



# Evangelical Friends Mission

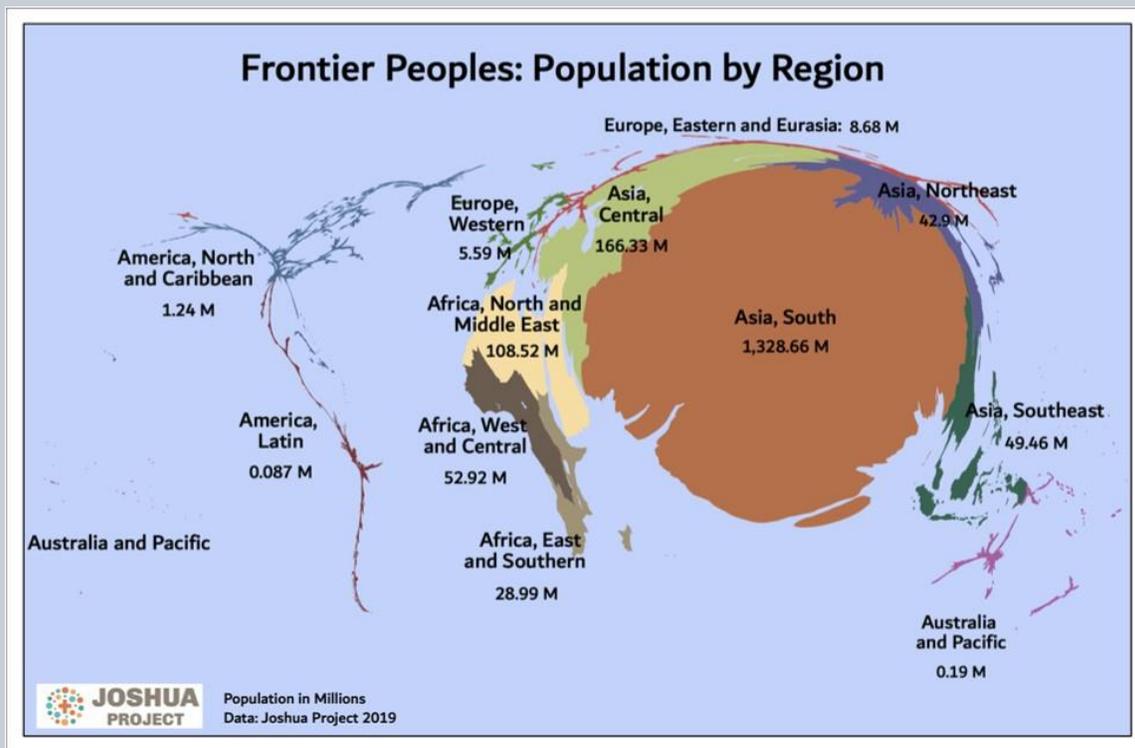
## November 2020 Prayer Letter

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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.

In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus said to his disciples, *“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

When Jesus said, *“the harvest is plentiful,”* he wasn’t kidding! David Thomas found the infographic below that gives us one way of seeing how huge the harvest is today. It also shows us where most of the people groups who have not heard the Gospel are located. Please take a moment to ponder what this infographic tells you.



Frontier People Groups (FPGs) are Unreached People Groups with 0.1% or fewer Christians of any kind, and no evidence of a self-sustaining gospel movement. According to the Joshua Project there are currently about [5,047 Frontier People Groups](#) with a total population of 1,941,674,000. **One fourth of the world lives in FPGs and these people have almost no chance of hearing about Jesus unless workers come from the outside to share the Gospel with them.**

Jesus continues to say, *“Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”* EFM believes that he wants Evangelical Friends of North America to send out **at least ten new missionary households to launch at least five new fields over the next five years**. Will you pray with us that that will come to pass? If so, please send us a message at this [link](#) to let us know you are praying about this specific need. And be on the lookout for updates in this monthly prayer letter about the progress being made on this five-year goal.

Thank you for praying!

