

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

► Congratulations to **John and Carolyn Miller**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 27th. May you have many, many more!

► **David and Conce Roof** had to postpone their trip to the USA when son Andrew suffered a collapsed lung. They arrived in late August instead of July. Roofs will be living in Myerstown, PA for their home assignment. Contact the GMC office for the mailing address (717-866-7584 or toll free 1-800-866-7584.).

► **Ed and Val Schubert** and their two youngest children returned to Honduras at the end of August to resume their ministry at Casa de Luz. Please keep them in prayer for safety as they travel back and forth to the capital city of Tegucigalpa.

► **Nick and Lisa Lakatos** and children Hannah and Samuel moved to Mexico City in mid-August to begin their ministry with OMS International. Please keep them in prayer during this time of adjustment to yet another culture.

► Please keep **Adam G.**, son of Kurt and Nancy, in prayer as he begins preparation for deployment overseas with the military. He is scheduled to leave by the end of the year.

► **MMK Lessons** for the 2011-2012 school year are now available. You can download them from the GMC website (www.ecglobal.org) by clicking on the 'Mission Minded Kids' tab on the left and then the appropriate title. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please email us at ecglobal@eccenter.com or call the GMC office. The theme is Mexico focusing on El Retiro, in conjunction with our VBS project to raise monies to replace the roof of the dining hall at El Retiro.

► **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** along with their home church group hosted a Christian music concert in Alcora in mid-July. One of the church members gave his testimony afterwards. There was a good turnout, a good response from the townspeople and the Whitakers had the opportunity to meet other evangelicals in the area.



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What's that Mean?

Recently, while I was helping my siblings clean out my mother's house, we came across various items that brought back memories. These included old school supplies: a pack of carbon paper, a protractor, and a slide rule. When we showed these to my nieces and nephews, we were met with blank stares. They had no idea what any of these things were used for.

Aside from making me feel ancient, this incident reminded me of how quickly things can be forgotten between generations. That is why it is so important for parents to take their children to church and Sunday School on a regular basis, as well as have devotions in the home. It's important to teach the children the meaning of the Bible stories they hear, and why we believe what we believe. Most importantly, we need to live out our faith in front of our family, friends, and neighbors, taking every opportunity to share with them how God has blessed us and worked in our lives. Ours is a living faith and should never be mistaken for another old-fashioned, useless tradition.

"And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, 'In the future when your descendents ask their fathers, 'what do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on the dry ground.' For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over...He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God." JOSHUA 4:20-23a, 24

—Pat Strain

SEPTEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
ANNIVERSARIES September 3 – Dave & Celia Dick September 3 – Ron and Brenda Anderson September 3 – Ed & Val Schubert <small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small>		OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS October 7(1996) – Adam Schubert October 8(1997) – Hannah Lakatos October 10 – Chrisanne Amberman October 11 – Mary Ellen Davis * October 12 – Becky Moser * October 12 (1995) – Andrew Roof <small>INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small>			1	2	3 – Jeremy Kunkel
				HERE AND THERE – Randy Sizemore PRAYER NEEDS David & Conce Roof – getting settled in USA for six months	EC Church of Mexico – safety for church members due to drug cartel violence	Brian & Missy Wagner – teachers/ administrators at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	
4	5 – Aiyana Ehrman	6 – Brad Waldman	7	8	9	10	
PRAYER NEEDS EC Church of Nepal – safety from persecution, continued growth	Gloria Smethers – nurse in Kenya at RVA, support needs	BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planters in Alcora, Spain	Jim & Janet Stahl – working with oral cultures to tell the Gospel story	EC Church of Costa Rica – praise for church plant that is outgrowing its facility!	Jim & Joan Farr – traveling mercies to/from PNG and USA	Kitty Miller – preparing for a year of home assignment beginning next month	
					September 9 – India Committee meeting – Church Center – afternoon		
11	12	13 – Gwen Melger *	14	15	16 – Jonathan Garcia (1999)	17	
PRAYER NEEDS Remember the cost of freedom, both civil and religious	Randy & Carla Sizemore – speakers at Bible Conference, Twin Pines	MMK's who are starting college in another country, away from family	Brad & Maxine Waldman – children's ministries	Roy Haglund – extra busy two months in Sept and October	Randy & Carla leave for speaking trip to IL churches	Dan & Melinda Moury – sale of house in PA so they can move to FL	
		September 12-14 – Bible Conference – Twin Pines Camp					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
PRAYER NEEDS Pray for those who proclaim the Word in restricted countries	Carolyn Saltenberger – retiree in FL	Marcia Hopler – working with IVCF in Philadelphia	Pray for the GMC office staff - Randy, Pat, and Carla	Dorothy Stermer – retired missionary in Allentown, PA	Jeremy Kunkel – new marriage, working with Engineering Ministries Int'l	Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – in USA for a year of furlough	
			September 16-26 – visiting/speaking in IL churches				
25	26	27	28	29	30 – Troy Wills (1990)		
PRAYER NEEDS Praise for God's Word being translated into heart languages around the world!	EC Church of Japan – ministering to people in tsunami-affected region	EC Church of India – training a new generation of servant leaders at ECT	EC Church of Liberia – prayer for physical and spiritual needs of people	Pray for rain in eastern Africa – the drought is causing wide spread famine	Randy – leaves for speaking engagement in Canyon Falls, KY over the weekend		
					September 30 – Oct 3 – Visiting/speaking at Canyon Falls EC Church, KY		