

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ GMC Director **Rev. Randy Sizemore**, Mexico EC field director **Rev. Elias Martinez**, translator **Rev. Salvador Cardoso** and EC India General Director **Rev. Lalrosiem Songate** will be traveling to Liberia this month for their annual conference. Please keep this group in prayer that all visas will be granted, flights will go smoothly, and for health during this trip.

▶ Pray for **Rev. Matthew Gueh**, field leader of the EC Church of Liberia, as he prepares for this annual conference. Pray for peace and unity of spirit among the various tribal groups attending the conference.

▶ **Randy Sizemore, Elias Martinez, Salvador Cardoso and Lalrosiem Songate** are to be part of a soccer match between EC Church of Liberia and the Africa Gospel League on Saturday, January 29th. Need I say more?!!

▶ **Ron and Brenda Anderson** will be returning to Spain early in January after spending a month in the USA, including the Christmas holiday with daughter Jenny and her family. Those granddaughters grow up quickly!

▶ **Ken Sears** also returns to the Ukraine this month (around the 13th) after a six-month home assignment. He spent the Christmas holidays in TX with his parents.

▶ Thank you for your prayers for our EC families serving in **Papua New Guinea**. They report that several arrests have been made regarding the shooting of the security guard. Please keep **Chris Bowers'** parents, Dave and Judy Bowers, in prayer as they go over to PNG to teach at the Missionary Children's school for a year. The Bowers are members of our Hope Community EC Church in Fogelsville, PA.

▶ Congratulations to **Dave and Emily Hershey**, who are expecting their first child in early May. David serves with Christian Student Fellowship at the Penn State-Berks campus.



GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION
OF THE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

100 West Park Ave, Myerstown PA 17067 • phone 717.866.7584 • fax 717.866.7383



RIGHT ON TIME

TIME HAS DIFFERENT MEANINGS in different cultures. Most American and western European people groups plan their days by their watches, while many who live south of the equator measure the day by where the sun is in the sky. Clocks have no real significance in their daily lives. In Japan you could set your watch by the punctuality of the trains that run every few minutes; in Papua New Guinea you tell people approximately what day you'll be arriving and hope someone is there to meet you.

Why did Jesus make His first earthly appearance in Palestine during the height of the Roman Empire's rule? Israel was hardly the center of the known world at that time. Why did He die so early in His ministry? Why there, and why then? And yet, 2000 years later, the Gospel message has almost circled the globe from those humble beginnings. Jesus knew that it was the right time and place, just as His Father knows the right time for His Son's next appearance. God's timing may not be our timing, but it is perfect.

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

—ROMANS 5:6,8 RSV

—Pat Strain

JANUARY PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES
• FACILITATING MISSIONS WORKERS • MINISTERING TO
THE MARGINALIZED • CREATING WORLD CHRISTIANS



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

| | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | New year, new opportunities to share the Good News! |
| 2 <i>- Jim Farr</i> | 3 <i>- Lamar Stoltzfus</i> | 4 | 5 Jan 5 - <i>- Jim Stahl</i> GMC office staff meeting - morning | 6 | 7 | 8 <i>- Celia Dick</i> |
| HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore | | | | | | |
| PRAYER NEEDS EC Church of Nepal - safety for pastors & members | Gloria Smethers - nurse at RVA in Kenya | Brad & Maxine Waldman - children's ministries | Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe - Japan church planters | Wes & Mary Reimer - retirees in TX | BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planters in Spain | Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with The Seed Co. in NC |
| 9 Jan 8-10 - Travel to and speak at First EC, Canton, OH | 10 <i>- Dan Wills</i> | 11 <i>- Alyssa Stoltzfus (1994)</i> | 12 Jan 12 - Cabinet meeting - noon to 3 p.m. | 13 <i>- Mark Anderson (1989)</i> | 14 | 15 |
| | | | | | Jan 14-16 - Youth Retreat at Twin Pines | |
| PRAYER NEEDS Alejandro Ruiz - retiree serving in Mexico | Dan & Melinda Moury - candidates with Wycliffe, support need | Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - LIFE Ministries in NY | Jim & Joan Farr - translators serving in PNG | Jim & Janet Stahl - training story tellers to share the gospel | Marcia Hopler - cross cultural expert for InterVarsity | Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF in Idaho |
| 16 | 17 Jan 17 - Japan Committee meeting - 7 p.m. | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | | | | | |
| PRAYER NEEDS Jim Bound - campus ministry in VT | Ken Sears - new semester at Zaporozhye Bible College | David & Conce Roof - need for more support to remain in Brazil | Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - SIL translators in Papua New Guinea | Randy, Elias & Salvador leave for Liberia | Randy and group meet Lalrosiem in Brussels, leave for Monrovia | Pray for Matthew Gueh, leader of EC Church of Liberia |
| 23 <i>- Anita Farr</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 <i>- Kathy Wilson</i> <i>- Alejandro Ruiz*</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | Jan 20 - Feb 1 - Travel to Liberia for Annual Conference | | | | |
| PRAYER NEEDS Welcome service for int'l leaders at Monrovia - St. Paul's | USA Episcopal Nominating Committee reviews applications | Pray for Liberia annual conference | Liberia conference business sessions | Liberia - Workshops and Discipleship classes | Liberia - workshops, Council meeting & worship | Soccer match - EC Liberia & Africa Gospel League |
| 30 <i>- Randy Amberman</i> <i>- David Hershey</i> <i>- Melinda Moury (c)</i> | 31 <i>- Christopher Bowers</i> <i>- Ann Pauloski Brown (c)</i> | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| PRAYER NEEDS Closing message & communion service | Randy and group leave Liberia for trip home | | | | | |
| | | | | FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS February 27 - Roy Haglund - Jonathan Wilson | | |
| | | | | * INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE | | |