



# PRAYER GUIDE

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*Good News. Great Joy.*



In the past, many of you and your churches have been involved in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Through your partnership thousands of children and their families have been reached with the Gospel all around the world, through the distribution of shoe box gifts and the teaching of the Greatest Journey. We thank you for your involvement in this ministry.

You may not have been aware that our denomination is, and has been, a National Partner with Operation Christmas Child. The EC Church is recognized by Samaritan's Purse as an official National Partner with them in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child.

In order to strengthen this National Partnership, recently the Global Ministries Community has made Operation Christmas Child a part of their responsibilities and oversight. The GMC has officially endorsed OCC as a part of the mission and disciple-making work of the EC Church. The GMC is recommending OCC as one way that your church can be involved in reaching children with the Gospel all around the world.

Click [HERE](#) for OCC website!



## FROM THE DESK...

Greetings GMC family,

I know, you're wondering why October's Prayer Guide looks a whole lot like Christmas, right? Well, glad you asked.

This month we focus our attention on our partnership with Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. The National Collection Week is November 14-21, so we didn't want you to miss the opportunity to be praying for this tremendous ministry and the far-reaching effect it has on children all over the world.

Thank you for joining your hearts and prayers with us as we endeavor to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.

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**National Collection Week  
November 14-21!**





*Facilitating Mission Workers  
Empowering National Churches  
Engaging the Local Church*



Dan & Kim Blank

To know how your church can partner directly with Operation Christmas Child, an EC missionary, or an International EC Church, call the GMC office at 717-866-7581, x1109 or email [ecglobal@eccenter.com](mailto:ecglobal@eccenter.com).

Pastor Dan and Kim Blank have been involved with the ministry of Operation Christmas Child in the past, and will now serve on the GMC Board and as our denominational link and connection to the ministry. If you have any questions about the ministry of Operation Christmas Child and how you or your church can become involved, or if you need any materials or ideas, feel free to contact them.

For more specific information about Operation Christmas Child, or to order free resources visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) or contact Pastor Dan or Kim at [2blanks@centurylink.net](mailto:2blanks@centurylink.net) or (717) 426-1339.

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### October 1-8 This week pray for... Sending Countries

- Pray that the worldwide goal of collecting 11 million shoeboxes, each one a Gospel opportunity, will be met.
- Pray for a full network of drop-off locations for the upcoming shoebox collection season.
- Pray for safe travel and for an inspiring time together as our domestic and international staff attend global coordination meetings later this month.

### October 17-24 This week pray for.... Hard-to-reach Groups

- Pray for the 4,000 Yoruk people in Northern Macedonia, among whom less than 1 percent are believers.
- Pray for the 127,000 Bede people, also known as Baidya, in Bangladesh, among whom less than 1 percent know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

***"There is nothing that will grow our faith more than the three key elements of faith building: prayer, prayer, prayer."***  
**Franklin Graham**



### October 9-16 This week pray for... International Volunteers and Ministry Partners

- Pray for God to move in the hearts of children in every country where The Greatest Journey is taught, and that He will use the discipleship program to raise up a new generation of Christ followers.
- Pray for our National Leadership Teams as they develop strategies and coordinate efforts with ministry partners to share the Gospel and disciple children in their areas.

### October 25-31 Pray for missionaries...

- **Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, Randy & Chrisanne Amberman, Ron & Brenda Anderson, Chris & Deb Bowers**
- **Jamie & Anita Farr, Beth Grimm, Dave & Emily Hershey, Dan & Melinda Moury**
- **Dan Quigley, Dave & Conce Roof, Robert & Bettina Schaeffer, Ed & Valerie Schubert**
- **Ken Sears, Gloria Smethers, Jim & Janet Stahl**
- **Gene & Bethanie Stevenson, Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus, Joe & Wendy Toy, Brian & Missy Wagner**
- **Cassie Wells, BJ & Rachel Whitaker, Dan & Mary Lynne Wills, Jonathan & Kathy Wilson**

Click [HERE](#) to donate now to an EC Missionary.

*Happy Birthday*

10 - Chrisanne Amberman  
18 - Rev. Jim Bound\*  
29 (2009) - Rebekah Moury

11 - Mary Ellen Davis\*  
21 (2004) - Josiah Moury

16 - Brian Wagner  
28 (2006) Brandon Farr

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