



PRAYER GUIDE

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Ted Rathman

Celebrating Faithfulness

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."
Proverbs 16:3

It's always a joy to celebrate the faithful service of our missionaries for their years of serving the Lord and others on the mission field. Yet, it's a little bittersweet to have them "graduate" to new adventures that will move them from our Global Ministries Community with the EC Church, and on to the plans the Lord has next for their lives.

This month we say, "thank you" and "well done" to our friends and fellow laborers for the Kingdom Kurt & Nancy Graff, and Ivy Limbert. They have each served the Lord with faith-filled hearts as evidenced by their lasting impact on their respective missions agencies; Cafe 1040 and Teach Beyond.

Kurt and Nancy have officially retired, and Ivy is on to new ministry opportunities back here in the States. It's without a doubt that their experiences and testimonies will continue to encourage and empower all they meet in the days, months, and years to come - helping to ignite the call to missions in the hearts and minds of all they come in contact with.

Thank you to all their supporters over the years for your financial generosity and your faithful prayers. Your partnership in their ministries has helped share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and together, we're on mission with Christ to reach His world.



Kurt & Nancy Graff

Ivy Limbert



FROM THE DESK...

Greetings praying friends,

Having been a part of the Global Ministries Community for so long - 15 years as a missionary kid, followed by 20 years as a missionary myself in Kenya - I'm always amazed at the work that the GMC does on behalf of the missionary community. We know that these are hard times all around the world, not only financially and politically, but spiritually as well. Satan would like nothing better than to disrupt the ministries of our missionaries on the mission field, and stop international churches from proclaiming the Gospel, because he knows that as long as people are doing, "here on earth as it is in heaven," he's going to have a difficult time. Thank you all so much for your continued and generous financial and prayer support for our missionaries and international churches!

Dan

Rev. Dan Dixon
Rexmont EC, Pastor & GMC Board Member

PS. And a personal thank you from me, for your support for me and my family over many, many years.

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Facilitating Mission Workers

Empowering National Churches
Engaging the Local Church



The Global Ministries Community (GMC) exists to empower national churches, facilitate mission workers, and engage the local church to nurture a global vision of God's redemptive mission within all EC Churches. We strive to build and deepen the relationship of our EC family all over the world and faithfully lead and support the work of the Kingdom around the globe.

One way we do this is by assisting in identifying those God is calling to this specialized form of ministry. If you, or someone you know, is sensing the call of God to serve on the mission field, reach out to Rev. Ted Rathman, GMA, or Denise "Dee" Jaramillo in the GMC office and they will set a time to meet with you. Ted and/or Dee are also available to come speak at your church mission's event or meeting. The GMC desires to come alongside churches in helping to further being on mission with Christ to reach His world. Give us call or send us an email today!

To know how your church can partner directly with an EC missionary or an International EC Church, call the GMC office at 717-866-7581, x1109 or email ecglobal@eccenter.com.

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September 1-8 Praise the Lord for...

- the 30+ years of ministry of Kurt & Nancy Graff
- the countless lives they have touched through their ministry
- the plans and purposes of the Lord they are stepping into as they begin their next chapter
- their family and those dearest to them
- the 5 years Ivy Limbert has spent on the mission field in Germany
- the ministry of teaching many students in her care
- the Godly influence and impact on all those relationships formed during her time with Teach Beyond
- her family and the new adventures awaiting her as she steps into new opportunities appointed by the Lord

September 9-16 Pray for...

- the many, many lives touched by the ministries of all our EC missionaries around the world
- wisdom and direction as our missionaries begin to consider goals and plans for 2023
- all missionary marriages to remain strong, healthy and vibrant
- all missionary families to remain healthy and whole
- continued physical health for all our EC missionaries
- new opportunities for our missionaries to reach out to their communities and nearby areas
- continued faithful financial support for our EC missionaries
- the many areas of communities served by our missionaries who are still struggling with the lingering effects of the pandemic

September 17-24 Pray for...

- all those who contribute to giving financially to the GMC to be joyfully generous
- for the continued generosity of the EC Church toward missions work all around the globe
- funds to continue dreaming, planning, and eventually forming short-term teams to travel to be with our missionaries and involved in the work they are doing
- each missionary to be filled with the love and compassion of Jesus for all entrusted to their care
- the hearts and minds of our ECCUSA family to be joined with all our missionary brothers and sisters in lifting up the name of Jesus all around the world
- the Holy Spirit's direction and guidance as our missionaries continue to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the unreached
- many to hear the Gospel and respond each time a missionary reaches into their community
- the Light of Jesus Christ to pierce the dark corners of the world with the saving knowledge of faith in Jesus

September 25-30 Pray for missionaries...

- **Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, Randy & Chrisanne Amberman, Ron & Brenda Anderson, Chris & Deb Bowers**
- **Jamie & Anita Farr, Beth Grimm, Dave & Emily Hershey, Dan & Melinda Moury**
- **Dan Quigley, Dave & Conce Roof, Robert & Bettina Schaeffer, Ed & Valerie Schubert**
- **Ken Sears, Gloria Smethers, Jim & Janet Stahl**
- **Gene & Bethanie Stevenson, Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus, Joe & Wendy Toy, Brian & Missy Wagner**
- **Cassie Wells, BJ & Rachel Whitaker, Dan & Mary Lynne Wills, Jonathan & Kathy Wilson**

Happy Birthday

3 (2012) - Laura Grace Whitaker 3 - Gene Stevenson 16 (2011) - Lily Stevenson