

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► Congratulations to **BJ and Rachel Whitaker**, who are expecting an addition to the family this summer. Congratulations also to grandparents **Ron and Brenda Anderson**; this will be their second grandchild this year!

► PLEASE NOTE – **THE 2010 VBS/MMK project will be based on our work in Nepal**. The 5-minute VBS materials will be available on our website in March, and the MMK lessons will be available by this summer. Thank you to all who contributed to our 2009 project, which was to help our ethnic church planters here in the USA. Watch for an article in our upcoming spring *Window on the World* for more details on how those monies were used.

► **Roy and Sue Haglund** will be coming east to do deputation for two weeks this spring. Dates are April 18-May 2. Their Sundays are already full, but if you would like to arrange a mid-week meeting (breakfast, lunch, evening program) contact Carla at the GMC office to make arrangements. Her email is [csizemore@eccenter.com](mailto:csizemore@eccenter.com) and office phone number is (717) 866-7584.

► **Ken Sears** will also be coming back to the USA in August of this year for six months of deputation and furlough. Ken's schedule is filling up quickly, but if you want him to speak at your church or meeting, contact Carla in the GMC office for available dates.

► **Jeremy Kunkel** is planning on going to Uganda this month to co-lead an EMI team. Jeremy specializes in CAD (computer-assisted drafting) for architecture. His board, Engineering Ministries International, does building plans for other ministries/churches.

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## HAPPY MEALS VS THE LAST SUPPER

**M**ost Americans are familiar with the Happy Meal. McDonald's hit a marketing gold mine with this concept, aimed at younger children. The idea was to promote a downsized meal – usually a hamburger or cheeseburger, small drink, small fries, and a toy – for younger children. Rather than mothers buying one sandwich to share with their little ones, now they could buy the kiddies their own meal which included a trinket to keep them occupied. Just drive up to the take-out window, and you're good to go!

Contrast this with the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. The meal required planning and preparation; it had to follow a certain ritual. They were celebrating the Passover, when God brought His people out of slavery in Egypt. Jesus knew that he was to be the next sacrificial lamb, sent to bring God's people out of the slavery of sin. He knew he would be facing the pain and humiliation of the cross in a very short time. Throughout that evening, he tried to impress on His disciples what would happen to Him, and what their responsibilities would be after He left them.

Sometimes we Christians prefer spiritual Happy Meals for worship – keep it short, not too deep, and give us something to entertain us. Ultimately, that kind of spiritual diet is unsatisfying, and detrimental to our health and growth as believers. We need to spend more time feasting on the meat of the Word and growing in our knowledge of the Lord. Children eventually outgrow Happy Meals; we need to move on to more substantial spiritual fare if we are to be able to nurture others in the faith.

–Pat Strain.

MARCH PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6  - Marion Albright * - David Dick - Lydia Abernethy (1997)
	<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> EC Church of Costa Rica	Ken Sears - teaching in the Ukraine	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving in ID with MAF	<b>March 4</b> - National Ministry Team meeting	<b>March 5 - 8</b> - Travel to Lakeside EC for Mission Mobilizer training	
7	8	9	10 - Justin Wilson (1990)	11	12	13
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Dave & Celia Dick - work with OMS international fields	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - LIFE ministries in NY	John & Carolyn Miller - working with Bru translation	Dave Hershey - campus ministry at Penn State/Berks	Randy & Chris Amberman - work with Navajo believers	Jamie & Anita Farr - serving with Wycliffe at Orlando headquarters	Marcia Hopler - cross cultural specialist in Philadelphia area
14	15	16	17 - Ron Anderson	18 - Randy Sizemore	19	20 - Donovan Stoltzfus (1998)
<b>March 14</b> - Kutztown Grace - missions conference		<b>March 16-17</b> - Global Ministries Commission spring board meetings				<b>March 20</b> - Youth Famine program - Sinking Spring Community EC
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Self Denial Offering - offset GMC expenses	Gwen Melger - retiree in FL	GMC board meetings	GMC board meetings	Gloria Smethers - nurse at RVA in Kenya	Bud Daneker - Horizons church plant	Brad & Maxine Waldman - revamped ministry
21	22	23	24 - Marcia Hopler	25	26 - Cheyence Schubert (2006)	27
<b>March 21</b> - Speak at Steelstown St. John's EC - morning service	<b>March 21-24</b> - Harrisburg Trinity EC - evenings - evangelistic services					
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Ann Brown - campus ministry in San Diego	EC Church of Nepal - church planting, orphan care	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - new work with Seed Company	EC Church of India - upcoming centenary celebration	Rolando Diaz - Philadelphia church plant	EC Church of Japan - church planting with Tomo & Jessica Abe	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - planning to serve in Mexico with OMS apple
28	29	30	31 - Kathryn Kunkel * - B. Micah Wagner (2001)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April Birthdays</b> </p> <p>April 1 - Mary Reimer *      April 8 - Lisa Lakatos (c)                      April 4 (2007) - Abigail Farr      April 9 - Dorothy Stermer *                      April 6 - Fern Sweigert *</p> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">* INDICATES RETIREE      (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE                      + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p> </div>		
<b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> EC Church of Liberia - leadership	EC Church of Mexico - upcoming conference	Dan & Melinda Moury - candidates with Wycliffe	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - healthy pregnancy			