



# THANKFUL FOR THE WEB!

Have you visited our EC website lately...or ever? Go to [www.eccenter.com](http://www.eccenter.com) for a wealth of information about everything from what we believe and where and how we work, to publications, National Conference news, forms of all kinds, and links to our churches. There's even a "Good News" page with testimonies of God at work...just send your articles to Brenda Long ([blong@eccenter.com](mailto:blong@eccenter.com)) at EC Center for inclusion there.



Shortly after I finished last month's article on "Introducing People to Jesus," God gave me a special reason to be thankful for our website. A caller to EC Center inquired, "Is there someone there who can tell me about Jesus?" The young man had found our denominational website on the Internet, and, after great internal struggle, made an international call to the number listed there. What made the call unique was the fact that Michael was a Jewish

student from Brooklyn who was studying abroad in Israel! He knew that Jesus had died on a cross, but little more.

At that point I had the privilege of introducing Michael to Jesus by sharing both Old and New Testament scriptures that revealed Him as creator, God in the flesh, "suffering servant," Messiah, Savior, and coming King. Clearly the Holy Spirit was at work as Michael eagerly followed along on his computer's online Bible program. At the end of our 20 minute conversation, we prayed, and I encouraged him to read the Gospels of John and Mark and get back to me via email. There's been no response as yet, but I know a seed was planted, and I am praying daily that Michael may soon come to trust in Jesus as his Messiah.



Michael came to us, via the Internet, looking for answers. As Global

Media Outreach has discovered, people want to know and experience God, and they are using the web to find answers for their spiritual questions. In fact, many ECers are getting involved as GMO Internet missionaries to active seekers and new believers. Our website is a wonderful source of information for our own people, but I am coming to see that God wants to use it as an even more powerful resource for evangelism and disciple-



making. As we give thanks for so many blessings at this season—chief among them Jesus and our great salvation—let's also rejoice in the positive use of new ways to introduce people to Him.

For the Kingdom,  
Fred Moury,  
NC Chair

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# National Conference Chair Prayer & Praise

- First, major holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas are always difficult on grieving families. During this time please keep the Leibensperger family in your prayers. Also remember the Stephens and Eisenhower families as they grieve the recent deaths of Revs. Bill Stephens and Bill Eisenhower.
- Remember to pray for those nominees for the office of Bishop preparing applications for submittal to the Episcopal Nominating Committee. Application information is due in December.
- November is a month of special emphasis in which we as Christians are called to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. In light of that, continue



to remember our pastors and congregations in Nepal who face constant threat and opposition from radical Hindus.

- I want to praise God for the excellent trip and wonderful connections made in Cedarville last month and for the very good National Ministry Team meeting on October 28.
- I also praise God for the powerful Church Prayer Leaders' Network Conference in Lititz with the Rev. David Bryant. Dave's emphasis on the supremacy of Christ as the center focus in our prayer lives was most helpful.
- The ordination services for Joel Kime and Mercedes Mendez were



also occasions for great praise and thankfulness.

- Pray for the upcoming discipling "Cross Talk" sessions that will be held in Boyertown on December 2 and in Willow Street on January 11. Facilitated by the Navigators, these sessions are designed as discussion events in which participants share "lessons learned" in their life to life discipling experiences.



- As many of our churches again participate in Operation Christmas Child, remember to pray for the boys & girls that receive these "shoe box" gift packs. Pray that they may not only sense the love of the gift givers, but that they may also experience the love of Christ and come to faith in Him.

## News from Global Ministries

### Prayer & Praise:

1. Praise God for the response to the GMC appeal letter for Nepal. To date we have collected \$12,000 which will be used throughout 2011 to help support Rev. Janga, the 14 Pastor/Mission Workers and the orphans of the EC Church of Nepal. While we praise God for the many one-time gifts, please continue to pray with us that God will call individuals and churches to become regular prayer and financial supporters of ECCN.
2. Continue to pray for missionary Jane Heck, currently at home from Belize to care for her parents who are going through some medical challenges. She will remain in the United States through June 2011.
3. Please pray for the Farris, Wilsons and Bowers—missionaries in Papua New Guinea. Break-ins and violence in and around their living and minis-

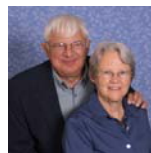


try areas continues to threaten safety.

4. Please continue to pray for the logistics (visas & travel plans) of the trip to visit the EC Church of Liberia in January 2011 to celebrate the completion of the Launch Liberia project and inaugurate the next phases of intentional discipleship. Randy is trying to take Rev. Elias Martinez from Mexico, Rev. Lalrosiem Songate from India and Rev. Salvador Cardoso from Highland Park, IL.

