

Using the HeartCry as a Prayer Tool...

- It has been modified to fit the inside of your Bible
- It is a tool to pull out and use during your prayer time
- It is a resource to help direct you as you pray kingdom prayers for your denomination
- We encourage you to send your prayer requests for the next edition of this vital monthly publication
- Requests may be emailed to: Rev. Terry Jacobs at riverhillec@yahoo.com
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The Prayer Mobilization Team of the Evangelical Congregational Church is committed to being:

- A. Students of Prayer
- B. Intercessors over the leaders, churches and needs of our fellowship
- C. Initiators of Prayer Events throughout the three regions of 15 Districts in the United States and with our Global churches as well.

Our goal is Saturation in Prayer. This means...

...every church will have a prayer coordinator

...every District will have a prayer leader

...the Mobilization Team will have a representative serving from each district.

“It is time to begin our Unified Global Prayer and Fasting on the First Friday of each Month. Join with the EC Church Global as we pray together for one hour on each first Friday.”

Prayer is gazing into the character of Jesus through the lens of Scripture and becoming what you see.

HeartCry

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January 2009



“To God Be The Glory Great Things He Has Done”



This morning as I pursued my hunt for the big buck, I found that someone had beaten me to my hunting spot. I proceeded down the road to a new spot. From a hillside I was able to view the surrounding beauty of the snow capped hillsides of our county. My spirit within me began to sing without any hindrances, “For The Lord Is Good”.

Although it was 13 degrees outside, my heart was warmed with praise to God for all the blessings He has given to me. God didn’t bless me with a deer this morning but I enjoyed my time of worship with God.

At the Open Door Church in Chambersburg, PA where I attended as a teenager, we would conclude the Sunday morning service by joining hands across the aisle and singing the great hymn: “To God be the Glory, Great things He has done, So love He the World, That He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life in atonement for sin, And opened the life gates that all may come in, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice.”

What a great reminder it was to thank God for His goodness to us! As we enter a New Year enter it with a song of thanksgiving on your heart and lips.

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.”

Focus on our Family

BISHOP'S PRAYER LIST:

Thanks for your prayers regarding our move. We're settling into our new home just outside of Shillington, PA.

1. For God to call out Church Planters and raise up churches ready to plant churches.
 2. Wisdom, commitment, and courage as we navigate the challenges of an economic recession and develop the 2009 National Conference budget.
 3. Guidance and vision from the Lord as the Supervisory and Stationing Committees prepare for the 2009 process of stationing pastors.
 4. Reconciliation – forgiveness & healing for broken relationships within our larger church family.
 5. For president elect, Barak Obama, and the change of administration in the New Year.
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FOCUS ON THE CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION:

Looking to the Future... Iglesia Cristiana de York EC

2008 was a year of real hope for Iglesia Cristiana. They made advances with leadership classes and are attending to the final details before starting a small group ministry at the beginning of 2009 (end of January). The discipleship of those who came to the Lord this past year looks challenging, but promising.

2008 has also been a time of great challenge as the people faced the commitments necessary to turn things around in the ministry. There have been strong attacks to all levels from the darkness but they remain on their feet by the grace of God. And they look forward to what is to come.

Rev. Carlos Kelly, the pastor/church planter, has had to deal with more counseling and moments of crisis in 2008 than in most of the previous years all together. Or at least that is how it looked. But they know that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Prayer concerns:

- Agreement with the Holy Spirit; one vision among the leaders
- A good start at the end of January with the small groups
- Victories on work schedules for the leadership and laborers
- Assimilation of changes on the church schedule
- Resolution of health issues for Carlos and Yanira
- A breakthrough with the youth ministry
- Teamwork with the host church (St. Paul EC)
- Challenges of having their first senior student at home

Kingdom Prayers

FOCUS ON OUR INTERNATIONAL CHURCH: COSTA RICA

The Costa Rica EC Church has dealt with some severe flooding and other challenges but reports health and growth! Rev. Dr. William Araya, the leader of our EC Churches in Costa Rica, shared at our TEACH conference in Myerstown in June that in the previous quarter, they were rejoicing as God gave them 12 conversions and 4 baptisms. The EC Church of Costa Rica now has 5 congregations averaging about 260 members. William's vision is to have EC churches planted in each of the seven regions of Costa Rica. Please pray that the Lord would pour out his Holy Spirit on the people of the EC Church of Costa Rica, that they might see these churches planted and many Costa Ricans turning to Christ.



Director, Rev. Dr. William Araya

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: **From Rev. Th. Janga, director of EC Churches in Nepal:**

: Greetings to you and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous
: New Year.

: *Prayer Items:*

- : 1. The coming year be a soul winning year.
: 2. Prayer for Global Commission & the new responsibility for EC Church in
: Nepal.
: 3. Pray for Rev. Lalrosiem and all ECCI ministries
: 4. Pray for EC Church in Nepal
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FOCUS ON A MISSIONARY – Lamar and Janice Stoltzfus

Lamar and Janice Stoltzfus, along with children Alyssa and Donovan, call Lancaster County, PA home. But all that will change (hopefully) later this year when the Stoltzfus family answers the call to full time ministry by moving to Rift Valley Academy in Kenya. Lamar and Janice will be teachers at this school for missionary children, as well as house parents to MK's from various countries in continental Africa. They will be serving with Africa Inland Mission, and join EC missionaries Dan Dixon and the Brian Wagner family at Rift Valley. Please pray for them as they make arrangements for moving their family overseas, as well as raising support. The Stoltzfuses hope to be at RVA by mid-summer to prepare for the 2009-10 school year.