months in their village, working in the Binandere scripture translation with local translators. Pray for safety in travel and that it has been a fruitful time in the village.
- ▶ **Joe Toy** spent the last two weeks of October in the UK, in and around London. He and a group of other open air evangelists shared at the NFL games that were played over there.
- ▶ **Dan & Mary Lynne Wills** give praise that they did not have damage to their home during Hurricane Florence in late September. The Wills live in South Carolina, just south of the NC border. They never even lost power, for which they are very grateful.
- ▶ As you gather with family and friends at Thanksgiving, **remember our missionaries** who will not be able to do that due to their service in other states or other countries than where their loved ones reside. Keep them in prayer for health and stamina to continue the work that God has called them to do.
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MISSIONARIES:** This is the annual reminder for individuals or churches who wish to give monetary Christmas gifts to our EC missionaries. If the missionary serves overseas, it is better to give the monetary gift through either the GMC office or the mission agency with which the missionary serves. Cashing checks overseas always costs the recipient a lot in fees, plus it may open your check to being altered and cashed for a much higher amount than you intended.
- ▶ **DO NOT SEND CARDS TO THE GMC OFFICE TO BE FORWARDED TO MISSIONARIES.** If the missionary is in the USA, either permanently or on furlough, then mail the card, check and/or gift directly to them. If you need current mailing addresses, contact Pat at the GMC office for that information. Thanks!
- ▶ **A number of our missionaries** are struggling with severe support shortages. If you would like to help them, even with a one-time gift, please contact Pat at the Global Ministries office for a list of needs. You can email to [ecglobal@eccenter.com](mailto:ecglobal@eccenter.com) or call 717-866-7584. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these needs.
- ▶ **Val Schubert** gives praise that the surgeries on her legs went well and that she was able to get up and around shortly after them. The surgeries involved the arteries in both legs.



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## BJ and Rachel Whitaker

**B**.J. and RACHEL WHITAKER'S STORY is evidence of the creativity, humor and love of God. While Rachel grew up as a missionary kid surround by fields of sunflowers and olive trees in southern Spain, B.J. grew up in a blue-collar family in the 'metropolis' of Buffalo, IL (pop. 500) surround by miles of corn fields. When B.J. arrived at Asbury University to prepare for the ministry, he was signed up for Spanish class and dropped it immediately, thinking, "What would I ever need Spanish for? God's called me to be a pastor, so I'm going to study Greek instead..." Later that fateful freshman year B.J. and Rachel met, became friends, and B.J.'s interest in Rachel, and the Spanish language, suddenly changed forever.



After graduating from Asbury, they got married and had the sense that God was calling them overseas, though not yet. So Rachel worked as a social worker and B.J. as a youth pastor for several years. In 2005 God confirmed His call on their lives to share Jesus' love in Spain. They arrived on the field in 2009, and though B.J. thought he knew a little bit of Spanish, he realized just how little he knew when Rachel made him go to the pharmacy on just their second day in Spain.

Since 2010 the Whitakers have been collaborating with the "Good News Evangelical Church" (Església Evangèlica Bona Nova) of Onda (Castellón) to establish a visible expression of the body of Christ in the neighboring town of Alcora. After laying the groundwork for this, in 2015 they opened a storefront ministry center for believers to meet (Comunidad Cristiana En El Camino) and to reach out into the community through offering English classes, activities for families and children, and counseling. It's exciting to see how God has caused many of the seeds we've planted to begin to grow: individuals giving their lives to Christ, young believers discovering and using their gifts, and a small community of Christ followers growing together and reaching out in the town. In addition to the church plant, Rachel is involved in ministering to missionary kids throughout Europe, while B.J. is working to help the different churches of Castellón develop a united vision to reach the province together.

