

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ We recently learned of the death last fall of **Bill Snodgrass**, a former EC missionary. Bill had served with China Outreach Ministries, which worked with Chinese students studying in this country. He also ran big game hunts as a means to minister to wealthy hunters. Bill died from cancer which developed from his exposure to Agent Orange during the Viet Nam war.

▶ The **2011 Missions Directory** is now available. If you would like either a hard copy or an emailed copy, contact the Global Ministries office at ecglobal@eccenter.com, or call 717-866-7584.

▶ GMC Director **Rev. Randy Sizemore**, **Rev. Carlos Kelly**, and **Mike Reinders** will be traveling to Costa Rica this month to meet with our field leader **Rev. William Araya**, and to see our EC churches in that country. Please pray for safe journey and a good time of building relationships with our Costa Rican brothers and sisters.

▶ Please keep our **EC churches in Mexico** in prayer. The situation along the border continues to worsen and many of our church members are afraid to gather due to the violence of the drug cartels. One of our pastors was pulled over while traveling with his wife and young children. They were not harmed, but were threatened.

▶ After 42 years of service, **Rev. Jim and Bonnie Bound** will be retiring as EC missionaries as of June 30th of this year. They will be honored at the GMC-sponsored Thursday lunch at National Conference. Please watch for more information in the upcoming spring edition of [Window on the World](#).



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CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

WE ARE A NATION OF NOISE. People have their ipods or MP3 players plugged into their ears while they walk, run or ride bike. Children and youth have portable video games so they can be entertained in the car or at the mall. High school and college students think nothing of watching TV or a movie while listening to music and texting friends. Even older folks, especially those who live alone, leave the TV on for ‘company.’

The scriptures say, “The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.” (Habakkuk 2:20) But we don’t do silence very well. Even when we pray, we have a tendency to talk at God, not with Him. We tell Him what we want Him to do, then sign off. And we rarely sit quietly before Him, waiting to hear His voice.

During this season of Lent, instead of giving up chocolate or something trivial, let’s try to give up our addiction to busy noise. Turn off the TV, the radio, the computer, and listen for the still, small voice of your Creator. He has something to say to you, and He wants you to listen.

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10a)

–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
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore				March 3 - National Ministry Team		March 5 - Mission Minded Kids Rally - Trinity EC Church, Boyertown
		PRAYER NEEDS Rev. William Araya and the EC Church of Costa Rica	Rev. Matthew Gueh and the EC Church of Liberia	David & Emily Hershey - campus ministry, new baby on way	Rev. Lalrosiem Songate and the EC Church of Northeast India	Mission Minded Kids Rally at Boyertown Trinity EC
6 - Marion Albright * - David Dick - Lydia Abernethy (1997)	7 - Joan Farr	8 ANNIVERSARY - David & Conce Roof	9	10 - Justin Wilson (1990)	11	12
March 6 - Speak at Emmanuel EC, Bethlehem, PA - morning service		March 8-9 - Global Ministries Commission spring board meetings		March 10 - Discipleship class - evening		March 12 - PA Mission Mobilizers meeting - 9 a.m.
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted church world wide	David & Conce Roof - church planting in Brazi	GMC Board meetings	GMC Board meetings	Marcia Hopler - cross cultural ministries	Jim & Bonnie Bound - ministry in VT	Christians who live in the Middle East; they are often targeted
13	14	15	16	17 - Ron Anderson	18 - Randy Sizemore	19
March 13 - Speak at Reichs EC Church - morning service	March 14 - Conference Relations Committee	March 15 - Coaching session (afternoon)			March 18 - Speaker at World Missions Associates lunch meeting
PRAYER NEEDS Self Denial offering - helps the ministries of our international churches	praise for the strong friendships being built between our EC int'l leaders	Fern Sweigert - retiree in KY	Pray for the upcoming election of bishop for the EC Church - USA	Ken Sears - teaching at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine	In this season of Lent, think about the price paid for your freedom from sin	Randy and others leave for Costa Rica
20 - Donovan Stoltzfus (1998)	21	22 ANNIVERSARY - Joe & Wendy Toy	23	24 - Marcia Hopler	25 ANNIVERSARY - David & Emily Hershey	26 - Cheynece Schubert (2005)
March 19-26 - trip to EC churches in Costa Rica →						
PRAYER NEEDS Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with The Seed Co. in NC	Brad & Maxine Waldman - children's ministries in USA	Gloria Smethers - nurse at RVA in Kenya	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - translators in Papua New Guinea	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planting in Alcora, Spain	Jim & Janet Stahl - teaching oral cultures to share the Good News	Randy, Carlos & Mike return from trip to Costa Rica
27	28	29	30	31 - Kathryn Kunkel* - B. Micah Wagner (2001)	APRIL BIRTHDAYS April 1 - Mary Reimer * April 4 (2007) - Abigail Farr April 6 - Fern Sweigert * April 8 - Lisa Lakatos April 9 - Dorothy Stermer * April 12 - Deborah Bowers	
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Nobuo Abe and the EC Church of Japan	Eunice Wanjema - retiree in Kenya	Rev. Janga and the EC Church of Nepal	Dan & Melinda Moury - candidates with Wycliffe	Rev. Elias Martinez and the EC Church of Mexico	* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE	