

Our purpose and passion is to fuel a worldwide movement of people who seek first the kingdom of God, planting churches that live and die to carry out the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

I was standing in a lunch line with Paul Morse the other day, and he asked me, "Tell me about Musovu!" "There are a lot of exciting things happening in Musovu," I replied, but "How do you know about Musovu?" He told me he had received my newsletter from early 2012 with a picture of the Musovu group listing out in leaves all the Discipling for Development lessons they had studied together in the past years. Then he asked me, "So how is Rutikanga?" I exclaimed, "You know Rutikanga! Do you know Ntakirutimana? Kezia? Alphonsine? Ugiriwabo?" He knew their names, although his pronunciation was off on a few. I was able to tell him that they are doing great! There is so much that has happened in their lives since 2012! God has used them in some amazing ways. We no longer coach them every week as a D for D team, but they are still growing in amazing ways! Ntakirutimana is discipling a new group of young men in a nearby town where he moved and opened up a store. Rutikanga and Alphonsine are reconciled with each other and living in harmony. Bosco and some of the others are helping plant a church about half an hour away by bicycle. Pastor Ugiriwabo has led the church and the community at large in partnering with World Vision to build five kindergarten classrooms for the community. They completely paid for all the labor on these projects themselves! They are providing for their families, their kids are going to school, the church is full, and they extended the sanctuary. Seven or more couples have been married. The kingdom of God is growing among them! They are helping mentor other pastors in the Bugesera region who want to learn to disciple their believers and communities holistically.



I asked Paul, "So, how have you been praying for them?" He said, "I pray for them every day, naming each one." This is wonderful! It is hard to measure the impact of our prayers, but they do have an impact. How much does Musovu's transformation have to do with Paul's praying? We will not know until heaven, but I do know that Paul can claim the promise of Psalm 2:8: "Ask of me, and I will give you nations as your inheritance and the ends of the earth as your possession!" I believe in heaven Paul gets to claim the kingdom of God flourishing in the community of Musovu as part of his inheritance!

God's desire is that people from all nations and all cultures come to know him. Jesus told us that because he has all authority in heaven and on earth, we are to go and disciple all nations. God has called us missionaries to see the kingdom of God flourish in some places of darkness, bondage, and despair. He has called us to serve people in cultures all around the world. We get to join Jesus praying to the Father, "Your kingdom come! Your will be done in this specific place among these specific people just as it is done in heaven!"

Which missionaries are you partnering with? Which cultures, nations, and people? Which communities are you asking to be a part of your inheritance in Christ? Let's join Christ in his desire to see people set free, to see his kingdom come, to see his reign come in people's lives, to see his favor, his grace flourish in their lives! Thank you for praying with us! It makes a difference! Keep up the good work!

David Thomas

From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- For the good trip Dan had to India, Nepal, and the Philippines during the end of January and much of February. He stayed healthy and safe. He was able to spend quality time with the national leaders and missionaries of five of EFM's fields. There were many opportunities for preaching and teaching.
- For the Personal Evangelism Seminar that took place at Barclay College during the first weekend of March. There were more than forty students. Dan and Matt, along with David Thomas and Molly Black, took part in the seminar.
- For the time Matt was able to spend with Evangelical Friends in Coahuila, Mexico, as well as with high school work teams from EFC-MAYM that were there over Spring Break working on various projects.

Please Pray...

- For Matt Macy and Galen Hancock as they travel to India and Bangladesh. While in India they will visit the Linville family.
- For the process of putting together a long-term office staff for EFM.
- For the Lord to raise up more workers for the harvest.

From Russell and Sarah Badgley

Serving in Ecuador (EFM)

Praise God...

- For the rental house God provided for us, and its tranquil location.
- For lots of help with purchasing furniture and appliances for our home.
- For an easier transition for us and the kids this time.

Please Pray...

- For God to provide a car for our family to purchase.
- For our families continued adjustment and settling in.
- For Sarah's pregnancy and baby wellness, and for the birth in early June.

From Brad and Chelsea Carpenter

Serving in Rwanda (EFM)

Praise God...

- The Lord brought healing to the entire family from an intense flu-like sickness last month.
- The national D for D team had a good trip in Burundi and were encouraged by those from Burundi and Congo wanting to enter into a whole-life discipleship process.

Please Pray...

- We have several responsibilities and visitors this summer that we are excited about - please pray for all the planning.
- For Jesus' comfort and healing this month as Rwanda remembers 1994.

From Voicu and Ana Marian

Serving in Romania (EFC-ER)

Praise God...

- For being able to help several parents and grandparents of our students during illness, and thus building friendships.
- For his faithfulness to answer prayer and to fulfill old promises.
- For our good health; with the exception of a seasonal cold, and in spite of rampant viruses in schools.

Please Pray...

- For finding new ways to reach the young generation with the Word. Pray for their desire to read it and to believe God.
- Good relationships with all people, which is a prerequisite for future ministries; our preparation for summer camps, unity of vision with team members.
- Wisdom in decisions; provision for a small apartment for Loredana, our spiritual daughter, who grew up in an orphanage. She needs to move out on her own.

From Abe and Diane Bible

Serving in Ukraine (EFC-ER)

Praise God...

- Three men got saved at the March church planting conference. As far as we know, people are getting saved weekly from both the church planting ministry and the Financial Freedom ministry—yes, non-Christians are interested in financial freedom too!
- Diane had a sabbatical all February which was a blessed time of both physical and spiritual renewal.

Please Pray...

- That the lessons of Financial Freedom would be continued to be used and a desire to study and learn and more and more churches. We have many wonderful testimonies, but it also looks like we will continue that ministry in the fall and ask prayer for how that should proceed.
- Abe is also examining how the church planting ministry should continue in the fall. This most likely will be firmed up this month. Pray that he would be sensitive to the Spirit's leading and how to tap into new sources for church planters.
- He is also working with church leaders on how to initiate a prayer movement. Everything we do is saturated with prayer. We need to have churches who realize again that they serve a "living" God who is longing to do mighty works on behalf of his children.

From Roy and Jinky Twaddell Serving in the Philippines (EFM)

Praise God...

- Our English classes in the Purok Uno Mosque Community covered hall and at the Silangan Friends Church started very successfully! We have 20 children in Purok Uno and 30 in the church. We are thankful in the Lord for these children who come to class. We are also thankful for the two Filipino teachers and parents who are helping. The families of our children are also very helpful in providing funds for the photocopies and other classroom materials. One family even provided wood for some desks to be built.
- My coaching with Pastor Rannie in Palawan has gotten off to a great start. We both have to use a mix of English and Taglish in our conversations and writings. I always have to ask him not to use his texting shorthand. For those who txt, KWIM?
- Jinky has been asked to do some dental mission while in Capiz, Panay Island as part of the church plant mission next month. This will greatly enhance the contact for the Friends Women's sewing livelihood project as well.

Please Pray...

- For continued good relationship with the Purok Uno Muslim Community. Because of the crime and drug problem in the area, the community is also starting a new law and order group. Pray for peace and how God will use us in this area.
- We are in need of good Christian books for our "Friends Evangelical Accelerated School of Theology" (FEAST). We have 2 problems: Where can we store them in the USA and how can we get them to the Philippines?
- For the Lord of the harvest to send forth more workers, especially for Capiz, Panay Island.

From B. and D. A. Serving in Nepal (EFM)

Praise God...

- Nine pastors were recorded in our Yearly Meeting; these are very faithful and wonderful pastors who serve the Lord.

Please Pray...

- For our evangelistic meetings for Easter.
- That many souls will come into the kingdom.

From Dave and Cindy Aufrance Serving in Hong Kong (EFC-ER)

Please Pray...

- For the team coming over Easter to train our RiverGrace members in the Train and Multiply strategy of church growth. We would like to adopt this strategy for the whole church to bring a more organized system to training and discipling them.
- For Dave as he had an aorta issue in February; a small split, which caused bleeding and the buildup of a blood clot. No surgery is necessary but he has been advised not to work full-time, reduce stress, and keep the blood pressure low for the next few months.
- For the growing Spanish population in Hong Kong... mostly ethnic Chinese coming from Venezuela. RiverGrace has started a Spanish fellowship, and several are now attending the church. We are considering starting a Spanish service for them. There are no Spanish-speaking churches in Hong Kong.

From David Thomas EFM Missionary Mentor

Praise God (Thailand)...

- Rejoice with us for the privilege of serving the Lahu people of Thailand! Praise God for great partners in the two missionary families the Kibbes, and for their Lahu colleagues.
- Praise God for an excellent Bible Telling, Orality and Adult learning workshop (March 21-30 in Chiang Rai, Thailand)!

Please Pray (Thailand)...

- For the Lahu church leaders as they practice the skills they learned of teaching adults in participatory ways and the skill of Bible Telling.
- May their excitement build and may they experience the value of these vital methods of discipleship as they practice them in their churches and communities.
- Ask the Lord for a growing commitment among these leaders for whole-life discipleship of poor communities.

Praise God (Rwanda)...

- Rejoice in the hunger and excitement seen in church leaders from Burundi and eastern DR Congo (Goma, Uvira) as they take some of the foundational truths they learned in their D for D January vision casting retreat and put them into practice in their lives and communities.

Please Pray (Rwanda)...

- For our Rwandan church leaders as they navigate the government's shutting down of thousands of churches countrywide. Two thirds of the 60 Friends Churches have been shut down. Pray for church leaders and believers to wrestle well with the question: "If our church was to shut down today, would our community miss it? Are we a church of irresistible influence where people see the kingdom of God among us?" Pray for grace and for God to pour out his Holy Spirit on the church in Rwanda!
- For our Father to raise up the laborers (leaders) among people in Burundi and eastern DR Congo who our Rwandan D for D Mentors in Training can be discipling. The "fields are ready for harvest!"

Praise God (Cambodia)...

- For Scott Sward and his missionary team in Cambodia, and their interest in planting and growing whole-life, disciple-making, church-planting, community-transforming movements among the people groups they serve.
- For an opportunity for this team and David Thomas to explore together what planting a discipling movement among the peoples they serve could look like.

Please Pray (Cambodia)...

- For great communication and for connecting well with God's heart and intention for Cambodia for this teams place in his plan.
- For David for good health and strength, and for clear good thinking.
- For Debby and Alandra staying home for God's fun, blessing and protection over them.
- For good rest after this trip.