

E.C. Global Scene



2008 AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>August 31 – speak at Lancaster Faith in the a.m.</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS EC Church of Nepal</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER Missionary Birthdays</p> <p>September 3 – Jeremy Kunkel September 5 – Aiyana Ehrman September 6 – Brad Waldman September 13 – Gwen Melger* *Denotes Retiree</p> 			<p>HERE & THERE with Randy Sizemore</p>	<p>1 – JoAnna Abernethy (2001)</p>  <p>August 1 – Out</p> <p>Jim Farr – health, safety while travelling for deputation</p>	<p>2</p> <p>EC Church of India – pastors and missionaries</p>
<p>3</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Jim & Janet Stahl – survey trip to southeast Asia for The Seed Co.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rev. & Mrs. Angel Rosado – church planters in Bethlehem PA</p>	<p>5 – Seth Toy (1989) – Ethan Toy (1989)</p> <p>August 5 – Cabinet Breakfast</p> <p>John & Carolyn Miller – serving in Thailand, support need</p>	<p>6</p> <p>August 6 – GMC Finance Committee meeting 2 p.m.</p> <p>Launch Liberia VBS project – funds needed to help our EC churches</p>	<p>7</p> <p>August 7 – Hope for the Children meeting</p> <p>David and Conce Roof – getting settled into new home and new area in Brazil</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Jeremy Kunkel – serving with EMI in CO</p>	<p>9 – Caleb Abernethy (1994)</p>  <p>Ken Sears – relocation of ZBC to new building, teaching duties, health</p>
<p>10</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Lori Pfeffer – candidate orientation with BCMI</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Wes & Mary Reimer – retirees in TX</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Dana Abernethy and children – with MMS in OH</p>	<p>13</p> <p>August 13 - Out</p> <p>Kurt & Nancy – future area of service, health</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Randy & Chris Amberman – serve in NM among Navajo</p>	<p>15 – John Miller</p>  <p>all MK's who are starting college in the USA and abroad</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ron & Brenda Anderson, Spain – support need</p>
<p>17</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Brad & Maxine Waldman – teacher training in Caribbean</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Dan Dixon – safe travel while on deputation during furlough</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mateo & Mai Lou Garcia – church planters in Huasca, Mexico</p>	<p>20 – Rachel Wagner (1995)</p>  <p>Kitty Miller – Payap University Linguistics Institute - SIL</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Jane Heck – safety in return flights to Belize</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rev. & Mrs. Ed Runkle – Tapestry church plant in Lancaster PA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Gloria Smethers – in Kenya, praise for response to car fund</p>
<p>24</p> <p>August 24 – speak at Weigelstown St. David's in the a.m.</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Carolyn Saltenberger – retiree in FL</p>	<p>25</p> <p>EC Church of Liberia – rebuilding lives and churches</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Brian & Missy Wagner – new school year at RVA in Kenya</p>	<p>27 – Lori Pfeffer</p>  <p>Jim & Bonnie Bound – college ministry in VT</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Traveling mercies for Kathy Wilson & son Justin as he starts Moody Aviation in Spokane WA</p>	<p>29 – Samuel Lakatos (2000)</p>  <p>Michael and Beth Johnson – leaving full time ministry with GMC</p>	<p>30 – Dr. John Masuda – Yvonne Amberman (1991)</p>  <p>EC Church of Mexico and the new Bible Institute to train pastors</p>



TRANSFORMERS

One of the hit movies of last summer was “Transformers”. The story is based on a popular comic book series. Transformers are alien robots that can transform into other objects – cars, helicopters, trucks, etc. – to disguise themselves among humans. The good robots (Autobots) battle the bad robots (Decepticons) to save mankind.

Christians are to be Transformers as well, but not our physical appearance. Paul says we should “let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.” (Romans 12:2, NLT) Through the help of the Holy Spirit, we are to transform from thinking as the world thinks to having the mind of Christ. It won’t be instantaneous; it is a lifelong process. We may not save the world, but those around us will notice that we are different, and will want to know why. Opportunities to share Christ will arise. Hearts will be changed. And then transformation will occur, because we follow the One who can save the world.

–Pat Strain

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Lori Pfeffer** has been invited to attend candidate orientation with BCM International, the mission agency with which she formerly served. All E.C. missionaries currently not under a board are being directed to develop their own mission board or serve under an existing agency so that they might have extended support people and networking.

▶ **Kathy Wilson** and son **Justin** will be returning to the USA this month. After a brief visit with friends and family on the east coast, they will head to Spokane, Washington where Justin will begin his studies at Moody Aviation School.

▶ Congratulations to **Jim Farr** on his engagement to Joan Henry, a fellow SIL missionary in Papua New Guinea. Jim is rejoicing at the prospect of being a twosome again to carry the load of the Korafe and Baruga translation work. Joan was told to relax about her own Kombio translation program in the Sepik river area until the Kombios demonstrate more interest. If they do, Jim and Joan will see how much they’ll need to be involved there as well. They plan to be married in PNG next February.

▶ **Michael and Beth Johnson** will be ending their active missionary status with us at the end of this month. They have decided that for this season of their lives, Beth will stay home to raise their two active preschoolers, Noah and Katelyn. The Native American teenage boys who had been staying with them will all be at college this fall, and Michael and Beth have decided not to take in any more boys at this time. The Johnsons will remain a part of our extended E.C. family in the category of missionary associates. Please do continue to keep them in prayer. You may continue to communicate with them by snail mail (P.O. Box 810, Glenallen, AK 99588) or by email (micbeth99@cvinternet.net).

▶ **Gloria Smethers** says thank you to all who helped with her car fund. She was able to meet the minimum requirement by AIM so she could return to the field, and is in negotiations with another missionary to purchase a good used vehicle. Gloria was able to return to Kalacha this month after six weeks in Nairobi.

