



PRAYER GUIDE

JANUARY 2023

Grateful & Excited!

Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus,

As we have quickly moved into this new year, I just want to thank you once again for your generosity and sacrificial giving to the work of the Global Ministries Community of the Evangelical Congregational Church in 2022. On behalf of myself, Dee Jaramillo, the GMC Board, and our GMC Member Care Team – THANK YOU! We know we could not do this important and rewarding work without YOU!

Whether you support an EC missionary, one of the international churches, Operation Christmas Child, or the GMC in general, every little bit makes a difference as we pray for and rely upon God to meet all of our needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. We are so grateful for the Lord's faithfulness through your giving. Despite a global pandemic and all the challenges so many faced since March 2020, we saw continued generous and consistent giving. What a testimony to God's faithfulness through the hearts and minds of folks like you! Amen and Amen!

2022 was a busy year for the GMC. There were international visits to our brothers and sisters in Liberia, India and Nepal. Several of our EC missionaries were home on furlough and able to meet with Dee and me here in Myerstown for lunch and a visit. We hosted 7 Missionary Prayer Zoom calls over the course of the year where our missionaries were able to "see" each other as they shared updates on their ministries and were able to pray for each other. New properties available for missionary housing were dedicated. Dee and I were able to visit three different churches, share a meal together, and make a presentation about Global Ministries. Our headquarters office in Myerstown, PA moved into a new space at EC Center, providing a shared office for Dee and me to collaborate and meet, and a dedicated space to host lunches and smaller meetings. And all this only touches the surface of our 2022!

We look forward with anticipation to 2023 and all that the Lord will do in and through the Global Ministries Community. The Lord has given us big dreams and goals to be on mission with Him to reach His world and those desperately in need of a Savior. Your continued partnership in this ministry is vital and so very important. You are a valued and integral part of the Global Ministries family!

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FROM THE FIELD...

Hello our GMC family,
Greetings from Honduras and
Happy New Year!

You are a treasure to us! Thank
you for your partnership with us
that has spanned over 20 years!

As you join in with the extended
Global Ministries family this
month in prayer, thank you for
remembering us and the precious
ones we serve and have been
entrusted to our care as we share
the love of Jesus with those
desperately in need of hope,
healing, and wholeness.

We pray this new year finds you
well and excited for all the Lord has
planned.

Ed and Valerie Schubert

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To know how your church can partner directly with an EC missionary or an International Church, call the GMC office at 717-866-7581, x1109 or email ecglobal@eccenter.com.

One major change and praise report for 2023 is that Dee will begin as our full-time Deputy Director of the EC Global Ministries Community. When we embarked on the experiment to move the role of the Assistant to the Executive Director to a shared-ministry role back in December of 2020, we knew we would need to revisit the idea as this person sought to split his/her time between the National Conference and the GMC. We have realized the amount of work for this shared-ministry position has exceeded the ability to share the responsibility between the National Conference and the GMC any longer.

With the new initiatives we are seeking to begin in 2023, the amount of time needed for embarking on the use of digital mediums to connect with people, and our desire to engage the local church more intentionally, it really requires a person's undivided attention. I am overjoyed that we will have Dee giving her full energies to the work of the GMC, and I am confident her giftedness as a compassionate, insightful servant leader will benefit our work, but more importantly, the Kingdom's advancement around the globe.



I am excited about the future ministry of the GMC and the passionate pursuit to be on mission with Christ to reach His world.

Ted Rathman



January 1-8 This week praise God for...

- Jesus!
- those who have come to faith in Jesus Christ through our international churches and missionary fields around the world
- the many churches being raised up around the world, many in difficult and challenging areas and environments
- the ministries of our 22 missionaries sharing the love of Jesus with those desperately needing a Savior
- the incredible blessings of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on the way to children all over the globe
- His continued hand of favor on the GMC and His provision through the hearts and hands of His people

January 9-16 This week pray for the GMC Executive Director, staff & board...

- to be filled with joy and hope as they begin work for 2023
- to continue to foster the vision of the Global Ministries Community to the EC Church USA
- to believe God to provide for the bold, God-sized vision and mission initiatives for the GMC for 2023
- to develop and cultivate valued relationships with mission's leaders and teams in our local EC churches
- to care for our missionaries well
- to help encourage and train up our international church pastors and leaders

January 17-24 This week pray for the local church USA to...

- catch the vision of nurturing a global vision and to be on mission with Christ to reach His world
- believe for the next generation of missionaries to hear the call of God to step into the ministry He has planned for them
- begin to seek opportunities to reach their local communities and neighbors
- adopt an international EC church to support
- consider increasing support for a missionary or begin supporting an additional one

January 25-31 Pray for missionaries...

- **Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, Randy & Chrisanne Amberman, Ron & Brenda Anderson, Chris & Deb Bowers**
- **Jamie & Anita Farr, Beth Grimm, 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**

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31 - Chris Bowers

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