

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Ed Schubert** sustained an eye injury in late August that progressed into an infection. After some time in the hospital and lots of antibiotics, Ed is home and recovered. Please keep him in prayer that there is no permanent injury to his eye or vision.

▶ Gracias to **Rev. William Araya**, our field leader in Costa Rica, for welcoming the Nick Lakatos family when they arrived at the airport to begin their year of language training. William has taken Nick, Lisa and children under his wing, introducing them to some of our EC work in that country.

▶ **Yoriyoshi Abe**, a member of our Sagamiyara Chapel EC Church in Japan, and cousin to Tomoyuki Abe, is now a student at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Myerstown. Yoriyoshi has also felt the call to pastor and is in the M.Div. program. We are excited to see the vision among our international EC churches to reach their own people.

▶ We offer our sympathy to Ruth Masuda Ebizuka and her family, as well as the EC Church of Japan, on the passing of **Rev. Dr. John Masuda** in early September. John and his late wife Machi pioneered the EC work in Japan, and founded the flagship church of Kyodo Grace. He will be greatly missed.

▶ **Please note:** in the September *EC Scene* we printed new email addresses for Jim and Janet Stahl; unfortunately, they did not print correctly. There should be an underline between 'jim' and 'stahl'; the same goes for Janet's address. We'll get it right yet!

▶ **Kitty Miller** will be in the USA for most of this month, just to reconnect with family and friends; she is not available for any deputation. Keep her in prayer for safe travel back and forth from Thailand.

▶ Retirees **Art and Mary Ellen Davis** return to Kenya in early October after spending several months in the USA visiting with friends and family.



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GREETINGS FROM HELL

“**W**ish you were here!” Those words startled me as I read them on a postcard I received this summer. The card turned out to be from an old friend who had traveled out to Michigan for vacation, and stopped at a small town along the way named Hell. Obviously, it's a tourist trap – gift shop, gas station, restaurant, all of which sell objects with the town name. You can even take your postcard to the post office which will singe' it a bit for authenticity. Evidently there is Hell on earth, at least according to the U.S. Post Office.

That made me think about how we tend to trivialize things that once would have caused fear and trembling. Hell is a joke to most non-believers, and even many believers range from being uncomfortable with the concept to ignoring it completely. After all, a loving God wouldn't really send anyone to Hell, would He?

According to Scripture, we all have to make a choice, whether to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, or face the consequences. Those consequences include a Christ-less eternity in hell, and I don't mean a town in Michigan. We need to realize that we all have friends and family who are destined for an eternity in separation from Christ, and that will not be a pretty picture. The sooner we understand that, the sooner we hopefully will step out of our comfort zone to share the Good News with those around us who otherwise are destined for a very awful eternal destination.

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41 RSV

–Pat Strain.

OCTOBER PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Oct 31 - Speak at AM service - Kinderhook EC, Columbia, PA PRAYER NEEDS Brian & Missy Wagner - teachers at RVA in Kenya	NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS November 1 (1993) - Justin Wills November 2 - Barbara Erb * November 3 - Joe Toy November 8 - Jane Heck November 10 - Mai Lou Garcia November 14 - Art Davis * November 15 (1994) - Adam Toy <small>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</small>			HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore	1 Nick & Lisa Lakatos - language school in Costa Rica	2 John & Carolyn Miller - working with Bru translators
3 Oct 3 - Speak at service - Ebenezer EC, Jim Thorpe, PA PRAYER NEEDS Lori Pfeffer - children's Bible clubs in Lehigh Valley	4 Kitty Miller - safe travel to US for family visit	5 Oct 5-6 - Global Ministries Commission fall board meetings - Myerstown GMC fall board meetings	6 GMC fall board meetings	7 - Adam Schubert (1996) 	8 - Hannah Lakatos (1997) Oct 8 - Fall Missions Pastors' luncheon - Salem EC, Lenhartsville, PA Fall Rally/Luncheon for pastors	9 Oct 9 - Fall Missions Rally/MMK Rally - Salem EC, Lenhartsville, PA MMK/Adult Fall Rally - Lenhartsville
10 - Chris Amberman - Caleb Sizemore (1989) Oct 10 - Speak at AM services - Salem EC, Lenhartsville, PA PRAYER NEEDS Chris & Deb Bowers in PNG - safety at Ukarumpa	11 - Mary Ellen Davis * 	12 - Becky Moser * - Andrew Roof (1995) 	13 Oct 11-15 - Vacation	14 Dave & Celia Dick - working with OMS in IN	15 Dana Abernethy - serving at MMS in Ohio	16 - Brian Wagner - Maxine Waldman
17 Oct 17 - Speak at AM service - Trinity EC, Shamokin, PA PRAYER NEEDS EC Church of Japan - loss of founder John Masuda	18 - Jim Bound Barbara Erb - retiree in FL	19 Rolando Diaz - Phila. church plant	20 David Hershey - campus ministry at Penn State - Berks Joe Toy - open air ministry at college campuses	21 - Josiah Moury (2004) (c) 	22 Mateo & Mai Lou Garcia - church planting in Mexico Brad & Maxine Waldman - children's ministries	23 Dan Dixon - teaching at RVA in Kenya Jonathan & Kathy Wilson - translators in PNG
24 Oct 24 - Speak at AM service - Zion EC, Bridgeville, PA PRAYER NEEDS Ed & Val Schubert - working with children's ministries in Honduras	25 Jamie & Anita Farr - recruiting teachers for Wycliffe	26 Randy & Chris Amberman - ministry with Navajos	27 Oct 27 - Cabinet meeting - Lantern Lodge - AM Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus - teachers/ house parents at RVA in Kenya	28 - Brandon Farr (2006) Oct 28 - National Ministry Team - Myerstown	29 - Rebekah Moury (2009) (c) 	30 Ron & Brenda Anderson - ministering in Europe Art & Mary Ellen Davis - encouraging pastors in Kenya