

E.C. Global Scene



2008 MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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HERE & THERE with Jim Ehrman	June B'days June 6 - Bonnie Bound June 6(2000) - Kent Ehrman June 8 - Rev. Nick Lakatos (c) June 11 - Wendy Toy June 12 - Martha Murray * * DENOTES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE			May 1-3 - Oxford Conference on World Christianity (CT)		
				PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted church world wide	Don & Kathryn Kunkel - Village Missions, ID	Ann Pauloski - candidate serving with Navigators in San Diego, CA
4 - Nancy G. - Conce Roof	5 - Valerie Schubert	6 - Carolyn Miller - Jamie Farr	7	8	9 - Aaron Toy (1991)	10 - Carolyn Saltenberger
					May 9-12 - Meetings in London	
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for all those preparing for short term missions	Pray that our international church leaders will receive their visas to attend TEACH	Dan Dixon - compressed class schedule, furlough preparations	Pray for E.C. Church leadership as changes take place	Chris Bowers - pilot in PNG, helping train new staff at Ukarumpa	Rev. Angel Rosado, Bethlehem PA church plant	Congratulations to BJ Whitaker, candidate-graduation from Evangelical
11	12	13	14 - Dana Abernethy	15	16	17 - BJ Whitaker (c)
PRAYER NEEDS Jeremy Kunkel - serving in CO with EMI			Kurt and Nancy - in USA temporarily, Nancy's health	Ed & Val Schubert - in IL for summer for R&R, prep for return to Honduras	Brian and Missy Wagner - teachers at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	Marcia Hopley - working cross culturally in Phila. area
						Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - at JAARS head-quarters, NC
18	19 - Eve Ehrman (2002)	20 - Sarah Wilson (1992)	21	22	23	24
May 18 - Speak at First E.C. Palmyra PA, morning and evening						
PRAYER NEEDS David Hershey - serving at Penn State Berks/CSF	Jeremy Kunkel commissioning, Grace E.C., Kutztown PA	Rev. Carlos Kelly, Iglesia Cristiana & York St. Paul	Barbara Erb, retiree - living in Bradenton, FL	David Roof - returns to Brazil, family follows later	Gwen Melger, retiree - living in Bradenton, FL	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - candidates with OMS to Mexico; Support needs
25	26	27 - Jonita Wilson (1997)	28	29	30	31 - Rev. Jack Murray* - Mary Lynne Wills
	May 26 - International E.C. church leaders arrive at Messiah	May 27-30 - National Conference, Messiah College, Grantham PA				
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Ed Runkle, Tapestry church plant, Lancaster PA	E.C. International church leaders arrive for Nat'l Conf.	National Conference begins, Bishop Kevin Leibensperger installed	Rev. Randy Sizemore installed as new GMC Director	Joe Toy - summer program for Open Air Ministries Philadelphia	Ken Sears - safe journey to USA to participate in TEACH	Luncheon (reservation only) for International E.C. church leaders



CATCH AND RELEASE

I'm not a fisherman (fisherperson?) but I'm intrigued with the concept of 'catch and release.' It's a way to keep up with your fishing skills even if you don't want to kill and eat the fish. In fact, if done properly, the fish should not be injured.

Evangelicals are told to be 'fishers of men' but sometimes we don't do it very well. We want to catch people for the Lord, but often we don't release them to go out and multiply, to become fishermen themselves. Sometimes we release them too soon, and they just go back to swimming in the same pond where we found them, just a bit more leery of being caught. Unfortunately, sometimes people have been injured spiritually and emotionally by the manner in which they were 'caught.'

We all have a responsibility to cast out nets and try to share the Good News with those around us. We also have the responsibility to do it well, and in a manner pleasing to our Lord. Don't just feed people a line; offer them the opportunity to know the Lord of the universe!

(I have) the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ROMANS 15:16b RSV

—Pat Strain

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas?! **Joe Toy** wants to remind all you crafty people that he will need more Christmas stockings by November to hand out at his Sidewalk Sunday Schools. Write to Joe for details (oamphilla@aol.com) on what size and color the stockings are to be, and what can go inside of them. It's never too early to start those Christmas crafts!

We would like to express our sympathies to the family of **Rev. Carroll Ness**. Rev. Ness, one of our retired missionaries, was called home on April 13th. He had been residing at AIM's Retirement Center in Clermont FL until his health declined. Carroll and his late wife Miriam served for 40 years in Africa before retiring to the USA in 1988. Rev. Ness is survived by sons David and Jim, daughters Ruth and Mary and their families, and niece Gloria Smethers.

Congratulations to **Adam Graff** on his graduation from Marine ROTC boot camp. His proud parents were able to go to see his ceremony on April 18th in San Diego, CA.

Jeremy Kunkel will be commissioned as an E.C. missionary on Sunday, May 18th at his home church of Grace E.C. Church, Kutztown, PA. Jeremy is currently serving with Engineering Ministries International in CO. Congratulations, Jeremy!

Congratulations also to **BJ Whitaker**, missionary candidate with European Christian Mission International, on his graduation from Evangelical Theological Seminary on May 10th. BJ and his wife Rachel want to leave by the end of this year for Spain to do church planting.

URGENT! Because BJ is graduating, the Whitakers must move out of student housing by June 1st. They need an apartment with a 6 month lease (June-Dec) in the Lebanon Valley area, so that Rachel can continue her job at Philhaven. If anyone has any leads, please contact Whitakers at bjwhit14@hotmail.com. Thank you!