Dan Cammack  
Executive Director of EFM

## From the EFM Office

### *Praise God...*

- For the staff retreat that was held via Zoom on October 8 and 9. We would have rather gathered in person, but we live in five different states and travel during the pandemic is complicated (as well as housing and meals!). We were able to spend much of our time on plans for carrying out the Five Year Goal featured on the front page of this month's prayer letter.
- For the retreat that was held October 24 via Zoom for Northwest Yearly Meeting's Board of Global Outreach. They committed themselves to helping launch at least one of the five new fields and sending at least two of the ten new missionary households from their own yearly meeting over the next five years.

### *Please Pray...*

- For the meetings that are scheduled to take place in Yorba Linda, California, November 3-6. The Coordinating Council for Evangelical Friends Church-North America meets on the 3rd and 4th. The EFM Board meets on the 5th and 6th. Pray for safety for those who travel and gather in person and good connections via Zoom for those who need to stay where they are. Pray also for wisdom and a spirit of unity as many important matters are discussed.
- For the International Friends Church Multiplication Conference that is taking place November 11-13. Friends from around the world will participate in the conference mostly through Zoom and YouTube. Pray that as a result of this historic event more workers will go to the harvest fields and more churches will be planted.
- Pray for the regions/yearly meetings in North America as they consider what part each one will have in sending at least ten new missionary households to launch at least five new fields over the next five years.

## From D. K. and Choity Sarkar

### *Serving in India*

#### *Praise God...*

- There is heavy relaxation on lockdown. The churches are opened, and the believers are coming to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Eleven people took a public testimony of water baptism as the sign of their acceptance. More people are ready as well!
- We were both sick (viral fever), but now by his grace we are good in health.

#### *Please Pray...*

- For Coronavirus affected people.
- For the Government of India and their anti-Christian plans and program.

## From Abe and Diane Bible

### *Serving in Ukraine*

#### *Praise God...*

- Good meetings for Financial Freedom training and evangelism although attendance was lower. Major COVID-19 outbreaks again but all protocols were followed during the meetings.
- Many people have been ordering Financial Freedom materials to hold groups.

#### *Please Pray...*

- We don't know right now if the November workshops will be held. Pray that the Lord would encourage these people to be faithful—with or without workshops. God can work in lives whatever the state of our world!
- Diane is having a second surgery for detached retina the end of October. Pray that the Lord would guide the doctors and give success this time. And, having said that, pray that we will continue to learn from the Lord all that he desires to teach. Diane tested positive for COVID-19 mid-October, but it was a false positive. However it did delay the surgery another week.

## From Maria Giron

### *Missions Mobilizer for Hispanic Friends*

#### *Praise God...*

- In October, he allowed us to stay connected with Friends Churches in Central America. They have given us several opportunities to share information about missions and church planting with them.
- God allows us to continue moving forward with the Vision Mexico 32 project. "A Friends Church in each of the 32 states of the Mexican Republic by the year 2032." Our team is still excited and working on logistics details.

#### *Please Pray...*

- The Hispanic Friends Church in Las Vegas asked me to share the message at their missionary conference this November. Please pray for me so I would speak the Word of God boldly and for the Holy Spirit to touch hearts to be infused with need and compassion for the unreached.
- For the two VM32 candidate families who are experiencing challenges in health and other areas in their families. That during the challenges they find peace and continue to be encouraged to prepare to go out into the field soon.

## From Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj

### *Serving in Nepal*

#### *Praise God...*

- Keeping us safe and sound during these difficult days brought on by the COVID-19 virus. We have trained to help and encourage many people living around us and working with us, and this helped us to remain calm and occupied while the Lord did his work.
- The churches in Mahottari among the Dalits (Musahars & Dom community) which are growing after miraculous healing experienced by 2 persons recently. One of them was very sick with Pericardial effusion with tamponade caused by Tuberculosis. Whole families are coming forward and asking for prayer and joining us in our village fellowship and Kiran conducted some classes on the importance of and demonstrated the use of a contactless Hand washing machine.
- For the provision of 2 portable solar powered projectors to help in our CHE and Medical ministry. The equipment is still in the US and will be brought over by the first person who comes over to Nepal. We are praying it will be Prateek our son who has six weeks off from college for the winter.

