
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.

A Ride in the Country

Barangay Bongbongon was a two-hour drive south of Roxas, Capiz on the Island of Panay. The highway there was only partial paved, so at least half the trip was a narrow muddy dirt road. But the trip was well worth the trials of the journey.

The people of the community were eagerly awaiting our arrival. There are very few health care services, so Doctor Jinky's arrival was a great blessing. For two days, Jinky and Memma taught basic hygiene, handed out dental kits, and performed basic dentistry. One of the highlights was being able to pray for each child by name and letting them know that Jesus was there with them.

The team also brought a Vacation Bible School for the children of the community as part of our Church Plant. We were able to finalize the Sewing Machine livelihood project. We also purchased two sewing machines for two church families who will make various backpacks, bags, and purses.



All in all, we felt like Paul and Barnabas and Silas, traveling dusty and muddy roads bringing healing, helping, and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for the dear souls of the families in Bongbongan as we continue to teach and train and share the Love of Christ and the Good News of Salvation.

Roy and Jinky Twaddell



From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- For the yearly meeting sessions that were held in Alaska Yearly Meeting, Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Yearly Meeting, Northwest Yearly Meeting, and Evangelical Friends Church-Mid America Yearly Meeting during the month of July. Many important decisions were made that should help us as Evangelical Friends to devote more of our energies and resources to carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ both at home and abroad.
- For the progress that is being made in all the regions/yearly meetings of Evangelical Friends Church-North America in working more closely with EFM.
- For Linda Steinacher's service as an administrative assistant on the EFM office staff since February of 2017. Before and during this time she has been working for Wichita State University, and they recently offered her a full-time job which she has accepted. We are grateful for all Linda has done to help EFM during this time of restructuring.

Please Pray...

- For the search for a new administrative assistant for the EFM office staff.
- For the formation of the new EFM Board according to the guidelines that were approved by the Board on June 1 of this year. The goal is to know by September 1 who will be on the new board.
- For EFM as we continue to develop systems that will help us not only take good care of the missionaries and fields we already administer but to make room to take on even more missionaries and fields in the years ahead.

From Russ and Sarah Badgley Serving in Ecuador (EFM)

Praise God...

- For improvement in Matthew's colic- he's crying much less at night and beginning to manage his gas better. For improvement in Russell & Joe's viruses - they are beginning to respond to the anti-viral treatments.
- Again, for the new vehicle which continues to allow us to accomplish so much more.
- For Ruth's apparent full recovery after falling from high in the neighbor's tree.

Please Pray...

- That we would soon obtain our permanent resident visa that is still in process.
- As we work to obtain our Ecuadorian driver's license, obtain paperwork, and take complex tests in Spanish. Our 6 months tourist license expires mid-August.
- For ongoing language and cultural learning to be absorbed quickly.

From Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj Serving in Nepal (EFM)

Praise God...

- Seven groups of women who are presently undergoing adult education in learning how to read the Bible and song book. One group consists entirely of non-Christian women, but their participation is exemplary, and they never miss a class. Please pray for all the teachers who are carrying out their responsibilities responsibly and helping in studying the Bible with these women informally.
- For the children of Mushahar and Dom communities in Aurahi (Janakpur) who are coming for tuition lessons and learning Bible stories and Christian songs from Arun and Babli.
- For our CHE Trainers as they travel and especially for Smriti as she must make some difficult decisions regarding continuing with CHE Ministry in Adult Education, or work with a Bible translation NGO in Nepal in translating the Bible into a local dialect.

Please Pray...

- Our visit to the Far West Nepal as we look for more people to be trained as leaders in our discipleship program at Surkhet under the leadership of Janak and Thiru. The next batch will begin November 2018 in Surkhet and by then Janak will have written a few chapters in the manual, which we plan to use in the future.
- For Janak, Solomon, Nimit, and Amen Thapa as they help in writing the contents of a manual with the help of Ps. Jay Prakash (Janakpur).
- For the political situation to improve and that Nepal constitutionally will remain as a secular country and where people can be free to choose their faith.

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

Praise God...

- For a few who recently placed their faith in Jesus. Pray for their follow-up.

Please Pray...

- For a Spanish-speaking pastor to come and minister to the Spanish speakers in Hong Kong. There are several thousand here. It's said there are more than 3,000 in jail, alone, mostly for drug dealing. Others have come from Venezuela.
- For RiverGrace as we implement some of the Train and Multiply strategy.

Molly Morton

Currently waiting to depart for Ireland (EFM)

Praise God...

- For an INCREDIBLE time at 4th of July Family Camp at Quaker Meadow Christian Camp exploring my faith roots and discovering how deep they go, even before I was born.
- I'm thoroughly enjoying volunteer sound engineering at about a dozen radio stations for Hope 24/7 Internet Radio here in Corona, CA. I've been able to meet new people and share about Ireland several times.
- I had the privilege of watching my oldest nephew, Dominic, graduate 8th grade and move on to high school last month. I also had the blessing to watch my youngest nephew, Ethan, play on his Little League's all-star team where they battled for three games until being eliminated last week.

Please Pray...

- Continued prayer for favor with the Irish government as we pursue a visa in light of new regulations.
- I had a breakthrough at camp about my response and attitude about the visa application process and letting go of how I thought this process was going to proceed.
- My brother and his family are road tripping for three weeks beginning next week. Please pray for safety, civility (especially in the car), and precious moments together as a family.

From Voicu and Ana Marian

Serving in Romania (EFC-ER)

Praise God...

- For a wonderful week of Art Camp: great weather, a very receptive group of kids, God's leading in teaching Psalm 1, an overall joyful time, and an opportunity to connect with several parents.
- For protection during heavy rains and flooding; rich crops despite extreme weather.
- Our friends Florin and Daniela, parents of a former student from Orlat, finally attending church with us.

Please Pray...

- For Florin and Daniela and others like them to become thirstier for God and surrender their lives to him.
- For the upcoming trip to Hungary for the international youth conference in Tolna; safety, a spirit of unity, and the Holy Spirit's work in all participants.
- In late August, Ana and her former students (now prayer partners), Kiki and Ela, will visit the International House of Prayer in Warsaw and a few other places in Poland. Thank you for praying as the Spirit leads.

From B. and D. A.

Serving in Nepal (EFM)

Praise God...

- We have a move of God going in one of our villages. Many Hindus have gotten saved.
- Great hearings are happening in that same village in Nepal.

Please Pray...

- For new converts that they will be able to withstand the persecution.
- For anti-conversion law to be enforced in Nepal.

From Roy and Jinky Twaddell

Serving in the Philippines (EFM)

Praise God...

- For a great start to the new Friends Evangelical Accelerated School of Theology. We have ten residential students and five students in the Distance Program. We have also finalized our Apprenticeship Recording program (borrowed from EFC-MAYM).
- Our ESL outreach has seen the return of 20 students and we have been able to combine both groups into a single class session in Purok Uno. It turns out that five of the seven students that met at the Silangan Friends Church lived in Purok Uno. We also give thanks to a new volunteer from the Angono Evangelical Friends Church who is assisting with the students and translating when needed.

Please Pray...

- For more books and course materials in Tagalog, especially for our Distance Program. We need material for our Pastoral Ministry, Hermeneutic, Church History, and Leadership courses.
- For PEFIM and us as we deal with the lack of pastors. Currently the PEFIM Pastors are circuit riders in two churches that need pastors.
- For the right mission vehicle. We have the funds but are looking for the right opportunity.

From David Thomas
EFM Missionary Mentor

Praise God...

- For an excellent trip to Rwanda, for the privilege of encouraging church leaders, and for being encouraged by them.

Please Pray...

- For Holy Spirit insight and grace for progress in writing intercession lessons.

Praise God (Thailand)...

- For two Lahu teams formed and meeting together! They will disciple leaders in the communities the Lord will lead them to. Praise God for Solomon and Yosapa (Jehosopha) who are leading these two teams.

Please Pray (Thailand)...

- For the members of these teams to grow deeply in their relationship with Christ, to follow his leading in bringing his transformation to needed areas of their lives, and to continue to grow in their skills of Bible telling and teaching adults.

Praise God (Rwanda)...

- For a good coaching/mentoring workshop with David in Musanze. Praise God for Brad, Augustin, Gerard and Tertullien and their desire to grow in their coaching skills!
- For answering Friends Church leaders cry for unity through a retreat facilitated by D4D leaders David, Brad, and Augustin! Using a problem-solving process, including a root cause analysis, we looked deeply at the things that cause division among us. The Holy Spirit broke through on the last day as leaders confessed their part in bringing division and as groups of leaders met to reconcile and pray for each other. The intercession supporting us was sufficient to accomplish God's desire for us in this retreat! God again did his normal "way beyond all we can ask or imagine!" Thank you for your part in praying to make this possible!

Please Pray (Rwanda)...

- 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!
- With the expansion into Burundi, Congo, and into other parts of Rwanda, our Rwanda D4D leaders (Augustin, Brad, Tertullien, and Gerard) need special prayer for clear focus, excellent administration, freedom to delegate more, growth in coaching skills, and freedom to empower other leaders releasing them into ministry they have been doing. Pray for rest, strength, protection, and God's grace for these leaders.

Praise God (Cambodia)...

- 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)...

- 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.
- For God's direction for Scott and Andrea Sward and the others on their team as they consider the opportunities before them.