

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.

After goodbyes in Boise, North Washington, and Portland area, we made it back to Ecuador via Quito airport on February 15th, 2018, with one dog and a passel of luggage! Emma's dog Kassie made it just fine - thanks for the prayers. We made our way down via van to our town of residence, Macas, and settled into a friend's guest house for the first month. Some highlights of the first month: we brushed up on our previous Spanish learning, set up household, purchased kitchen items, searched for a house and car, and reconnected with folks in the church and community. Many people delighted with us in our new baby and would ask if Matthew would be born here, as they'd stroke, kiss, and talk to my belly. I, Sarah, had the opportunity to connect with other pregnant moms: two young girls and a married woman. All three were in health crisis. But, with serious nutritional work on their part and the grace of God, all are doing well now. In a quick order, we found a home with help from our friend Marcia, and were able to move in at the one month mark. Then we were off to a bigger city (100,000 people) for a 3-day shopping trip to buy and ship more affordable furniture for the bedroom, living room, and needed major appliances. We got it all home and put furniture together before Emma's bladder infection progressed into a severe and risky kidney infection. A month later she was fully recovered, but Russ and I got a 3-4 week lung infection and I had preterm labor pains at 28 weeks. Four weeks of light-duty and bed rest allowed me to defer labor again.



During a trip to purchase a car in the town of Riobamba, I went into labor again. Every one to three days, in the wee hours of the morning, I was back in the hospital and on labor-stopping medication. After two days in a hospital in Riobamba, I was transported to a more advanced hospital in Quito. After two weeks of troubles, delayed labor, and steroids to mature baby's lungs, our sweet Matthew was born at 34 weeks gestation. While he is the delight of his parents and siblings, he had a rough start after discharge. At 6 days old he began having problems with low oxygen and apnea. After three nights of hospitalization in the NICU, he was sent home with oxygen. We used an oxygen monitor that our dear friend and her family sent us and daily caught an apnea or low oxygen event in the first several weeks. We are glad to report we are seeing a good

recovery in Matthew and only have evening and night colic to work through now. In the mix of all this, two days after we arrived home, Ruth fell from high up in a tree at our neighbor's house and was hospitalized in the government hospital here in Macas. We are thankful to God that she came away from it without broken bones or internal injuries.

After returning home from Quito, we worked on our car search again. Finally, we were able to find the right car for the long-term needs of our family and ministry. It is a four-wheel drive 2008 Land Cruiser Prado with seat belts for 8 persons. It is very clean and in good shape and should last us a long time.

We are now trying to settle into a routine with a newborn as the older kids are finishing their homeschooling for the year. Thank you all for your prayers and support through this time.

The Badgelys



### There's a baby HERE!!!

Matthew James Badgley Badgley was born on May 1st at 34 weeks gestation weighing 6 lbs, 7 oz.; a great weight, yet 2 pounds smaller than his older siblings. And yes, 2 Badgelys for his last name! In Ecuador, a child inherits the mother and father's current last name. Matthew has full Ecuadorian citizenship, and Ecuadorian ID and passport. It's quite interesting to witness the pride people have in him being Ecuadorian, even delighting in his dark hair and slightly darker skin - telling us that he looks Ecuadorian. :) His siblings and parents also delight greatly in little Matthew and there are always willing arms to hold him.

## From the EFM Office

### *Praise God...*

- For the commitment of the leadership of all our regions/yearly meetings to carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ both at home and abroad. May God bless this commitment and multiply our efforts to make disciples of Jesus.
- For the progress that is being made on restructuring the EFM Board in such a way that all the regions/yearly meetings are strongly represented and key skills that are needed for a good mission board are also present.

### *Please Pray...*

- For the regions/yearly meetings EFM serves who are having their annual conferences this month: Alaska Yearly Meeting, Northwest Yearly Meeting, Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region, Evangelical Friends Church-Mid America Yearly Meeting, and Iowa Yearly Meeting. Pray for God's abundant blessings on each of these gatherings.
- For EFM as we learn how to better serve the regions/yearly meetings in the area of missions-sending.

## From Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj

### Serving in Nepal (EFM)

#### *Praise God...*

- For the new house fellowship started in Birganj and the people who come together from nearby areas regularly. Dhurbe Basnet is the leader of a group of 15 adults, six of whom have been baptized. Suleman, our CHE Trainer, is coordinating their meetings regularly.
- The women's tailoring and craft training (CVEC) has started in Cha'pur and Asha has enrolled ten women into the tailoring class for six months. Women's Cycle of Life (CHE) lessons are a regular topic of learning besides the usual tailoring and embroidery classes.
- The 4th and final Phase of CHE Discipleship Training was held successfully in Surkhet from 27th to 30th May and seven people 'graduated' from this training and will be leading various village fellowships in Mid and Far West Nepal. These leaders will be provided seed-grants as a loan to develop small businesses to help support financially and sustain themselves and their ministry. Pastors Nimit Patel, Suleman and Janak were the main trainers for this phase.

#### *Please Pray...*

- For the CHE and Adult Education Training, which began in Jhurjhure this month and 15 students from the local Friends Church have been enrolled. Please pray for Anita who is the teacher of this group.
- For Smriti, as she seeks guidance and the Lord's leading in her life in some personal decisions. Pray for the three groups of women learners in Salyan undergoing Adult Education classes and also for another Teacher Training for nine participants from Salyan District held recently and coordinated by Jamuna and Janak.
- For the 35 children who are regularly provided a nutritious meal daily and are taught Children CHE lessons in Aurahi (Janakpur) by Arun and his wife Babli.

## Molly Morton

### Currently waiting to depart for Ireland (EFM)

#### *Praise God...*

- That I've been able to secure two different volunteer opportunities in a coffee shop and at a local radio station in order to have purpose and activity while I wait for the visa process to continue.
- For good communication with my team and directors about moving forward with new visa regulations in Ireland. I'm thankful for a compassionate, loyal, and supportive team.
- I enjoyed a peaceful retreat up in the local mountains where I was able to find and listen to the voice of God; reassuring me that all of this visa regulation madness does NOT mean I should turn my back on Ireland and my calling there.

#### *Please Pray...*

- For patience and calm while we wait for different things to happen as we go through this new visa application process.
- For time management with these new volunteer opportunities, while also being intentional about spending time with friends and family.
- For favor with the Irish government throughout this visa process.

## From Abe and Diane Bible

### Serving in Ukraine (EFC-ER)

#### *Praise God...*

- That statistics have come in and that through the evangelism/church planting ministry, at least 200 people were saved during the winter/spring months!
- We had a good trip to England meeting old friends and new.
- We have received several extra gifts towards the ministry in the fall.

#### *Please Pray...*

- We continue to seek the Lord's "full" provision for the various ministry opportunities before us for the fall. Pray that God will guide as we work through all of these issues and make decisions on priorities.
- For preparation of various materials during the summer. Some of the courses we have used are being readjusted to present one lesson at a time rather than a whole course. But it is hard to keep track of translators, editors, etc. during the summer months with vacation times, etc.
- That we would have opportunities yet for rest over the summer months balanced among the work that needs to be done.

## **Edwin and Maria Giron Serving in Mexico (EFM)**

### ***Praise God...***

- For new people that are coming to Bible Studies and for those that are converting to Christ. Please pray that each new convert would commit their life to serve and become a disciple of Jesus, with a strong faith and conviction to leave the old life behind.

### ***Please Pray...***

- VBS is always a great opportunity to reach out to new kids and their families. Please pray as we are hoping to have two VBS at two communities: one in Aguascalientes and the second one in Zacatecas.
- That the short-term team from Las Vegas Friends Church, that are visiting us in July, would have a blessed experience serving the Lord here in the Center of Mexico. And, that our ministry would benefit in many ways through this team's visit.

## **From Voicu and Ana Marian Serving in Romania (EFC-ER)**

### ***Praise God...***

- That Uncle Augustin adapted in the Nursing Home and was approved for long-term care.
- Several students of ours passed high school entrance exams with very high scores; God gave us good standing with parents and teachers.
- We just had a restful retreat with other national missionaries; we feel encouraged and recharged for summer ministries.

### ***Please Pray...***

- For the first week of July Art Camp for junior high kids at our house: overall protection, open eyes and hearts toward Jesus, the greatest and most creative Artist.
- For continued guidance in preparation for the international youth camp in Hungary: logistics and parents' approval, the love of Christ among leaders and participants.
- For other ministries at home and trips we need to make; physical and spiritual protection for our family.

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

### ***Praise God...***

- For an event June 18 as we hosted a fun day. Over 100 joined for some friendly basketball games and other events. More than half who joined had not attended RiverGrace yet. Most were ethnic minorities. Pray for lasting fruit.

### ***Please Pray...***

- In RiverGrace we have now hosted three services in Spanish. Pray for a Spanish-speaking pastor that might come to minister to this growing number of people in Hong Kong. There are no Spanish churches in Hong Kong.
- Pray for Cindy, who is in the States for a couple months.