No day is typical for them: you may find them in a discipleship or prayer meeting with believers, sharing Christ and praying for people on the street, or simply playing with their daughters in the park. Put simply, their passion is for people to grasp the transformational, revolutionary power of the Gospel of Jesus and to live it.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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	<b>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b> December 6 – Sue Haglund * December 13 – Rev. Dan Moury		<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> November 1 – Kurt & Nancy G. December 10 – Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus December 12 – Randy & Chris Amberman		PRAYER NEEDS Pray for <b>the persecuted church</b> around the world, particularly in southern Sudan	– Barbara Erb* Pray for <b>Tomoyuki and Jessica Abe</b> , ministering at Fuchinobe Community Church in Fuchinobe, Japan.	– Rev. Joe Toy, Jr. Pray for <b>Gwen Melger</b> , retired missionary in Florida
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<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for our <b>District Field Directors</b> , as they work with the churches in their districts to have healthy and thriving fellowships that impact their communities	Pray for <b>Captain Noel Blancaflor</b> , Air Force Chaplain at Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA	<b>Rev. Kaitikap Vaiphei</b> , General Director of the EC Church of India – praise for good report on recent Leaders Conference held there	<b>Jamie &amp; Anita Farr</b> – working at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL – Jamie is doing graduate studies in international studies at Wheaton	– Jane Heck* <b>Encourage missionaries</b> you or your church support by sending a card or note, or even just emailing them to let them know you are praying for them	– Jessica Rathman <b>Kurt &amp; Nancy G.</b> – Kurt will be traveling more as he is now a full time mobilizer for Café 1040	Pray for <b>Rev. Th. Janga</b> , leader of the EC churches in Nepal – that they will be able to thrive and grow amid hostile surroundings	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Pray for <b>those serving in the armed forces</b> , for not only protecting us, but also helping where natural disasters strike all around the world	Pray for <b>Dan &amp; Melinda Moury</b> – Dan is a senior videographer/editor for Wycliffe at FL headquarters. He is going for a drone operator's license	<b>Randy &amp; Chris Amberman</b> – working with Navajo youth in after school program & hosting a house church	– Art Davis* <b>Beth Grimm</b> - Education specialist who serves the missionaries by testing and assessing MK's with learning disabilities; parent & teacher workshops	<b>Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate</b> , principal of Evangelical College of Theology in Churchandpur, India – for new program in missiology; praise for funds to get needed books	<b>Ron &amp; Brenda Anderson</b> – serving in Spain as church planting consultants and women's prison ministry	<b>Rev. Nobuo Abe</b> , chairman of the EC Church of Japan – encouraging other churches in areas of Japan that were hit by natural disasters	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Thankoffering Sunday</b> – consider taking an offering for Global Ministries to assist our international churches	– Brenda Anderson Pray for <b>Rev. G. Abraham Powell</b> , bishop of the EC churches in Liberia – that the literacy program will continue to grow	<b>Ivy Limbert</b> – teaching ESL classes to MK's at Black Forest Academy in Germany; academic support services	Pray for <b>Yoriyoshi &amp; Emiko Abe</b> as they parent daughter Kanae and pastor Grace Garden Church in Ebina City, Japan	 <b>Give thanks and praise to God, who provides for all our needs</b>	Pray for our <b>EC church planters</b> , in the USA and around the world, that their work will bear fruit	– Rev. Ken Sears <b>Dave &amp; Celia Dick</b> – in charge of the Duetel Literary Trust; Dr. Wesley Duetel's legacy of written material	
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– Ivy Limbert <b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> <b>Chris &amp; Deb Bowers</b> – serving with Moody Aviation in Washington as pilot instructor and staff support	Pray for <b>Rev. Don Kunkel</b> , retired missionary in Idaho	Pray for <b>Rev. Juan Zuniga</b> , the Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America – plans to grow the church into neighboring countries	– Leah Moury (2006) <b>Dan Dixon</b> – teacher and coach at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya	– Eunice Wanjema* <b>Jim &amp; Joan Farr</b> – finishing their work with Baruga and Korafe translations; turning work over to national translators	<b>Dave Hershey</b> – campus minister with CSF at PSU-Berks campus; also Staff Development Coordinator for CSF	*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE	