

▶ **Joe Toy** wants to thank everyone who contributed Christmas stockings for his annual distribution in Philadelphia. Approximately 785 stockings plus hats, gloves and scarves were donated from 13 EC churches. Although Joe had to postpone the first distribution date due to weather, he was able to hand everything out and reports that the stockings and other items were much appreciated.

▶ Congratulations to **Yoriyoshi and Emiko Abe** on the birth of their first child. Daughter Kanae was born the day after Christmas. Her name means 'to praise God's grace.' The Abes are church planters in Ebina City, Japan.

▶ **Jim & Janet Stahl** are in the process of moving from Texas to their home town of Bethlehem, PA. They will still be working with Wycliffe-The Seed Company, but felt they needed to be closer to their support base and to Jim's mother, who fell recently and broke her hip. We will let you know their new address once they have purchased a house and are settled in. Please keep them in prayer during this time of transition.

▶ **Robert and Bettina Schaeffer** are celebrating 20 years of service as EC missionaries this year. Congratulations! The Schaeffers serve with LIFE Ministries in NY, and once a month also work with a group in West Lawn, PA. In addition, Robert pastors a church in St. Clair, PA and Bettina is a licensed Pilates instructor.

▶ Please continue to keep **Ed & Val Schubert**, their workers, volunteers and family in prayer. For now, the situation in Honduras seems to be contained, but could flare up at any time. Pray for safety and inner peace during this time of such turmoil all around them.

▶ **Cassie Wells**, who is still technically a missionary candidate, was able to start full time with her assignment at Kutztown University with Disciple Makers, a campus ministry. Cassie was able to meet her support goals in January. She will be commissioned in mid-March. Congratulations, Cassie!

▶ **Joe Toy** will be heading to Minneapolis in late January/early February for open air ministry at the Super Bowl, and then to New Orleans for Mardi Gras outreach February 7-15. He would appreciate your prayers for safety in travel and at the events, as there are often rowdy crowds due to the alcohol consumption associated with these events.

▶ **2018 Missions Directories** are now available from the GMC office. It is easier (and cheaper) for us to email it to you, but if you need a hard copy, we will gladly send one to you. We do not post the information from the directory to our website because some of our missionaries work in sensitive areas or with sensitive groups who may be monitored by hostile organizations.

▶ Our **2018 VBS Project** will be to raise \$10,000 for Evangelical College of Theology in Manipur, India. More details will be published as the project is developed.

▶ Please keep Bishop Bruce Hill and all those involved in the process of selecting the next **Global Ministries Associate** in prayer. Rev. Randy Sizemore's term will end June 30th and he has decided not to run for another term. Pray that God's choice for this position will be made clear.



Rev. Joe & Wendy Toy, Jr.

Joe and Wendy Toy are missionaries who work in Philadelphia and other areas, sharing the gospel on the streets. Joe has been doing open air ministry for over 32 years, beginning in Reading and now mainly working in the Philadelphia area.

Joe's schedule includes sharing the gospel to the homeless in Camden, NJ. He not only preaches God's word, but offers books, tracts, and Bibles. In the winter, he often shares hats or gloves. Because of his presence, God has raised some other men from Camden to work with him there.

During the school year, Joe will often visit universities including Temple, University of Penn, Kutztown, University of Delaware and others.

Joe also shares the gospel every Thursday afternoon in the Olney section of Philadelphia. He, the pastor of Olney Baptist church, plus a few others, help share the gospel near the transportation center. On Fridays you'll find Joe at an abortion clinic in New Jersey, standing up for the innocent ones who have no voice. On Friday afternoon Joe goes to 69th Street in Upper Darby to work with a small church in Yeadon that is doing outreach weekly.

Along with this work, Joe does event outreaches. These include Mardi Gras, Florida Winter Break, Super Bowl (some years), Indy 500, and a few weeks of summer outreach at the shore. The summer also has him helping with training various youth groups at the beach. Last fall there was an outreach in London, England with Sports Fan Outreach International to share the gospel at the World Athletic Competition. Adam (the youngest son) was stationed in England, so he was able to join Joe in that week.

Open Air Ministries also has projects that can involve churches. Each summer there has been a Back to School "school supplies" outreach where school supplies are collected by churches, then used by Joe in outreaches to the children in the city. Each fall there is a "stockings outreach" in which people will fill Christmas stockings with various items to give out at a "kids' meeting" in December. Church teams have also come to help give out the stockings and other cold weather items at these kids' meetings. The third project is the Bible project. People will collect old Bibles and donate them to Joe. These are the ones he puts out on the table in Camden to give away to anyone who wants God's word.

Wendy has helped with various administrative tasks for the ministry, along with home-schooling all the boys through high school. She had taught part time for seven years, and now works at the church they attend in Upper Darby, PA.

Joe and Wendy have five sons, two daughters-in-law, and six grandchildren.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
	<p>MARCH BIRTHDAYS March 6 – Rev. David Dick March 9 – Joan Farr</p>	<p>ANNIVERSARIES February 6 – Dan & Melinda Moury February 21 – Jim & Joan Farr March 8 – David & Conce Roof</p>		<p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for those who recently completed the Pastoral Assessment Center, that they will be open to serving where God calls them.</p>	<p>Joe Toy – open air ministry in the greater Philly area and Camden, NJ – currently in Minneapolis for Super Bowl outreach</p>	<p>Pray for those participating in the 4 Chaplains Run today. This supports scholarships for student chaplains at Evangelical Seminary.</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Cassie Wells – missionary candidate with Disciple Makers, assigned to Kutztown University – praise that support goal was met!</p>	<p>Pray for Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, church planters in Fuchinobe, Japan – wisdom in the way forward</p>	<p>Ken Sears – serving as teacher, pastor and administrator at Zaporozhye Bible College in Ukraine</p>	<p>Pray for the process as candidates for the GMC Associate position are interviewed and that the committee chosen to aid the Bishop will sense God's will through it all</p>	<p>BJ & Rachel Whitaker – church planters in Alcora, Spain – wisdom in presenting the gospel to their city</p>	<p>Art & Mary Ellen Davis, retired missionaries who are still active in ministry in Kenya.</p>	<p>Jonathan & Kathy Wilson – Bible translators serving among the Binandere people of Papua New Guinea</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Jim & Janet Stahl – serving with WBT-The Seed Company as trainers in bible story telling in Africa and SE Asia. In process of relocating to PA.</p>	<p>Pray for Chaplain Capt. Noel Blancaflor, serving in Monterrey, CA at the Department of Defense's language training school</p>	<p>Brian & Missy Wagner – teacher/administrator at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya; spring semester in full gear</p>	<p>Share God's love with someone who needs to know Him!</p> 	<p>Pray for Bishop Bruce Hill and the many decisions he needs to make as he leads the EC Church forward</p>	<p>David & Conce Roof – church planters with OMS in northern Brazil; David's pastoral studies</p>	<p>Pray for our international EC churches, many of whom are facing persecution or danger</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the persecuted church around the world – Iranian Christians have been targeted by radical ISIS fighters</p>	<p>Ed & Val Schubert – ministering to women and children in Honduras at two campuses; safety concerns</p>	<p>Pray for the leaders of our international EC conferences, that they may seek God's will for shepherding their members and reaching their neighbors</p>	<p>Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus – remaining in USA for medical leave as Janice finishes up her treatments for breast cancer; health and future plans</p>	<p>Robert & Bettina Schaeffer – LIFE Ministries in NY and PA; pastoring in St. Clair, PA</p>	<p>Pray for our church planters, in the USA and around the world, as they reach to their cultures to introduce them to the living Lord</p>	<p>Gloria Smethers – serving as one of two nurses on staff at AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, FL – health and stamina</p>
25	26	27	28			
<p>PRAYER NEEDS Pray for the leadership of the EC Church USA – as they guide our congregations during this year</p>	<p>Dan & Mary Lynne Wills – serving at JAARS Center in Waxhaw, North Carolina</p>	<p>Pray for those involved in para-church ministries such as camps, education, etc.</p>	<p>Barbara Erb – retired from service to Surinam, South America</p>			<p><small>*DENOTES RETIREE</small></p>