

**1. OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY** – Wayne and Sherry Rapp are planning to participate in a community event in the small town of Lopez, PA tomorrow. They will hand out bottled water and flyers inviting folks to a Bible study. Pray that they will make good contacts for a possible church plant sometime in the future.

**2. ALLEN & PENNY CAMERON – MISSIONARY PASTOR – KEARNEYSVILLE, WV** – We praise the Lord for the opportunity to minister with the Cummings family in Laredo, TX and Mexico. We praise the Lord for being able to minister at Bible Camp with the teens at Camp Tohiglo and to attend the Creation Museum from Answers in Genesis. Please pray for our family as we are facing some very difficult decisions as to direction and wisdom. Please pray for our fall and winter ministries, that the Lord will reach many souls with the life-changing message of the Gospel.  
*HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALLEN CAMERON!*

**3. COLIN & SUSAN McCLURE – MISSIONARY PASTOR – ARGYLE, NY** – Thank you for your prayers. Praise for Ed's surgery - all went well. He is going through physical therapy now (not fun). Joshua begins kindergarten this month. Pray for spiritual sensitivity. Our youth groups will be getting back into the swing of things this month. Pray for growth and maturity. Pray for others to be added to our number. Please pray Romans 12:1-2.

**4. ROBERT & EDNA HOWISON – HEADQUARTERS' STAFF – NEWFANE, NY** – Last month we had great fellowship and challenge at the annual Pastors' Conference, attended a family reunion, and enjoyed time with friends from our sending church in Ann Arbor, MI. We thank God for the many people in our lives who have helped us on our Christian journey of life. Pray for us.

**5. ANTHONY & MARIANNE SEVERINE – MISSIONARY PASTOR – FARMINGTON, IL** – Please pray for our men's and women's Bible studies. We seem to have much interest, as we are having women from other churches and from our town wanting to attend. Pray for the kids as they start school.  
*HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEIGHA SEVERINE! 17 years old.*

**6. JAMES & SARAH ELLSMORE – MISSIONARY ASSOCIATES – INDIANA, PA** – Praise the Lord for a full month of opportunities to present the Gospel through Chalk Evangelism. Praise the Lord for a good AMOC Missionary Pastors' Conference and an opportunity to preach and to present our chalk ministry at the Conference and in a nearby local church. Praise also for traveling mercies over the many miles traveled doing the Lord's work of chalk art evangelism. Pray that we will have many more open doors to do chalk art evangelism, as our October/November schedule is open. Pray for our trip to Muskegon, MI to the Ding Teuling Chalk School this month, for further instruction in chalk presentations.  
*HAPPY BIRTHDAY SARAH ELLSMORE!*

**7. WAYNE & SHERRY RAPP – MISSIONARY PASTOR – SWEET VALLEY, PA** – We are thanking our Lord for answered prayers in meeting the needs of others. We praise our Lord for individuals with soft hearts who have heard the "Good News" about Jesus. Please pray for those who have listened and those who need to hear about Christ, that they may accept Christ personally. Also pray for wisdom and direction in finding the right home for an evangelistic Bible study.

**8. MAILBOX SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE – JOYCE, ARELENE & LOIS – SEBRING, FL** – Have you thanked the Lord that you can read His Word and were directed to the Light of the World? Many of our students in this "enlightened" country acknowledge they never have read God's Word or knew what it said. Their enthusiasm and spiritual growth after doing the lessons is rewarding. Arelene has a month's therapy after her knee gave out and she fell. Pray she may not need a replacement.

**9. EDWARD & BETTY HOWRY – MISSIONARY ASSOCIATES – HAMLIN, PA** – We praise Him for reasonably good health this year, enabling us to serve in three areas: Truck Stop chaplain; Pulpit Supply pastor to struggling churches, and Release Time teacher and counselor. Pray for the Release Time ministry in Wayne and Pike Counties of PA. We're seeking to reach more schools as the children are released for one hour a week to a church or public building near the school for Bible lessons developed by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray that Ed will be able to get a helper for his Sundays at the truck stop for the winter months. His present helper, Fred Shaller and wife, Helen, go to their Florida home during the winter.

**10. "BASICS FOR BELIEVERS"** – The Mission has received a request from a man in Puerto Rico for permission to translate this little study booklet into Spanish as an aid to ground non-English speaking people to understand and appreciate the foundation truths of God's Word. Pray that God will bless in this endeavor.

**11. RICHARD & JOAN PERALEZ – MISSIONARY PASTOR – SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE** – Please pray for our children to grow academically and most importantly, spiritually. Anna (18) is a senior. Elizabeth (13) is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Esther (12) is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Minerva (8) is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. An exciting thing in our church is that Rich is taking a young couple through premarital counseling. Their names are Matthew and Angela. Matthew has been attending our church for several years. Please pray for them. Please pray for our witness and that we might reflect Ephesians 6:19-20.

**12. BOB PIERCE, CONFERENCE DIRECTOR** – This spring and summer have been very busy and sometimes frustrating. It is not easy to supervise personnel, attempt to have the Conference used to capacity, and to meet the needs of guests. Pray that Bob will balance

his ministry for God, family responsibility, and time for rest.

**13. GOD'S SUPPLY** – To see the goodness of God is truly a wonderful thing. During the summer, the children's camps and several other groups brought blessings to our hearts and helped to provide some needed finances. The fall and winter months are coming; we must depend on God to supply funds through retreats and by other means. Pray please.

**14. LARRY BOWERMAN, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – Larry and wife Beverly rejoice in the recent salvation of their granddaughter and grandson. Larry desires that somebody would volunteer to assist with the maintenance work here. The work is growing and more demanding each year. Pray for people of God's choice.

**15. PARKER AND CAROLE JONATHAN – MINISTRY ASSOCIATES – OLCOTT, NY** – Praise the Lord... work on the "Mission House" continues to move ahead. Windows have been replaced and all rooms have been painted. Still, a few things are needed. Pray for the Fellowship Family senior ministry as it begins on September 20, that it will be a support arm to AMOC, and that Christ will receive all the glory and honor for all that is accomplished.

**16. JAMES & SALLIE CARROLL – MISSIONARY APPOINTEES – CATO, NY** – Praise God for the safe delivery of our first grandbaby! Scott William Kurtz III was born July 23, 2007, weighing in at 7 lbs., 8 oz. Divine providence was at work. Due to the baby's heart rate dropping during a contraction, they decided to do an emergency C-Section. While doing so, they found the cord was wrapped around the baby's neck which could have caused major complications during a normal delivery. We are just rejoicing in the omniscience, sovereignty, mercy, and grace of our God. Thank you all for your prayers, and please continue to pray for our deputation work. Pray that God will open doors of opportunity to present the ministry, and hearts that will share our burden.

**17. AMOC BOARD MEETING** – The Board assembles tonight for the purpose of assessing the health of AMOC ministries, to remedy defects that might occur, to make plans for strengthening the Mission, and to encourage missionaries and staff. We want to have a good report for those who pray and support AMOC.

**18. ESTHER ECKLER – FINANCIAL SECRETARY – OLCOTT, NY** – Now that the busy summer season is over, there is much to do in the Financial Office to get caught up. Please pray that I will be able to get all of the various tasks done in a timely manner. Pray that my priorities will be the ones the Lord wants me to have and that I will put Him first in everything I do. Thanks for praying.

**19. SCHOOL IS IN SESSION** – Our missionaries are sending children to schools and colleges. This is an important time in the lives of these children. The world and its system is no friend to God. They are going into enemy territory and need strong armor. Pray for God's help to stand strong in mind and spirit.

**20. KENT BRITTIN, BOARD PRESIDENT** – Kent's strength is returning after the appendicitis attack that had him down for several weeks. It may yet be a while before he is back to normalcy. Thank you for your prayers during that time when his condition was critical. Pray that he will soon be able to resume his duties.

**21. CHANGES COMING** – The Carroll family is raising support to begin a ministry with AMOC. The Rapp family is viewing a work in Pennsylvania. The Conference is exploring ways to expand and to reach its potential for enhancing and fully utilizing the facilities. AMOC needs God's wisdom to embrace changes. Please pray we will have that wisdom.

**22. THOMAS & JANELL ROHRING – HELPS MINISTRY – NEWFANE, NY** – God answers prayer! Tom's back is pain-free after his injection and the prayers of God's people. We are so blessed to call you friends. Please pray that we will use our time wisely in the days ahead, as the Lord's return is surely near.

