

## OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **Rev. David Dick** has announced that he will be retiring as an EC missionary at the end of this year. Dave and Celia have faithfully served the Lord and the EC Church for almost 40 years under OMS. A retrospect of their ministry is in the fall/winter issue of the *Window on the World*. The Dicks will remain in Indiana as Dave plans to continue his work with the Duewel Literature Trust. We encourage you to share your thanks with Dave and Celia for their many years of service. Their mailing address is 2484 Blue Ridge Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143. Their home email is [ddick9366@yahoo.com](mailto:ddick9366@yahoo.com).

▶ The Covid virus has impacted the churches of **EC Church - Latin America** quite hard. Rev. Juan Zuñiga, the Superintendent, had Covid 19. He has since recovered, but several pastors and/or their families have struggled with the disease. In addition, the Mexican government has closed churches to help prevent more spread, so the pastors have no income; they were paid out of the offerings from their churches. Many have had to resort to selling family belongings to be able to buy food for their children.

▶ Retired missionary **Aldean Saufley** informed us that he had a nasty fall in early June and wound up in healthcare for almost two months, nursing a sprained shoulder. Aldean and his late wife Ellen served with OMS in Haiti for many years. He lives at Menno Village in Chambersburg, PA and is still using his keyboard talents to serve the Lord.

▶ Retired but still active missionaries **Art & Mary Ellen Davis** were finally able to get back to Kenya in early October. They booked their flights but didn't get the results from their Covid tests in time to fly out of country. So they got as far as Philly to Chicago, then stayed a couple of days with friends before boarding a British Airways flight back home to Kenya. Made it with some time to spare before celebrating Mary Ellen's birthday! 😊

▶ **Rev. Abraham Powell**, bishop of the EC Church of Liberia, gives praise for the wonderful 'gift' that he finally received from Global Ministries and contributions from EC churches and individuals. In February, a box containing solar powered digital units, a high end microphone, and a supply of sd cards was sent to allow our Liberian church leadership to record and distribute teaching materials to all 36 churches. This will include readings of the Bible in Bassa, the language of most of our EC church members, some of whom are illiterate and/or don't read or speak English. The shipment got as far as Germany when Covid broke out; it was stuck there in quarantine for several months. It finally shipped to Liberia and sat there for some time as well. Eventually it was delivered with all contents intact. Praise the Lord! Rev. Powell sent a short video sharing his presentation of all the materials to his leaders.

▶ Unfortunately, Spain is having some spikes in Covid cases, so they reinstated regional lockdowns. These include the Madrid area, where **Ron and Brenda Anderson** live and minister. So far over 53,000 people have lost their lives to Covid in Spain. Please keep the Andersons and the Whitakers in prayer for health and safety as they strive to minister to their communities.



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## EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE

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### Rev. Tomoyuki Abe

**R**ev. Tomoyuki Abe and his wife Jessica are no strangers to the EC Church-USA. They met at a bible college in Colorado, but both attended and graduated from Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, PA. While living in the USA, they attended Community EC Church in Sinking Spring, PA. But even before that, Tomo (as he is affectionately called) was raised in an EC church in Japan, where his father was a pastor. Now Nobuo Abe is the Chairman of the EC Church-Japan.



Tomo and Jessica were church planters for nine years in the Fuchinobe area of Japan. They had several young families in attendance, but the rented space was inadequate for what they wanted to do in order for the church to grow.

A couple of years ago, Tomoyuki and Jessica felt called to reach out to the Japanese diaspora, the students and businesspeople who lived outside of Japan. At the same time, Overseas Missionary Fellowship, a non-denominational mission agency, was looking for someone to expand their outreach in Europe to Asian people. Since Jessica is French, it all seemed to fall together. The Abes returned to France while Tomoyuki pursued talks with OMF. OMF didn't have anyone to reach out to the Japanese population in the greater Paris area, so they were thrilled to have Tomoyuki come on board.

Jessica pursued service with the Evangelical Free Church of France while Tomoyuki took intensive language training in French. Then Covid struck. Tomo was able to continue learning online, but Jessica's church was closed. Fortunately, things have improved, and currently the Abes are living in the parsonage of the E Free Church in Orleans, France. Jessica is now the senior pastor as the former pastor retired, and the congregation voted to have her remain.

Tomoyuki applied and was approved as an EC missionary this past spring. However, he still needs to raise at least \$500/month support. They had planned to come to the USA this past July, but of course the pandemic put a stop to all travel plans. God willing, they will come to the USA next year to share their vision of reaching Japanese people living in France. Tomo says it is often much easier to witness to Japanese outside of their own culture. Many have become Christians and are linked into a church when they return to Japan.

Please continue to pray for Tomoyuki, Jessica and their daughters Alyssa and Talia. Pray that they can have an impact on their community and the Japanese diaspora in France. If you would consider supporting the Abes, please contact the GMC office or give online at [www.eccenter.com](http://www.eccenter.com). Thank you!

Pat Strain

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of India</b>, as they also struggle to meet due to the government shutdown</p>	<p><b>2</b>  - Barbara Erb *</p> <p><b>Barbara Erb</b> – retired but still living and helping in Surinam; it's her birthday!</p>	<p><b>3</b>  - Rev. Joe Toy, Jr.</p> <p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Latin America</b>; for the pastors who are struggling to care for their families during the pandemic</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Randy &amp; Chris Amberman</b>, serving in NM; Randy in PA this week with family</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Dave Hershey</b> – now Assistant Executive Director of CSF; still doing staff development and overseeing work at Berks campus</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Nobuo Abe</b>, Chairman of the EC Church-Japan; health and safety</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Kurt G.</b> – reaching out through social media to recruit young people for missions</p>
<p><b>8</b>  - Jane Heck *</p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Paozathang Singson</b>, the new General Director of the EC Church of India. Pray as he works to create more unity among the tribes</p>	<p><b>9</b> - Jessica Rathman</p> <p><b>Beth Grimm</b> – serving as a learning disabilities educator in Lancaster county and overseas at MMK schools</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Rev. Gene Stevenson</b>, candidate – serving as teacher/Administrator at Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, AZ</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Pray for <b>Capt. Noel Blancaflor</b>, chaplain in the US Air Force stationed in CA; Covid has taken a toll on many of our armed forces</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Pray for <b>Bishop Bruce Hill</b> as he continues to lead the EC Church-USA during this unprecedented time of worldwide pandemic</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Jamie &amp; Anita Farr</b> – serving in recruitment and other areas at Wycliffe headquarters, Orlando, FL</p>	<p><b>14</b>  - Art Davis *</p> <p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Liberia</b>, as they try to meet the most urgent needs of church members and their communities</p>
<p><b>15</b>  - Ariana Stevenson+ (2006)</p> <p><b>Ron &amp; Brenda Anderson</b> - working with church planters and women's prison ministry in Spain</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Robert Santucci</b>, new District Field Director for the Lehigh Valley District; he replaces Rev. Gary Kuehner</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Dave &amp; Celia Dick</b> – preparing for retirement at the end of the year from EC Global Ministries; continuing to serve OMS</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Juan Zuñiga</b>, Superintendent of the EC Church of Latin America. Praise that he recovered well from Covid 19!</p>	<p><b>19</b>  - Brenda Anderson</p> <p><b>Chris &amp; Deb Bowers</b> – serving in Pacific Northwest, training missionary pilots; great need for more support</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Nepal</b> as they continue to evangelize in the midst of persecution by a hostile government and militant Hindu factions</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Ivy Limbert</b> – teaching at Black Forest Academy in Germany; due to Covid, teaching 5 classes as well as serving in administration</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Dan Quigley</b>, candidate – working in after school programs for street children in Nicaragua</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Pray for the <b>EC Church of Japan</b> as they seek ways to minister in their communities</p>	<p><b>24</b>  - Rev. Ken Sears - Rev. Robert Schaeffer</p> <p><b>Dan &amp; Melinda Moury</b> – serving in videography dept at Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Abraham Powell</b>, bishop of the EC Church of Liberia – wisdom as he leads various programs</p>	<p><b>26</b> </p> <p><b>Give thanks for God's provision during this year</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>  - Ivy Limbert</p> <p><b>David &amp; Conce Roof</b> – serving as church planters in northern Brazil under OMS</p>	<p><b>28</b>  - Leah Moury (2006)</p> <p>Pray for the <b>persecuted church</b>, especially in Iran and Iraq</p>
<p><b>29</b>  - Eunice Wanjema *</p> <p>Pray for <b>Rev. Th. Janga</b>, leader of the EC Church of Nepal, for personal health and safety</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Art &amp; Mary Ellen Davis – retired but still serving in Kenya; recently returned from USA</p>					<p>*DENOTES RETIREE + DENOTES CANDIDATE</p>

### ANNIVERSARIES

November 1 – Kurt & Nancy G.  
 December 10 – Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus  
 December 12 – Randy & Chris Amberman

### BIRTHDAYS

December 6 – Sue Haglund\*  
 December 13 – Rev. Dan Moury