

# E.C. Global Scene



# 2007 NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>HERE &amp; THERE</b> with Jim Ehrman		<b>December * DENOTES RETIREE</b> <b>Missionary Birthdays</b> December 6 – Sue Haglund December 28 – Janet Stahl December 31 – Gloria Smethers		<b>1</b> – Justin Wills (1993)	<b>2</b> – Barbara Erb *	<b>3</b> – Rev. Joe Toy, Jr.
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b>				Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – ongoing construction of village house	Brad & Maxine Waldman – Caribbean ministry	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – work at JAARS, need for support
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>November 6</b> – Liberia Task Force Meeting – a.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> – Jane Heck	<b>9</b> <b>November 9-16</b> – Visit to Japan with Bishop Mike Sigman and Bishop-elect Kevin Liebensperger	<b>10</b> – Mai Lou Garcia
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Dan Dixon – work at RVA in Kenya		Barbara Erb, retiree – relocation to FL	Rev. Edwin Miseses – Hazleton PA church plant	Launch Liberia micro-enterprise program	Joe & Wendy Toy – outdoor metro ministries	EC Leaders leave for Japan
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> – Art Davis *	<b>15</b> – Adam Toy (1994)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Alejandro & Marcella Ruiz – Mexico border						
Brian & Missy Wagner – teaching at RVA, Kenya		John & Carolyn Miller – work with SIL, Bru people		Ken Sears – teaching at bible college in Ukraine		Ed & Cal Schubert – working with children in Honduras
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> – Brenda Anderson	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>November 23</b> – Overnight EC youth lock-in	<b>24</b> – Rev. Ken Sears – Rev. Robert Schaeffer
<b>November 18</b> – Speak at Harrisburg Trinity – morning service		Mateo & Mai Lou Garcia – ministering in Mexico		Don & Kathryn Kunkel – in ID w/ Village Missions		Randy & Chris Amberman – work with First Nation people
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Rev. Carlos Kelly – York PA church plant		Jim & Cindi Farr – safe travel for visit to family		Give Thanks for God's goodness		Marcia Hopler – working cross culturally in Philadelphia
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>November 27</b> – Ministry Assessment Center meeting – p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> – Eunice Wanjema *	<b>30</b>	
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Kurt & Nancy – work in central Asia		Hope for the Children Orphanages in NE India		Persecuted church, especially Myanmar		Gwen Melger, retiree in FL



## PAIN IN THE OFFERING

**F**or Americans, this month is associated with Thanksgiving. More than any other holiday, this is the one where families gather together and express gratitude for all the blessings of the year. But what if it hasn't been a great year? What if it's been a year of losing a job or a loved one, of divorce or prolonged illness? Where's the blessing in that?

In their song "Blessed Be Your Name", Matt and Beth Redman talk about giving praise in good times and bad. Sometimes it's hard to praise God when things aren't going well. Americans tend to equate God's love with personal prosperity. We think God is punishing us when hard times hit; rarely do we see it as a gift. But our heavenly Father says that the trials make us stronger, and we often draw closer to Him during them. Praise the name of Jesus, even when things hurt.

*Blessed be your name when the sun's  
shining down on me, When the world's all  
as it should be, Blessed be Your name.  
And blessed be Your name on the road  
marked with suffering, Though there's pain  
in the offering, Blessed be Your name.*

*"BLESSED BE YOUR NAME."  
by Beth & Matt Redman*

*—Pat Strain*

### OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- **Apologies** to all our missionaries who had birthdays in the later half of October. Somehow I missed transferring your birthdays to last month's EC Scene. A corrected copy is posted on our website, but unfortunately the printed copy was mailed out before the error was caught. Mea culpa!
- **Attention all MMK leaders!** If you would like additional MMK materials for your classes, contact Kathy Friedlund, our MMK coordinator. She can be reached at [kathyfriedlund@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyfriedlund@yahoo.com). Kathy has also prepared a booklet for anyone who would like to start an MMK group at their church. She would love to hear from you!
- **It's that time again** – For those of you early birds who will start working on your Christmas cards this month, please note: **Do not** send cards for missionaries to the GMC office. Cards for all missionaries should be sent directly to them. If you wish to send a monetary gift to U.S.-based missionaries, please send it directly to them. For missionaries serving overseas, send the check only, payable to E.C. Church, to the Global Ministries office with a notation as to whom the gift is for. Do not put check in a card addressed to the missionary for those serving overseas. Do not make the check payable to the missionary. Most missionaries cannot process checks easily overseas; the bank fees can cost up to \$35 per check. If you have any questions, please call the GMC office.
- We wish to offer our sympathies to **Robert and Bettina Schaeffer** on the passing of Robert's mother in September. Currently Robert is traveling between NY and his home town to help his father adjust to this sudden loss.
- **Chris Bowers** and his room mates in PNG were robbed when someone broke into their house. Chris lost a digital camera, his laptop computer, knapsack, and other valuable items. If you would like to donate funds to help him replace these items, monies can be sent through the GMC office.

