

E.C. Global Scene



2007 MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>missionary birthdays</i></p> <p>* INDICATES RETIREE</p> <p>HERE & THERE with Jim Ehrman</p>		<p>1</p> <p>May 1-2 – Out of office</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Gloria Smethers – safe trip to USA for year of furlough</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Dave & Celia Dick – work with OMS Int'l at headquarters</p>	<p>3</p> <p>May 3 – Policy Handbook Task Force meeting</p> <p>Marcia Hopler – cross cultural ministry in Phila. area</p>	<p>4</p> <p>– Nancy G – Conce Roof</p> <p>Don & Kathryn Kunkel – work with Village Missions in ID</p>	<p>5</p> <p>– Valerie Schubert</p> <p>Rev. Angel Rosado – church planter in Bethlehem, PA</p>
<p>6</p> <p>– Carolyn Miller – Jamie Farr</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Rolando Diaz – Hispanic church plant in Phila.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ed & Val Schubert – work in Honduras at Rancho Ebenezer</p>	<p>8</p> <p>May 8-9 – Global Ministries Commission spring meetings</p> <p>Kitty Miller – getting established in her new work in Thailand</p>	<p>9</p> <p>– Aaron Toy (1991)</p> <p>Randy & Chris Amberman – Native American ministry, NM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>– Carolyn Saltenberger*</p> <p>May 10 – In the Light Ministries</p> <p>Dan Dixon – work with young people at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya</p>	<p>11</p> <p>May 11 – Out of office</p> <p>Jim & Cindi Farr – work with Baruga & Tufi languages in PNG</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mateo & Mai Lou Garcia – church planters in Mexico</p>
<p>13</p> <p>May 13 – Speak at Baltimore Rosedale E.C. Church</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Praise God for Christian mothers!</p>	<p>14</p> <p>– Dana Abernethy</p> <p>Jack & Martha Murray – retired in CA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Ken Sears – teaching in Ukraine, health</p>	<p>16</p> <p>May 16 – evening at Jim Thorpe E.C. – open to Northeast District churches</p> <p>All our MK high school and college graduates</p>	<p>17</p> <p>David & Conce Roof – future plans</p>	<p>18</p> <p>May 18 – WMA luncheon in Lancaster. May 18-20 – Teach in Dallas, TX</p> <p>Rev. Scott Shay – church planter in New Tripoli</p>	<p>19</p> <p>– Genevieve Ehrman (2002)</p> <p>Rev. Lalhmuoklien, ECCI – studying at EST this May</p>
<p>20</p> <p>– Sarah Wilson (1992)</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Dr. John Masuda, Japan - health</p>	<p>21</p> <p>May 21-27 – Visit EC churches in Costa Rica</p> <p>Our EC churches & leaders in Myanmar</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Costa Rica Conference begins</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Our E.C. churches & leaders in Liberia</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Joe & Wendy Toy – ministry at Indy 500</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Our EC churches & leaders in Nepal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rev. Carroll Ness – at AIM home, Florida</p>
<p>27</p> <p>– Jonita Wilson (1997)</p> <p>PRAYER NEEDS Brian & Missy Wagner – need for teachers at RVA, Kenya</p>	<p>28</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY – Church Center closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>May 29 – June 1 – EC National Conference, Messiah College</p> <p>National Conference begins – Messiah College</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving at JAARS in NC</p>	<p>31</p> <p>– Rev. Jack Murray* – Mary Lynne Wills</p> <p>Missionary luncheon, Carolyn Miller is Thurs. p.m. keynote speaker</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><i>June Missionary Birthdays</i> * DENOTES RETIREE</p> <p>June 6 – Bonnie Bound June 6 – Kent Ehrman (2000) June 7 – Bill Bowers June 11 – Wendy Toy June 12 – Martha Murray*</p> </div>	



LEAVING EGYPT

The book of Exodus tells of how Jehovah instructed Moses to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt, and to a land that He, Jehovah, had promised to them. The Hebrews were slaves in Egypt and life was hard. They willingly left Egypt and followed Moses – until they got to the desert. Then the grumbling started. The food wasn't very good, there wasn't enough water, it was hot, dry and dusty, etc.

It's easy to be critical of the Hebrews' behavior – didn't they remember how rough things were in Egypt? What about all the miracles Jehovah performed along the way? But would we have acted any differently? People tend to focus on the here-and-now, not what lies ahead. It's easy to forget the promises of what is to happen in the future when things aren't going so well in the present. Christians were never promised an easy life once they accepted Christ; they received the promise of eternal life through Christ. If we start looking around us and comparing our lives with those whose lives seem to be fairy tale perfect, the natural outcome will be dissatisfaction and spiritual grumbling.

The Lord knew what He was doing when He led Israel out of Egypt, and He knows what He is doing in your life now. Don't go back to the spiritual bondage of Egypt; continue on your journey of growth in the Christian life. The time in the desert won't last forever, and the promise of what is ahead is worth it.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

–Pat Strain

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- Congratulations to **Jamie and Anita Farr**, who became adoptive parents of baby Faith, born on Good Friday, April 6th. They also are fostering Branden Lee, a 5 ½-month old baby boy. Keep them in prayer as they adjust to having two little ones and all that involves!
- **Congratulations** to all of our MK's who are graduating this year. **Adam Graff** is graduating from Black Forest Academy in Germany, **Allison and Austin Graff** are graduating from Calvin College in Michigan, **Mark Anderson** is graduating from Evangelical Christian Academy in Spain, and **Seth and Ethan Toy** are graduating from Cornerstone High School (they are home schooled.)
- **Gloria Smethers** will be returning to the USA this month, and remaining for a year of home assignment. She is staying at the Lititz apts. Her mailing address will be 38 E. Orange St., Lititz, PA 17543.
- **CORRECTION – Art and Mary Ellen Davis'** address in Kenya has changed. Please use the following address: Box 137, Malindi 80200, Kenya. The Davises are now officially retired, but will be returning for a 'farewell tour' in September for 2-3 months.
- **Kurt and Nancy** will be returning to the USA this summer for several months due to family events. They will be available for speaking and group events. Contact Pat at the Global Ministries office to make arrangements.
- **Rev. & Mrs. Lalrosiem Songate, Rev. Lahlmuoklien Khawbung, and Mr. Lienkhokam Gangte** from our EC Church of India will be attending National Conference this year. Rev. Songate is the General Secretary, and Rev. Lahlmuoklien is the Missions Director for ECCI. Rev. Lahlmuoklien will be in the USA during May to do special studies at Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown.