**23. AMOC PASTORS** – Small churches do not have small problems. Theirs are the same problems facing large churches but with fewer resources to help them get through. Pray that AMOC pastors will have divine guidance and wisdom to deal with the struggles by the leading of the Holy Spirit and prayer support.

**24. AUTUMN** – Today is the start of a new season and there are now less than 100 days until the end of the year. Please pray for the Mission and the people of the organization. Ask God to open doors to proclaim the Gospel, to provide missionaries, and to make resources available to expand the work.

**25. THOMAS & SHELLY BRODERICK – GENERAL DIRECTOR – OLCOTT, NY** – We praise the Lord for a very fruitful summer here at the Niagara Bible Conference. Our summer camp programs went well and many children made decisions for Christ. Our Summer Sunday Evenings at the Conference were awesome. We had some great speakers as well as great music. Also our Missionary Pastors' Conference was a tremendous encouragement for all our missionaries. Pray for us as we have a busy fall schedule planned. We'll be traveling to schools and colleges, plus we will be participating in some Missionary Conferences.  
*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOM BRODERICK!*

**26. PLANS FOR A FEBRUARY FUND RAISER** - There will be no banquet this fall, but plans are being made to hold a special event in February to raise funds. AMOC is praying that God will provide funds as His people are asked to respond in a way that AMOC has never before tried.

**27. LUKE BRODERICK, CAMP DIRECTOR** - Luke did a grand job of ministering to the children who came to Camp this summer. He also was good at administrating the activities that took place. Please pray for Luke as he makes important decisions about his future in ministry. The Conference would like to have him return next year.

**28. TRAVEL AND RECRUITMENT** - The AMOC General Director, Tom Broderick, plans to visit several schools and churches in the next months, looking for some choice people to become involved with AMOC in church planting ministries. There is a vital need for laborers for the harvesting of souls. Pray that God will richly supply.

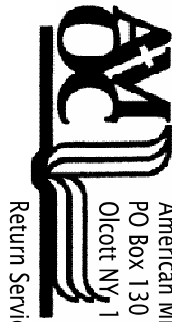
**29. A VISION FOR PRAYER** - The orchard property adjacent to the Conference grounds on the east has been for sale. The price is more than AMOC can afford. However, the universe belongs to God and He may be holding it for a special use. Pray that He is holding it for the Conference if that is His specific will, and if so, that He will provide the funds or a donor.

**30. ROBERT & AMY PIERCE - DIRECTOR OF CONFERENCE MINISTRIES - OLCOTT, NY** - We are thankful for a good time of family vacation last month, much needed after a very busy summer season. As our children return to school, please pray that they will maintain a good testimony with their peers and teachers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALLYSON PIERCE! 17 years old.**

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**“Here I Raise Mine Ebenezer...”**

How about a little Bible and Hymnology trivia? David Jeremiah in his Turning Point devotional today challenged me with the question, “Where in the Bible is “Ebenezer” mentioned and what was so significant about that name?” And “What hymn has the phrase in one of its stanzas “Here I raise Mine Ebenezer”? You have ten seconds left to answer. 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9- 🕒 (ding!)

The hymn is “Come Thou Fount” written by Robert Robinson. In stanza two it says, “Here I raise mine Ebenezer - hither by Thy help I’m come...” “Ebenezer” is found in 1 Samuel 7:12 when Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name “Ebenezer” saying, “Thus far the LORD has helped us.” Ebenezer in Hebrew means “stone of (the) help”. That stone was a reminder to the Israelites of God’s faithfulness and might. It was set up so that no matter what situation they were in, they would be able to look back to their defeat of the Philistines in which God was faithful to deliver them. Robert Robinson reminds us of that rock being the “fount of every blessing”.

We here at AMOC/NBC are constantly reminded of how God has been so faithful in meeting our needs and carrying us through to victory in so many ways. Right now we are going through a major financial deficit in our Conference and General Fund ministries. We had three organizations cancel their retreats in June, which put us in a bind right before our Camp season this summer.

But at the same time we are surrounded by so many “Ebenezer Stones” of remembrances to the faithfulness of God to us over the years. We are confident that God will show Himself mighty on our behalf. We also want to thank all of you who have faithfully given to our ministries over the years. You have been our stones of help as well. Would you please consider a special gift to our ministries at this time? “Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I’m come! - “Thus far the LORD has helped us!”

*Tom Broderick*

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