

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ We wish to offer our sympathies to **Dan and Mary Lynne Wills** on the recent passing of Dan's mother. Please keep the Wills and their extended family in your prayers.

▶ **ON THE MOVE!** A number of our missionaries are relocating. Please note the following changes for future mailings:

BJ and Rachel Whitaker: Calle Poeta Ernesto Nebot 5, 3'10
EFFECTIVE MID-MAY 12110 L'Alcora (Castellón)
 Spain

David and Emily Hershey: 115 S. Park Road,
EFFECTIVE JUNE 19 Wyomissing, PA 19601

▶ **Kurt and Nancy Graff:** 675 Andover St. SE, Kentwood, MI 49548.
EFFECTIVE MID-MAY. The Graffs were able to reach their support need, and are moving to begin their work with Café 1040. Please pray that Nancy will be able to find part time work to augment their income.

▶ **Tomoyuki and Jessica Abe** inaugurated their new church plant in Japan, Fuchinobe Community Church, on May 23rd. Please keep them in prayer that they can impact their community for Christ. If you want to receive their electronic newsletter, contact the GMC office at ecglobal@eccenter.com.

▶ In addition to a new apartment, **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** are expecting their first child, a girl, at the end of June. Please keep them in prayer for a safe delivery and good health for mother and child.

▶ **Ed and Val Schubert** have had to revise their summer plans because daughter Cheynece's citizenship papers didn't come through yet. Val and Cheynece will remain in Honduras, and Ed and the boys will come to the USA for a couple of weeks to help Wes get set up for college in the fall.

▶ Congratulations to our MK's who are graduating this year! Both **Yvonne Amberman** (New Mexico) and **Wesley Schubert** (Honduras) will be finishing high school this month. Please keep them in prayer as they seek God's will for their futures.

▶ **Casie Carr** will be joining the GMC office staff as an intern for the summer. Casie is the daughter of Rev. David and Caren Carr, who pastor at our Grace EC Church in Afolkey, IL. Casie is majoring in International Studies at Olivet Nazarene College.



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THE STILL SMALL VOICE

This month, I would like to share with you the words of one of our missionaries, Valerie Schubert. Val, her husband Ed, and sons minister in Honduras. Recently the Schuberts organized a medical and dental clinic at Casa de Luz, a daycare in the capital city which ministers to children and families in poverty. A team of 17 professionals and volunteers treated 169 patients in seven hours – two thirds more than they thought possible! But the day was not without challenges. Here are Val's words:

At one point the press of the crowd, the cries of sick infants, the pain etched on some of the faces, and the strenuous effort of trying to maintain order in the middle of the frenzy of activity was almost more than I could bear up under, and I felt a desire to just close my eyes and wish it all away. I am glad that at our weakest moments God is most glorified! Instead of wishing it away, I sensed God nudge me to keep pressing into Him and keep praying for strength and inner calm even in the midst of chaotic surroundings. The more I kept my focus on Christ, the more I could sense His presence and guidance and peace over my own heart. Where the "rubber meets the road" for me spiritually, is when I take head knowledge and move it to heart practice, "do the walk" not just the talk; put the Word into practice. As I stilled my heart and mind in God's presence, His peace and joy flowed out of me and I was able to continue smiling, sharing, touching, hugging, taking blood pressures and temperatures, and leading our team without a meltdown. Not one thing changed in my environment. The babies kept right on crying, the line of patients kept pressing in, the muggy air got muggier, the mess got messier...but Christ was present in it all. He lent His strength and peace, in contrast to the weakness and strife I felt initially. Instead of me trying to grip tight to control, I let go and Christ did it all! He is excellently equipped for every need, if I will only allow Him access to meet my need and cooperate with Him! Praise God, His mercy is plentiful and He never tires of extending patience to me!

So often we think when we are doing the Lord's work that everything should flow smoothly. In fact, many times it is in the chaos and the mess that God gets our attention. That is when we realize we can only do it in His strength, and step out of His way, allowing Him to work through us. We need to remember that we are the tool, not the Carpenter.

—Pat Strain.

JUNE PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore		1	2	3	4	5 <i>- Hannah Moury (c) (2002)</i>
		PRAYER NEEDS Joe Toy - Open air training and events ministry	Rolando Diaz - EC church plant in Philadelphia	Kitty Miller- serving in Thailand with Wycliffe-SIL	Fern Sweigert - retiree in Beattyville, KY	Jane Heck - work teams and concerns for her family's health
6 <i>- Bonnie Bound</i> 	7	8 <i>- Rev. Nick Lakatos</i> 	9	10	11 <i>- Wendy Toy</i> June 11 - out	12 <i>- Leah Sizemore (1991)</i>
PRAYER NEEDS Ron & Brenda Anderson - work in Spain & Europe	Lori Pfeffer - preparing for summer day camps at Waldheim Park, Lehigh Valley	Chris & Deb Bowers - serving in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe	Mateo & Mail Lou Garcia - church planting in Mexico	Dana Abernethy - working at MMS head-quarters in OH	Kurt & Nancy Graff - settling into new home, new ministry with Café 1040	Congratulations to all our MK's who are graduating from high school
13	14 <i>- Deb Bowers</i> 	15	16 June 16 - morning - Cabinet meeting	17 <i>- Ed Schubert</i> 	18 <i>- Missy Wagner - David Roof</i> 	19>
PRAYER NEEDS Brian & Missy Wagner - finishing up year of furlough	Jim Bound - campus ministries in VT	Rev. John Masuda - health concerns	Ed & Val Schubert - serving children and underprivileged in Honduras	Jeremy Kunkel - work with EMI in CO	John & Carolyn Miller -working with Bru leaders to review translation	moving day for David and Emily Hershey!
20 <i>- Wes Schubert (1992)</i> 	21	22 <i>- Janice Stoltzfus</i> 	23 <i>- Kitty Miller</i> 	24 <i>- Rachel Whitaker</i> 	25	26>
PRAYER NEEDS Give thanks for Christian fathers	Pray for our international EC churches and leaders	Pray for the GMC office staff and their work	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - translators in PNG with Wycliffe-SIL	Pray for the persecuted church worldwide	Dave & Celia Dick - Dave's travel, Celia's health	Dan & Melinda Moury, candidates -support raising
27	28 <i>- Wes Reimer</i> 	29 <i>- Bettina Schaeffer</i> 	30	JULY Birthdays July 9 - Rev. Dan Dixon July 13 - Rev. Kurt Graff July 15 - Hannah Wagner (1999)		
PRAYER NEEDS Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - teachers at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	Dorothy Stermer - retiree in Allentown, PA	Jim & Joan Farr -serving as translators with Wycliffe-SIL in PNG	Tomoyuki and Jessica Abe - EC church planters in Japan	* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE		