

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Ed and Val Schubert** give praise that daughter Cheynece's adoption paperwork was to be finished by the end of April. The Schuberts will be coming to the USA this summer to introduce Cheynece to extended family and get son Wes ready for college this fall.

▶ Please pray for the EC delegation to the Centenary Celebration in North East India. This event is celebrating 100 years of the Gospel among the tribal groups of that region. After that, a first-ever missions conference will be held for all the missionaries that the EC Church of India sends out. Two historic occasions! The EC delegation includes **Rev. Randy and Carla Sizemore, Rev. David and Dana Swift, Paul and Mary Beth Elsen, and Dr. Kenneth Miller**. Former GMC director Jim Ehrman will also be going to represent Yale Divinity School.

▶ **Joe Toy** will be heading to the Indianapolis 500 at the end of the month to do outdoor ministry there. He said the new truck did very well down to Mardi Gras in New Orleans and back.

▶ **Mark your calendars!** The Fall Missions Rally/MMK event for Susquehanna/Delaware regions will be held on **October 9th, at Salem Church**, Lenhartsville. A luncheon for pastors will be held at noon on Friday, October 8th. Saturday will be an all family event! Watch for more details on our website www.ecglobal.org.

▶ **2010 Mission Directories** will be available at National Conference. Due to some confidentiality issues, we cannot post missionary addresses on our website. Ask your pastor or lay delegate to pick up a copy for you. If you want a copy mailed, please call or email to the GMC office; a donation of \$1 would be appreciated to cover mailing costs. Thanks!

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A friend once told me about her sister-in-law's desire to have a one carat diamond ring. She wanted one so badly that she had her husband buy it for her, even though the diamond was of such poor quality that the flaws could be seen with the naked eye. If the idea was to impress people, this ring failed miserably.

This incident reminded me of how often we Christians like to make a show of our faith. Just like the Pharisee who thanked God for making him better than all those around him, we sometimes feel smug in our spiritual superiority; after all, we are saved. That means God loves us more than all those sinners, right?

Remember what Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God being like a pearl of great price. The merchant was willing to sell everything he had to purchase this one item of incredible value. Instead of bling Christianity, we need to focus less on ourselves, more on our Lord. Jesus had some harsh words for those who thought they were closer to perfection than everyone else; in fact, they were seriously flawed. The only way we will reach perfection is to become more like our Lord, until we are so transparent that He shines through us, like the sparkle of a perfect diamond.

“Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.”

—PSALM 19:2b-3: NIV

—Pat Strain.

MAY PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
						1 Missions Spring Training event at Williamstown EC Church - A.M.	
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore		1-13 - Part of EC delegation participating in the Centenary celebration of the Gospel in Northeast India					PRAYER NEEDS Spring Training event at Williamstown EC Church
2	3	4 - Nancy Graff - Conce Roof	5 - Valerie Schubert	6 - Carolyn Miller - Jamie Farr	7	8	
1-13 - Part of EC delegation participating in the Centenary celebration of the Gospel in Northeast India							
PRAYER NEEDS EC group arrives in India for celebration	Final preparations for Centenary program	Carolyn Saltenberger - retiree in Florida	Dr. Lalrosiem Songate, ECCL leader	Marcia Hopler - cross cultural ministry	Brian & Barbara Kern - Slatington PA restart	Alejandro Ruiz - retiree in Mexico	
9 - Aaron Toy (1991)	10 - Carolyn Saltenberger *	11	12	13	14 - Dana Abernethy	15 Missions Spring Training event at Sinking Spring Community EC - A.M.	
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PRAYER NEEDS Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at headquarters in ID	First ever ECCL missionary conference is being held	David Hershey - campus ministry at Penn State/ Berks	EC group returns from India - pray for safe travel home	Jamie and Anita Farr give praise that JJ's adoption is official!	Randy & Chris Amberman - encouraging Navajo believers	Spring Training event at Sinking Spring Community EC church	
16 Speak at Lawn EC Church - morning worship service	17 - BJ Whitaker	18	19	20 - Sarah Wilson (1992)	21 Allegheny/Buckeye Mission Mobilizers meeting at Lakeside EC - evening	22	
PRAYER NEEDS Leaders of our international EC Churches	Dan Dixon - serving at RVA, Kenya	Tim & Pam Ream - Tallmadge OH restart	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - work, baby's safe arrival	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - heading for training in August	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - new position with Wycliffe	Ann Brown - refocusing on ministry to Navy wives with Navigators	
23 Speak at Rexmont EC Church - morning worship service	24	25	26	27 - Jonita Wilson (1997)	28	29	
25-28 - National Conference at Messiah College, Grantham, PA						29 - Travel to western PA	
PRAYER NEEDS Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - LIFE Ministries, NY	Gloria Smethers - nurse at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	National Conference begins at Messiah College	Jim & Janet Stahl - storytelling workshops in SE Asia	GMC dinner at National Conference	Ken Sears - teaching at Zaporozhye Bible College, Ukraine	David & Conce Roof - church planters in Brazil	
30 Speak at Knox Grace EC Church	31 - Rev. Jack Murray * - Mary Lynne Wills	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">JUNE Birthdays</p> <p>June 5(2002) -Hannah Moury (c) June 11 - Wendy Toy</p> <p>June 6 - Bonnie Bound June 12(1991) - Leah Sizemore</p> <p>June 8 - Rev. Nick Lakatos</p> <p style="font-size: small;">*INDICATES RETIREE (c)INDICATES CANDIDATE +INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p> </div>					
PRAYER NEEDS Brad & Maxine Waldman - teacher training	Remember those who died serving their country						