

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ Looking for something new to share with your church? The Global Ministries office now has a 30-minute DVD of the **Centenary Celebration of our EC Church of India**. If you would like a copy for your group or your church, call the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584.

▶ Our missionaries serving at the **SIL Centre in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea**, request your prayers for their safety and for that of their coworkers. There have been a number of break-ins and robberies, some even during daylight. So far, no one has been injured. Please pray for resolution with the neighboring villages, whose leaders know the perpetrators but haven't brought them to justice.

▶ **Ed and Val Schubert** ask for prayer as the situation around the Caza de Luz daycare has become very dangerous. There have been some robberies and murders in the neighborhood, as well as at the community park in their town. Please pray for their safety and that of all the daycare workers.

▶ **Jim and Janet Stahl** will be in PA for most of this month, visiting friends and family. Keep them in prayer for safe travels from Texas and back.

▶ Don't forget our MMK/VBS project this year is to raise funds for **Nepal**, specifically our work among orphans and to help plant new churches. Nepal is one of the poorest countries in Asia, and yet the Gospel is growing at a fast rate. We are also looking for ongoing support for the work there. Currently there are 10 churches in addition to eight church plants and 14 missionary pastors. Praise the Lord!



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## STUFF

There are a number of cable TV shows about hoarding. Evidently there are people of all ages who can't bring themselves to part with things, so they just keep hoarding what they accumulate into boxes, rooms, hallways, and eventually they can barely move inside their own homes.

I haven't done research, but I'm guessing that this type of situation occurs most often in the USA. We are a culture of 'stuff.' When a society is based on consumerism, it follows that things become a high priority. Just look at our advertising; it is all designed to make you want the newest, the biggest, the most fashionable of everything. Things become more important than people. There is even a motto, "He who dies with the most toys, wins." As Christians we know that is not true; he who dies with the most toys still dies, and he is answerable to God for what he did with the resources he was given on this earth. Jesus had some things to say about people whose plans only included accumulating more stuff.

As we celebrate the season of Thanksgiving, let's put our 'stuff' in perspective. Most of us have much more than we need as far as material goods. Consider donating some of your items to an organization that benefits the less fortunate in society. Also, re-evaluate how you are spending your discretionary funds - are you Kingdom building or hoarding? This holiday, stuff your turkey, not your closets.

*"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded of you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." - LUKE 12:20-21 NIV*

-Pat Strain

NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore</b></p>	<p>1 - Justin Wills (1993)</p>	<p>2 - Barbara Erb*</p> <p><b>Nov 2</b> - Short Term Missions Committee meeting - morning</p>	<p>3 - Joe Toy</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b></p>	<p>EC Church of Japan - mourning the loss of their founder, Rev. Dr. John Masuda</p>	<p>Exercise your right to vote!</p>	<p>Dan &amp; Mary Lynne Wills - serving with the Seed Company in NC</p>	<p>EC Church of Liberia - working with the new church plants from Launch Liberia program</p>	<p>Gwen Melger - retiree in FL</p>	<p>Dan &amp; Melinda Moury - candidates with Wycliffe USA</p>
<p>7 <b>Nov 7</b> - Speak at Harrisburg Trinity EC - a.m. service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission Mobilizer meeting - IL district (Skype) - afternoon</li> </ul>	<p>8 - Jane Heck</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 - Mai Lou Garcia</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b></p> <p>Ken Sears - good health, safety in travel for deputation</p>	<p>Gratz restart - Robert Stoner</p>	<p>Robert &amp; Bettina Schaeffer - LIFE ministries in NY</p>	<p>Jim &amp; Joan Farr - translators in Papua New Guinea</p>	<p>Gloria Smethers - nurse at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya</p>	<p>Jim &amp; Bonnie Bound - campus ministry/Bible studies in VT</p>	<p>Ann Brown - serving with Navigators in San Diego, CA</p>
<p>14 - Art Davis*</p> <p><b>Nov 14</b> - Speak at Allentown Seibert EC - a.m. service</p>	<p>15 - Adam Toy (1994)</p>	<p>16 <b>Nov 16</b> - Missionary Review Task Force meeting - morning</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 - Brenda Anderson</p>	<p>20</p>
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b></p> <p>EC Church of Mexico - safety for our pastors &amp; congregations due to drug wars in region</p>	<p>Jim &amp; Janet Stahl - oral culture specialists with the Seed Company</p>	<p>Brad &amp; Maxine Waldman - children's ministries/ teacher training opportunities</p>	<p>EC Church of Nepal - work with orphans and new church plants</p>	<p>Roy &amp; Sue Haglund - serving with MAF at the headquarters in Idaho</p>	<p>EC Church of India - sending out 200 of their own missionaries to neighboring countries</p>	<p>BJ &amp; Rachel Whitaker - church planters with ECMI in Alcora, Spain</p>
<p>21 <b>Nov 21</b> - Speak at Rothsville EC - a.m. service</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 - Ken Sears</p> <p>- Robert Schaeffer</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b> Memorial service for Rev. Dr. John Masuda - Kyodo church, Japan</p>	<p>EC Church of Costa Rica - baptism of new believers</p>	<p>Marcia Hopler - encouraging black student leaders in IVCF</p>	<p>Don &amp; Kathryn Kunkel - retirees in ID</p>	<p>Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One</p>	<p>Remember those who can't be with family over this holiday</p>	<p>David &amp; Conce Roof - OMS church planters in northern Brazil</p>
<p>28 - Leah Moury (c) (2006)</p> <p><b>Nov 28</b> - Speak at Mohn's Hill EC - a.m. service</p>	<p>29 - Eunice Wanjema *</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p>Dec 6 - Sue Haglund Dec 13 - Rev. Dan Moury (c)</p> <p>* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE</p>
<p><b>PRAYER NEEDS</b></p> <p>Carlos Kelly - York church plant</p>	<p>Randy as he drives to CT for conference</p>	<p>The persecuted church worldwide</p>	<p><b>Nov 29 to Dec 3</b> OMSC Seminar in CT</p>			