

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.

### CHE Ministry in Nepal (Samson & Priscilla Retnaraj)



Asha Rai our CHE Trainer says, “The men are slowly changing a lot spiritually. Before we were trained in Women’s Cycle of Life (WCL), our husbands would never allow us to go out of the home alone, even to a meeting at church. **They didn’t trust us.** Now they say, ‘Today you go to the women’s group. I’ll watch the children or wash the clothes.’ This never happened in our own lives before!” She goes on to say, “The lesson on the worth of women in God’s eyes helped me to know myself. It changed how I talk, how I walk, how I respond to people and how I respond to my husband. **Knowing my worth helped me have a kind, helping heart.**”

In Cha’pur the first group of 17 women went through the WCL training. It was so well received that another 23 went to the next one. Our Women CHE Trainers doubled as Facilitator, says that these first groups of women have taught at least one lesson to **1678 other women**. This was eight years ago, and Asha was one of those teachers.

Kiran, another CHE Trainer says, “Women ask me how they should respond to their husbands when they don’t show respect for them. I tell them, **‘You can respond as if you are trash,** or you can respond with self-respect, as a worthy person. Then your husband will learn to respect you too.’ The spiritual impact is transforming when women who feel they are unworthy learn that God loves them. I know now that I’m a daughter of the King of Kings! **Such knowledge lifts my head. I can walk proudly like a lioness now!**”



List of activities	Accomplished
How many local churches targeted in CHE program?	3
How many volunteer trainers trained?	40
How many CHEs trained by volunteers?	75
How many new homes visited in the quarter?	303
How many couples trained?	50
How many women trained in WLC?	161
How many discipleship groups organized?	18
How many people reached by the gospel of Jesus Christ?	610 approx.
How many women undergoing craft & tailoring classes	35

## From the EFM Office

### *Praise God...*

- The EFM staff enjoyed a successful staff retreat at the end of August. Lori Anderson gave leadership to organizing the retreat in which Stan Leach and Jeff Davis helped give leadership. Liz Allen, Lori Anderson, Dan Cammack, Matt Macy, Kimberly Mer and Debby McElroy enjoyed a couple of full days learning more about each other, more about EFM, and sharpened some skills to enjoy serving EFM well as a team.
- Liz Allen has joined the staff on an interim basis to cover for Linda Steinacher's transition off the EFM staff. Linda is now working full-time at Wichita State University, where she previously worked half-time. Liz lives in Arkansas, and her most recent previous work experience was in the EFC-SW office in Yorba Linda, CA. We will miss Linda, but we are also thankful for Liz's abilities in administrative assistance.
- The EFM staff are celebrating much ongoing progress behind the scenes in office systems infrastructure, with various new software purchases and developments. We are looking forward to soon unveiling a new website!

### *Please Pray...*

- For Dan Cammack and Roy Lujan as they travel to Ecuador and Peru for 3 weeks in September. We pray for ongoing encouragement and ministry discernment for the Badgley family in Ecuador as well as Friends in Peru Yearly Meeting as they continue to explore missions sending, part of EFM's Luke 10 Initiative. Roy comes from Caldwell Friends Church in Idaho.
- For ongoing formation of the new EFM Board according to the guidelines that were approved by the Board on June 1 of this year. We are in the final steps of approving board candidates and looking forward to orientation for those who are new to the board as we meet with this newly organized board on November 1 and 2 in Wichita.
- 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 B. and D. A. Serving in Nepal (EFM)

### *Praise God...*

- With anti-conversion law in place in Nepal, our pastors use new ways to bring Hindus to the Lord.

### *Please Pray...*

- That God will show us new ways to evangelize.
- For Nepal's flooding situation in various places.

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

### *Praise God...*

- After a week of working on ironing out internal problems within the driver's transit system in Ecuador, we got our Ecuadorian drivers licenses finally!
- For the many new connections the Lord has brought us to the Ecuadorian missionary community recently. This continues to help us open doors and network with other believers.

### *Please Pray...*

- For God's healing intervention in baby Matthew as we travel to Houston to seek medical care. Also, for continued healing for baby Matthew's reflux and an open valve in his heart; both caused by prematurity.
- Our son Joe has a chronic virus that is causing him to feel badly and have rather imbalanced blood work. Russell also is dealing with a virus but is not as ill. Please pray for their healing.
- For upcoming Shuar midwifery conferences for lay midwives & pregnancy education courses that Sarah will be teaching.

## From Molly Morton Currently waiting to depart for Ireland (EFM)

### *Praise God...*

- I was able to celebrate being fully funded properly with a few dear friends. We watched *Ocean's 11* in the park and ate from food trucks, wore paper crowns, and toasted with sparkling water. A good time to remember how far God has brought me with the girlfriends that have supported me through the whole journey.
- My dear friend Bethany safely delivered her daughter Julia Joy (not to be confused with my own niece Julia Jane) on August 2. When Bethany told me she was pregnant, I was sure I wouldn't be here for her delivery, but God had other plans. Julia Joy is another precious moment I get to be in California for this summer.
- A wee bit of progress is happening with my visa process. It is still very early stages in the whole journey. But this bit of forward movement has re-invigorated me and my team.

### *Please Pray...*

- For stamina, patience, faith and hope during my visa process. Pray that I remain especially hopeful and optimistic for the timeline and just exactly how God will work all of this out.
- For wisdom to discern how exactly to spend my time during the waiting. God has provided some tasks, but I would like to continually be mindful of how and where I spend my time in quiet still time with God being the priority.
- For travelling mercies as I travel to Kansas for Mid America Yearly Meeting's Friends Women Retreat.

**Kathi Perry**  
**Serving in Ireland (EFM)**

*Praise God...*

- On July 13th, I had Total Knee Replacement surgery, for my left knee, here in Ireland. It happened very fast (after a decade of waiting to be “old enough”) and I am thankful for many things - a surgeon who recognized the pain I was in, an available date two weeks later, family that were able to come and be with me for surgery - and after, friends who have looked after me very well - and, a knee that moves smoothly and gives me freedom to participate in my own life in a way I haven't for many, many years.

*Please Pray...*

- The recovery from Total Knee Replacement is long. I am thankful to be walking (and hopefully when this newsletter comes out - driving again). I am motivated to continue physical therapy and exercising. Please pray for continued healing and strength.
- September marks the beginning of Little Friends groups - baby, toddler, Bible Study, Little Friends and Family. Pray that the time off for the summer was refreshing and brings us back with energy and interest. Pray for available helpers and good beginnings.
- Please continue to pray for a successful visa process for Molly Morton - for a willing sponsor, and timely responses to our inquiries and requests.

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

*Praise God...*

- Pastor Cris and I had a safe and profitable trip to visit and encourage the Friends Churches in Palawan. Pastor Cris went to the southern half and I remained in the center of the Island. Our time was filled with bring teachings to our Pastors and Fellowship and Bible Studies to their members. Purihin ang Panginoon-Praise the Lord!
- Flood water receded. Although much damage occurred we are thankful for God's presence in this time.

*Please Pray...*

- Pastor Cris and I will travel to Samar to visit the Friends Churches Sept. 6-10. Pray for safe travels and that the teaching of God we bring will encourage and equip our fellow Pastors, Elders and their members.
- Our first semester of Friends Evangelical Accelerated School of Theology (FEAST) classes finish the first week of October, as does the English Language outreach classes in Silangan. Please pray for all the students as they prepare to take exam. Pray also they will have a good rest during the upcoming break.
- Inflation here is beginning to take its toll of many people, basic costs have risen so high in the outer lying Islands, that PEFIM has begun to raise and send funds to help. Please pray that this inflation which is manmade (greed) will slow and reverse itself.

**From Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj**  
**Serving in Nepal (EFM)**

*Praise God...*

- A new vehicle for our CHE Ministry received through EFM
- For Narayan's Agri farm in Bardia as his hard work and persistence finally pays off.

*Please Pray...*

- For all the Adult learning groups in Salyan
- For Jamuna as she takes up her new responsibility of supervising these adult-learning groups
- For the leaders in West Nepal who are starting their businesses after undergoing training with their seed grants.
- For the next group of people from Far West Nepal, and guidance in selecting the appropriate leaders from remote churches. Pray for discipleship and small business development training.

**The Abe and Diane Bible**  
**Serving in Ukraine (EFC-ER)**

*Praise God...*

- An unexpected trip to the States (Ohio) to help Diane's mother transition to a memory care unit. Praise God for that opportunity! She seems to be doing well there.
- Because of the timing of that trip we were able to participate a little at the annual EFC-ER conference and were blessed by that.
- It also included a side trip to North Carolina to witness the wedding of our nephew and his new bride, Ira, who is a personal friend from Ukraine. A joy to celebrate with them, and to experience God's work in their lives.

*Please Pray...*

- Unfortunately, the “rest” part of the summer has been minimal. Overseas travel has its own demands. Pray that God Himself would provide the strength as ministry starts in September.
- Pray for the whole Financial Freedom project as we determine how to proceed most effectively in getting it out to more churches. The vision is to cover the majority of churches (there are over 2,000) and that at least 40% of members in each church would participate so that a whole Biblical attitude toward finances would pervade the churches and release resources for the Lord's work everywhere. And that God would be free to bless His people!!
- Pray for fresh contacts for church planting teams and for the existing teams to be faithful and fruitful.

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

*Please Pray...*

- Pray for the staff and deacons of RiverGrace as we start the process of planning for 2019. Pray that we'll realize and recognize God's leading for the church.
- Pray for a Spanish speaking missionary or pastor that can minister to the growing population of Spanish speakers in Hong Kong. Many are from Venezuela but are ethnic Chinese who have their roots in Hong Kong.
- Pray for the student fellowships that we will be starting in September as school starts in our meeting venue, United Christian College.

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

*Praise God...*

- A very blessed youth conference with the church in Tolna, Hungary. Both groups being stretched in communication, (mostly in English), in opening up, sharing ideas and worship songs, games... the deepening of our Christian love and appreciation for one another, adults included. The kids' tears when we said 'good bye' was a symbol of God's healing of a history of animosity between the two nations. The Hungarian youth would like to come to Romania next year.
- Good attendance of English summer classes; praise for kids with open minds and God's way to speak to their hearts; our opportunity to show Christian movies (ex. Courageous) which they'd never heard of.
- Assurance in God's promises, evidence of what was hoped for: John confessed with his mouth surrendering to God and reading the Bible every day.

*Please Pray...*

- Ana and former students Kiki and Ela will visit friends at the International House of Prayer in Warsaw, Poland; for travel safety, good fellowship and mutual encouragement.
- For the dismantling of corruption in the Romanian government and truth to prevail; the fear of the Lord in our leaders and unity in the nation.
- Protection for our whole family: Voicu's lingering back pain; God's clear direction for John's life and the fruit of the Spirit to be manifested; Christina's upcoming trip to Romania.

**From Rupak and Pramila Tamang  
Serving in Bhutan (EFM)**

*Praise God...*

- Shiddarth Tamang (David), our son, got admission in Lovely Professional University in Punjab India.
- For two weddings, five child dedications, and eight baptisms happened this month.
- That I could do two Evangelistic meetings in Nainital and Jaigoan. 150 people were blessed.

*Please Pray...*

- For the long tour we are going this 25-31 August to far east Bhutan. It's monsoon season here and we need to plant churches.
- For friend's wedding this 19<sup>th</sup> August. Many non-Christians will be preached creation and will of God in marriage.
- For Bhutan's upcoming election in October 2018, so that God's favor and plan be fulfilled up on Bhutanese Christian.

**From David Thomas  
EFM Missionary Mentor**

*Praise God (Thailand)...*

- Praise the Lord for great teaching and group discussions in the foundational character areas of Love, Integrity and Humility among the team members focused on reaching the Lahu peoples. Praise God also for continued growth for many team members in the skills of Bible storytelling and facilitating discussions.

*Please Pray (Thailand)...*

- Pray for David Thomas and Scott Purser as they travel to Thailand (September 5-17), and as they coach Ben Kibbe, Solomon and Yosapa (September 12-15). They will focus on planning for exploring various communities from which they will select the specific communities where they will focus their discipleship ministry in. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading and blessing as we raise these leaders' capacity to guide their teams well in selecting the communities they will minister in.

*Praise God (Rwanda)...*

- Praise God for a great team of D for D national leaders in Augustin Simparinka, Gerard, Tertullien and Brad Carpenter! Praise God for many other leaders these men are investing in. Thank God for the gifts they have, for their maturity and growth in Christ, for their ministry experience, and for the many opportunities they have to invest in and equip other leaders.

***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!
- With the expansion into Burundi, Congo and into other parts of Rwanda our Rwanda D for D leaders need prayer for clear focus, excellent administration, freedom to delegate, growth in coaching skills, and much blessing and grace to empower other leaders releasing them into ministry they have been doing. Pray for rest, strength, protection and God's grace over these leaders.
- Pray for safety and excellent connection with leaders in Burundi and Congo during a trip September 3-7. Pray for discernment for all involved to know if Brad and Augustin take over the coaching of a Burundi D for D team Andy Nyirinda has been coaching.

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

- Praise God for his guidance! The EFC-SW gave the green light for Scott and Andrea Sward, their two boys and Elise Patty to move up to Stueng Treng, close to the boarder with Laos. Robert and Sara Radcliff will continue through 2019 in Battambang, where they have been living.

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

- Pray for safety for the Sward family as they move in early September. Pray for Elise who will join them – as soon as she can find someone to sublet her house. Pray for open doors and God's grace in all the details of settling into a new home in a new city. Pray for good friendships to develop. Pray for a sense of "settled-ness" and being "at home" to come quickly!
- Pray for the many people who have suffered from the dam rupture across the border in Laos close to Stueng Treng. Pray for wisdom in knowing with whom and where to invest their time and ministry.