### Retirement Announcement:

Jim and Bonnie Bound will retire from active missionary status on June 30, 2011. They have been ministering in the EC Church for 42 years. We will honor them at the sessions of National Conference held at Messiah College in May 2011.



### GMC Training Seminars:

Now is a good time to begin plans for hosting a GMC Training Seminar next spring. Currently we offer two seminars: Building Missions Into Your Congregation's DNA and Money, Missionaries & Missions. Contact the GMC office for more information.

### Laptops for Leaders:

The India/Nepal Committee is engaging in a project to provide a laptop computer for each of the six Presbyterian Leaders (comparable to our Conference Ministers) of the EC Church of India. Each laptop costs \$800. Most of these men who together oversee approximately 400 local churches are still using typewriters! For more information on how you can help contact Randy Sizemore ([rsizemore@eccenter.com](mailto:rsizemore@eccenter.com)) or 717-866-7584.



- Praise God with us for a record Fall Encounter! Pray for the 27 prospective students as they discern how Evangelical might help them answer God's call on their lives.
- Pray for the Presidential Search Committee in its quest for Evangelical's next president. Members of the committee are Chairman Bill Worley, Andrew Carr, Dorothy Gish, Kirk Marks, Laurie Mellinger, Ken Nafziger, Gwen Scheirer, Randy Sizemore, and Greg Zinn. The group hopes to recommend a candidate to the Board at its February meeting.
- Pray for favor with the University Senate of the United Methodist Church when it considers Evan-



gelical's appeal January 25-26. Also pray that our administrators will be invited to make a personal presentation on our behalf.

- Praise God for Evangelical's faithful family of supporters. We thank God for those who stand with us in prayer, finances, and active participation in the life of the seminary.
- Registration has begun for winter and spring semester courses. Alumni and senior citizens (65+) are eligible to audit any course for only \$50. Check the website at [www.evangelical.edu](http://www.evangelical.edu) for a complete list of classes.



## News from Twin Pines



### Flyin' High Winter Retreat!

For everyone in 6th through 9th grade, Twin Pines is sponsoring a retreat like the summer camp Flyin' High program. This retreat will be December 10-12, 2010. The same great directors will be back as well as some of the great staff! This will be a time to catch up with some friends from the summer, have a wonderful time of worshipping together and a whole lot of FUN!

For more information and to print out a registration form to [www.twinpines.org](http://www.twinpines.org) or call the Twin Pines office at 570-629-2411, or email [fhwinterretreat@twinpines.org](mailto:fhwinterretreat@twinpines.org).



### Senior High Winter Retreat!

This winter join your friends at Twin Pines for the first annual Senior High Winter Retreat. This retreat will challenge you to catch up with friends and have a blast! The retreat leaders will be the directors from the summer senior high age programs. The dates for the retreat are December 3-5, 2010.



For more information visit the Twin Pines website [www.twinpines.org](http://www.twinpines.org) or you can call the office at 570-629-2411, or send an email to [shwinterretreat@twinpines.org](mailto:shwinterretreat@twinpines.org). See you at the retreat!

### Ski Retreat

Love to ski? Twin Pines has an opportunity for you to get away for the weekend and go skiing! January 28-30, 2011, Twin Pines will sponsor a ski weekend. The weekend will include your lift ticket for Saturday and meals and lodging Friday through Sunday. If you aren't able to attend the whole weekend special rates are available. This retreat is for youth (with a chaperone), adults, families, or couples. Twin Pines will be providing additional programming in the evening as well as the Sunday morning service. Come to Twin Pines and enjoy a day at a local ski resort!



For more information call Twin Pines at 470-629-2411 or email [tpskiretreat@twinpines.org](mailto:tpskiretreat@twinpines.org).

## News from Benefits Corporation/Compensation Committee

The end of the calendar year will have a different meaning to whomever you ask. For those of us in administrative roles it is time to complete THE FORMS...tax forms, giving forms, attendance forms, salary forms and other year end forms. Some of us enjoy completing forms, the joy we feel inside when the numbers balance can be indescribable. To help those that don't share in the joy of completing forms the due dates below will assist in planning.

### Due to EC Church Center—Compensation and Benefit Administrator

Pastor Salary Forms	January 15, 2011 (copy to Conference Minister)
Annual Reports	January 25, 2011
Form W-2 (pastors and church employees)	January 31, 2011
Filed with Social Security	February 28, 2011 (paper forms) or March 31, 2011 (electronically)
Form 1099-MISC (independent contractors )	January 31, 2011
Filed with IRS	February 28, 2011 (paper forms) or March 31, 2011 (electronically)



- Though rates for active pastor health insurance plans change on January 1, 2011, remember that the January payment is due **December 15, 2010**. The new health insurance rates are available on the website, [www.eccenter.com](http://www.eccenter.com).
- On February 25, 2011 Prudential will make allocation changes to the investments held in the GoalMaker portfolio, i.e. moving investments from one type, class or industry sector to another. In early February 2011 participants in the Prudential 403(b) plans will receive notifications about the upcoming changes. These portfolio changes will affect investors differently based upon time until retirement, risk level or account balance. Please read the information carefully and contact Jennifer Buehler, Wells Fargo Wealth Management with any questions.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday,

Kevin Henry  
Controller



## Disciplemaking "Cross-Talk"

This is to invite you and your team to a "Cross-Talk" interaction designed to pool our "lessons-learned" in life-to-life disciplemaking. The Navigators will facilitate this for us and may also invite other non-EC leaders to join us in this time of sharing.



**December 2, 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM at the Trinity E.C. Church, Boyertown**

**January 11, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Grace Community E.C. Church, Willow Street**

Simply call the Church Center (1-800-866-7581) to let us know which of these meetings you will attend and how many people are attending. A registration form is also available online at our website: [www.eccenter.com](http://www.eccenter.com)

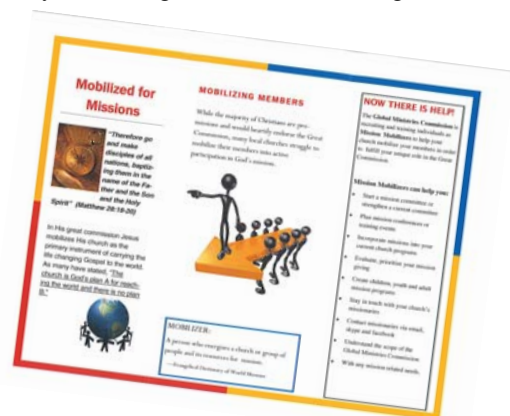


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# Mission Mobilizers Are On the Move!

In the last issue of Window on the World, we introduced the concept of MISSION MOBILIZERS as part of the GMC strategy to re-grow the grass roots of mission involvement in the EC Church. These Mission Mobilizers are being recruited, trained and deployed to come along-side of our local EC churches to help them cultivate and grow missions into the very roots of their congregations. To date we have a total of 25 individuals across our denomination who are actively contacting local churches to begin discussions of how the Global Ministries Commission can help them realize their mission goals. A brochure explaining the concept of Mission Mobilizers is available at [www.ecglobal.org](http://www.ecglobal.org) or by contacting the GMC office. To speak with a Mission Mobilizer contact the GMC office. Please be in prayer for our Mission Mobilizers.



## Great Lakes Region

Don Hinkson  
Rachel & Josh Reinders  
Kathleen Henry  
Andrew Maitland  
Ann & Gary Brown  
Mike Reinders  
Nancy Wadsworth  
Jerry Virtue

## Susquehanna Region

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Lois Matarazzi  
Pat Strain  
Mary Martin  
Elsie Altpeter  
Marlin & Verna Hartranft  
Carla Sizemore

## Delaware Region

Tim & Karen Beltz  
Nathan & Katie Kennedy  
Lucille Putt  
Nancie Young



## EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Evangelical Theological Seminary invites applications for the position of president to succeed Michael W. Sigman, who will be transitioning into pastoral ministry. The Seminary's eighth president should be a passionate follower of Jesus Christ and a person of the highest personal and professional integrity. The Seminary seeks a team-focused, visionary and energetic leader who is able to communicate Evangelical's story with confidence and enthusiasm.

Nominations and applications should be received by November 26, and directed to: Dr. William Worley, Chair, Presidential Search Committee, Evangelical Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 463, Myerstown, Pa. 17067 or e-mail at [gscheirer@evangelical.edu](mailto:gscheirer@evangelical.edu). For more information, visit the Seminary's web site at [www.evangelical.edu](http://www.evangelical.edu).



The E.C. Church Center is looking for a LOCAL handyman to help with some new small jobs and repairs in our building. Call 717-866-7581 or email Kevin at [khenry@eccenter.com](mailto:khenry@eccenter.com)

The Church Center has a Brother IntelliFax 2820 Fax Machine available for anyone who wants it. It includes a 14.4Kbps fax modem. Call Church Center (717-866-7581) if you are interested.



*You are invited to:*

**BLUE  
CHRISTMAS...**



*A Service of Comfort and Hope  
“Where Joy and Sorrow Meet”*

**Speaker: Rev. Michael Sigman  
President, Evangelical Theological Seminary**

**Sunday, December 5th, 2010  
4:00 PM**

(Snow Date December 12 ~ 4 PM)

**Community Evangelical Church  
51 Green Valley Road  
Sinking Spring, PA  
610-670-1942**