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

### ***Praise God...***

- We thank God for the wonderful Friends of Putnam Friends Church in North Carolina, Maurice and Earlene Jeffery, Melvin and Lila Kern, and Edna Chilson Friends Women for helping us to purchase a vehicle. With their partnership we have raised the needed funds for our mission vehicle. In Christ's Service Together!
- In partnership with Philippines Evangelical Friends International Ministries (PEFIM), 11 students have enrolled in our new training school, Friends Evangelical Accelerated School of Theology-FAEST. This semester, students will take Old and New Testament Survey, Intro to Friends Theology and History, Spiritual Formation, and Evangelism.
- Our ESL outreach has seen the return of most students who are eager to learn. A special thanks for the family for allowing us to use their home for class. They even mounted the white board to the wall.

### ***Please Pray...***

- That FAEST students will grow in character and knowledge, and blossom into the men and women Christ's has called to be. And that we as instructors, pastor, and mentors would operate in the fullness of the Holy Spirit's guidance and Wisdom.
- For the continuing development of the Philippines Evangelical Friends International Ministries' "Faith and Practice." We are down to the last section to finish our first draft. It is our prayer to get through draft two by the time of our next Annual Sessions in February. At that time, we would present it to the Representatives, Pastors, and Elders of PEFIM.
- For God's wisdom in purchasing a vehicle. We have a few in mind, but need to be discerning in the quality of the vehicle.

## **From Russ and Sarah Badgley Serving in Ecuador (EFM)**

### ***Praise God...***

- For a safe birth for Sarah, and an adequate premie facility for Matthew.
- For the new-to-us Toyota Land Cruiser that makes life so much smoother.
- For the fun and encouraging care package that came from folks at the City's Edge church, and birthday cards, and various churches and folks.

### ***Please Pray...***

- Health: That Matthew's colic would pass so he finds relief and we get sleep. For Joe & Russ to heal from a persistent fatigue causing virus.
- For a season of calm for us after so many emergencies and sicknesses. And strength for the journey ahead.
- For the upcoming pregnancy classes and midwifery training that Sarah will be teaching.

**From David Thomas**  
**EFM Missionary Mentor**

***Praise God...***

- For good progress in writing intercession lessons and for good preparation for the D4D coaching workshop and Friends church retreat focused on creating a healthier leadership culture, on building unity.

***Please Pray...***

- Pray for God's blessing, protection, rest, strength, grace and insight for David's June 29 – 17 July trip to Rwanda.

***Praise God (Thailand)...***

- Praise the Lord for a **growing commitment** among the Lahu leaders for whole-life discipleship of poor communities.
- Praise God for Lahu leaders and volunteers who are forming teams to disciple the communities they eventually choose. Praise God for Solomon and Yosapa (Jehosopha) who will be leading two teams.

***Please Pray (Thailand)...***

- Pray for the Lahu leaders to be rooted and established in God's love, so that they may fulfill all God's purposes for them (Eph. 3:14-19).
- May the **Lahu church leaders** continue to grow proficient in the skills **Bible-Telling** and **teaching adults**.

***Praise God (Rwanda)...***

- Praise God for two excellent D4D Foundations workshops facilitated by Rwandan leaders for 54 leaders from Burundi, as well as Goma and Uvira (DR Congo). Rejoice in these leaders gaining a vision for whole-life discipleship in their communities. Praise God for Rwandans who can give testimony to Christ's transformation in their lives!
- Praise God for the testimonies of new believers who are five generations away from our Navigator D4D coaches who first began discipling us in 2008! Praise God for a deep commitment to Christ evidenced in whole-life transformation!

***Please Pray (Rwanda)...***

- Pray for the establishment of disciple-making movements in Rwanda and in DR Congo (Goma, and Uvira) and in Burundi! May God's Kingdom come, and may his will be done in the lives of our leaders, in their churches and in their communities!
- Pray for God's blessing over a two-day D4D coaching, mentoring, empowering workshop facilitated by David Thomas 2-3 July.
- Pray for our Rwanda D4D leaders as we facilitate a retreat with 21 of our Friends church's pastors as we seek to change our leadership culture to one of unity and peace. We will be facilitating a problem solving process, as well as times of prayer and reconciliation. Ask the Holy Spirit to hover over us during this time (9-13 July)!

***Praise God (Cambodia)...***

- Praise God for Scott Sward and his missionary team in Cambodia, and their desire to plant whole-life, disciple-making, church-planting, community-transforming movements among the people groups they serve.

***Please Pray (Cambodia)...***

- Pray for growing skill in the Khmer (said 'kamai') language for Robert and Sara Radcliff and Elise Paty, for growing insight into Cambodian culture, and for growing friendships among the people they are learning from.
- Pray for God's direction for Scott and Andrea Sward and the others on their team as they consider the opportunities before them.