

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

- ▶ **Janet Baker**, one of our retired missionaries, has had to relocate again due to allergies to trees in the area of her previous home. Her new address is c/o Citrus Mobile and RV Park, 1700 Lime, Edinburg, TX 78539.

- ▶ **Chris and Deb Bowers** will be back in the USA for much of April and May, as Chris gets training on the new Kodiak aircraft. This plane was designed specifically for mission use, and Chris is excited about the opportunity to get this special training. The Papua New Guinea branch of Wycliffe just purchased their third Kodiak, so Chris will get lots of field experience when he returns.

- ▶ **David Dick** recently returned from a three week trip to India, where he worked with the OMS churches begun in several areas. Aside from a case of 'Delhi belly', he reports that it was a joyous time to shepherd and encourage the Indian pastors. Although a long and rigorous trip, there were many blessings. Dave did say he was glad to return home though – and Celia was certainly glad to see him!

- ▶ **Kitty Miller** is tentatively planning to return to the USA in late June for a year of furlough and home assignment. She is looking for housing in the Allentown area, and the use of a dependable car for a year. Please call Pat at the GMC office if you have any leads. Phone number is 1-800-866-7584, or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com.

- ▶ **Missy Wagner** was recently asked to take over as the Admissions Director of Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya. She is training someone to take over her ESL classes. This is a huge responsibility, so please keep Missy in prayer as she transitions into an administrative role at RVA.

- ▶ **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** are inviting everyone to join them in praying for Alcora, the town where they live, that the Lord will prepare hearts to be receptive to the Gospel message. The Whitakers currently have a small group study and one-on-one evangelism through English classes.

- ▶ Continue to pray for the country of Japan as it recovers from a catastrophic earthquake in early March. Pray that God will use this disaster to make the Japanese people more open to hearing the Gospel, and pray for our church leaders and families in Japan, that they may be used for this purpose.



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ORGAN DONORS

Every time I renew my driver's license, I am asked if I am willing to be an organ donor. There is a great need for people to be willing to donate vital body parts for those who are on transplant lists. Some organs come in twos, and you can give a 'spare'; kidneys, for example. Sometimes only a small piece of the organ is needed, so a living donor can share just a part of a liver. Those who need a new heart, however, know that someone has to die before they can get a second chance at living. That vital organ cannot be removed from a donor without causing death.

As Christians, we need to remember what it costs to have a heart transplant. Jesus had to die an excruciating death on the cross so we could have new hearts. During this month, as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior, we should have grateful hearts for a Creator who was willing to die for His creation.

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life." John 3:16, The Message

Pat Strain

APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	MAY BIRTHDAYS May 4 - Nancy G May 4 - Conce Roof May 5 - Valerie Schubert May 6 - Carolyn Miller May 6 - Jamie Farr May 9 (1991) - Aaron Toy May 10 - Carolyn Saltenberger * <small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small>				1 - Mary Reimer *	2 April 2 - Guest lecturer - ETS course
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore					PRAYER NEEDS Pray for Japan and our church leaders as they recover from devastating March earthquake	Joe Toy - open air ministries on college campuses & at public events
3	4 - Abigail Farr (2007)	5 April 5 - Short Term Missions Committee - a.m. at Church Center	6 - Fern Sweigert *	7 April 7 - GMC Finance Committee - afternoon	8 - Lisa Lakatos	9 - Dorothy Stermer * April 9 - GMC Training Seminar - a.m. - Sinking Spring Community Church
PRAYER NEEDS Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - counselors for LIFE Ministries in NY & PA	John & Carolyn Miller - serving Wycliffe SIL in Thailand	Randy & Chris Amberman - working with Navajo believers	Chris & Deb Bowers - heading to USA for two months' of specialized flight training	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - in home stretch of language school in Costa Rica	Ron & Brenda Anderson - serving ECMI missionaries in Europe	David Dick - serving as VP at large for OMS, visiting their fields & encouraging leaders
10	11	12 - Deborah Bowers	13	14	15	16 - Megan Amberman (1993)
PRAYER NEEDS Ed & Val Schubert - serving children at Casa de Luz, Honduras	Kitty Miller - serving at Payap University in Thailand	Jane Heck - currently in USA to help family	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving MAF at headquarters in Idaho	Dan Dixon - teaching new courses at RVA in Kenya	Janet Baker - retiree in TX; see new address listed	Jeremy Kunkel - drafting building plans for mission agencies
17 Palm Sunday	18	19	20	21	22 April 22 - Good Friday service at Christ EC Church, Allentown, PA	23
PRAYER NEEDS Brian & Missy Wagner - teachers/administrators at RVA in Kenya	Ken Sears - teaching at Zaporozhye Bible College, Ukraine	Marion Albright - retiree in Allentown, PA	Church planting efforts in USA and around the world	Rev. Elias Martinez - field superintendent for EC churches of Mexico	Remember the price Jesus paid for your salvation	Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - teachers/dorm parents at RVA, Kenya
24 - Jared Farr (2008) Easter Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
PRAYER NEEDS He is Risen! Hallelujah!	Randy & Carla leave for Mexico E.C. church conference	Pray for the safety of the pastors and delegates traveling to El Retiro	Pray for the annual conference of the EC Church of Mexico	Jim & Joan Farr - translators among Korafe and Baruga peoples of PNG	Kurt & Nancy - helping prepare students for cross cultural experiences overseas	Pray for the board meeting of El Retiro Juvenil, the children's home in Mexico
..... April 25-May 2 - Mexico EC Church annual conference - El Retiro						