

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Jane Heck** will return to Belize briefly to close up her house, and will be returning to Ohio in mid-September to care for her parents for the next six months to a year. Jane will be available for deputation during this time, primarily in the Great Lakes region.

▶ Please note the following corrections to missionary emails from those published in our 2010 Missions Directory: **David Dick** –Ddick@onemissionsociety.org, **Jim & Janet Stahl** –jim_stahl@tsco.org, janet_stahl@tsco.org.

▶ We have extra copies of the 2010 Missions Directory at the GMC office. If you would like a copy, just call and request it. A \$1 donation to cover printing and mailing costs is appreciated but not necessary. If you would like a copy sent by email, contact the office at ecglobal@eccenter.com.

▶ Congratulations to **Ed and Val Schubert**, who have finally been able to finalize daughter Cheynece's adoption with the Honduran government. They still need to process her American citizenship and get her a US passport before she can travel with the family.

▶ Several of our MK's are starting college this fall, and many will be away from family, possibly in another state or another country. Please keep them in prayer for an easy adjustment to college life. Among these are **Wes Schubert** and **Yvonne Amberman**.

▶ Congratulations to **Joe and Wendy Toy**, who became grandparents again. Their son Seth and wife Suzy had a baby boy, Conner, on August 4th. Conner joins big sister Morgan.

▶ Despite a bout with strep throat, **Nick and Lisa Lakatos** and their children Hannah and Samuel were able to leave on August 14th for a year of language training in Costa Rica. The Lakatos family will be serving in Mexico City with One Mission Society (formerly OMS International) after they finish language school.



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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Recently my Sunday School class has been using the video series based on John Ortberg's book, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat". The main thrust is to trust God and stretch our faith. We often condemn Peter for not having enough faith to walk out to Jesus, but how many of us would have stepped out of the boat amidst high winds and heaving waves? Most of us would have remained safely on board, praying that the Lord would calm the storm so we could have clear sailing.

Sometimes it's hard enough to think about stepping out of the boat when the water is calm, let alone when there's a storm. But God still calls us to trust Him, get out of the boat, and walk with Him, even if it's on rough waters. Weathering life's storms is never easy, and most of the time we cling to the boat for dear life, just wanting the hard times to pass so that everything goes smoothly again. But God uses those periods of turbulence to test us, to stretch us, and to draw us closer to Him. "Don't be afraid," He says. "I'll be with you. Just do what I ask." And if we do that, we grow in our trust and grow stronger in our faith because we rely more and more on Him. Are you ready to walk on water?

Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey. –John H. Stannis

–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
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS October 7 (1996) - Adam Schubert October 8 (1997) - Hannah Lakatos October 10 - Chris Amberman October 10 (1989) - Caleb Sizemore October 11 - Mary Ellen Davis * October 12 - Becky Moser * October 12 (1995) - Andrew Roof * INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE		1	2	3	4	
		 Sept 1-2 - EC Pray Summit >			
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore			PRAYER NEEDS EC Leadership Prayer Summit	MK's starting college this fall	Jim Bound - campus ministry in VT	Janet Baker - retiree in Dallas, TX
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		- Brad Waldman				Sept 11 - Lititz Young Adults Retreat, Herndon Camp Grove
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, the General Director of EC Church of India	We are grateful for the many volunteers who give their time and talents	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - serving with LIFE Ministries in NY	Jim & Janet Stahl - teaching Biblical story telling to oral cultures in SE Asia	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - church planting in Alcora, Spain	Ken Sears - in USA until end of year, traveling mercies while doing deputation	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with The Seed Company/ Wycliffe
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sept 12 - Williams Township (Blue) Church, - morning service Sept 12 - Weigelstown St. David's EC Church - evening service	- Gwen Melger *			- Jonathan Garcia (1999)	Sept 17 - India/Nepal Committee meeting - 1 p.m.	Sept 18 - Mission Mobilizer Training Session - Myerstown
PRAYER NEEDS Ann Brown - ministering to Navy wives in San Diego, CA	Brian Kern - restart in Slatington PA	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at headquarters in ID	David & Conce Roof - church planting in northern Brazil with OMS	Jim and Joan Farr - Bible translators in Papua New Guinea	Marcia Hopler - working with African-American student leaders	Mission Mobilizer Training Session - Myerstown
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sept 19 - Herndon Seibert EC Church - morning service				Sept 23 - Japan Committee meeting - 7:00 p.m.		
PRAYER NEEDS GMC Director Rev. Randy Sizemore; upcoming meetings	Rev. Nobuo Abe, field leader of EC Church of Japan	Rev. William Araya, field leader of EC Church of Costa Rica	Pray for leadership of EC Church USA, search for new bishop	Marion Albright - retiree in Allentown PA	Bud Daneker - Allentown PA church plant	Pray for the persecuted church world-wide
26	27	28	29	30		
Sept 26 - Muir EC Church - morning service				- Troy Wills (1990)		
PRAYER NEEDS Rev. Matthew Gueh, field leader of EC Church of Liberia	Jamie & Anita Farr - recruiting for Wycliffe Bible Translators	Rev. Elias Martinez, field leader of EC Church of Mexico	Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe - church plant in Fuchinobe, Japan	Gloria Smethers - serving on nursing staff at RVA in Kenya		