#### *Please Pray...*

- Two of our Trainers who have tested negative for COVID-19, are down with "flu like symptoms and this has caused some scare in their families and communities. The village communities have a lot of positive COVID-19 cases and many asymptomatic cases too. Pray that they will experience God's healing and get back to their ministries soon.
- The bio-sand filter (BSF) business and also the welding shop in Bardia (making contactless hand washing machines) is doing well and the leaders have been very encouraged by the progress these micro-enterprises are making as they are a big help to their churches.
- Dan Bahadur and his family in Bajhang, and his 16 year old overweight daughter (Pratigya) who has Cerebral Palsy. It has been very difficult for the family to manage her as she is becoming unmanageable at home and hinders their normal activities. He has five other children, all younger, and as winter sets in soon in the Far West Nepal, this family will need all your prayers and support to keep them warm and going.

**From Tony and Agi Frei  
Serving in Hungary**

***Praise God...***

- Richard Balog from Majs returned to the church. Glory to God! Please pray that his faith will be strengthened.
- We are thankful to the Lord for the Szaraz couple Jozsef and Marika, who are the caretakers of the church in Kolked. They keep the church house in good condition, and it is a great pleasure to see their growth in faith.
- Jonatan's and his wife's Vivien's little son were born Bendeguz, they are fine. Thank you for your prayers!

***Please Pray...***

- For sister Marika (from Majs), who has been caring for her sick granddaughter for 22 years, who needs full care. Marika is our faithful sister in the Lord.
- For Ildiko, who visited our church in Pecs several times. She has very difficult family circumstances, may the Lord give her physical and spiritual deliverance.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the elderly cannot attend the church meetings, and some of them also live very isolated from their families. Please pray for them!

**From David Thomas  
EFM Whole-Life Discipleship**

***Praise God...***

- That though the enemy intended destruction on the earth through COVID-19, God is turning it around, so he is glorified.
- For a world-wide softening of hearts for Holy Spirit's work!

***Please Pray...***

- That God would guard our leader's hearts and minds with his perfect peace.
- For believers around the world to come to know God as Jehova Jirah the one who provides for their needs!

***Praise God (Thailand-Lahu)...***

- Praise God that Chiang Rai continues COVID-free. Churches are meeting together, and life is back to a 'safe' normal.
- Thank God for the freedom to visit church and community members in their homes.

***Please Pray (Thailand-Lahu)...***

- For Solomon, Yosapa, Ben and Chalee as they train up new team members in D4D lessons.
- For Solomon, Yosapa, Ben and Ja Bo as they encourage village leaders in Ja Taw through this time.
- For Mo Pa working in the village of Ja Sa Pa to have wisdom as he encourages a couple families in their young church.

***Praise God (Rwanda, Burundi, DR Congo (Uvira and Goma)...***

- For Tertullien, Gerard and Jean Paul as they encouraged leaders in Kirambo, Western Province, which had been isolated and locked down because of COVID-19 cases.
- Praise God for freedom for some of our Rwandan churches to open back up and hold COVID-safe services.
- For the opportunity for church leaders to rethink how pastors can best serve the church and support their families at the same time.

***Please Pray (Rwanda, Burundi, DR Congo (Uvira and Goma)...***

- For Pastors Lusungu, Manasseh and other Friends Church (CEEACO) leaders in Uvira, Congo (DRC) as they help build homes for 10 vulnerable, handicapped people and their families who lost their homes in the April flooding.
- For peace up in the High Plateau in the Fizi, Uvira and Itombwe sectors between various fighting groups. Pray especially for displaced people whose villages have been burned by the Gumino forces.
- For healing for Brad Carpenter's lower back and neck pain. Pray for rest, peace, rejuvenation and everything they need during this season of recuperation and renewal!

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

- For Cambodia's quick decisive COVID-19 response and for a mostly COVID-free country. Thank God for Scott's being able to continue encouraging the small groups.

- For the opportunity Scott has to promote Kavet literacy among a few key leaders. In a writer's workshop the Kavet team was able to produce four short, illustrated books about Jesus!

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

- For deeper intimacy with Christ for Scott, Andrea, Elise and their YWAM friends and colleagues.
- For blessing and fun in learning for Andrea Sward and their boys Zachary (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Samuel (kindergarten/3<sup>rd</sup>) as they pursue homeschooling this year!
- For all the details to come together to eventually produce a Kavet Bible!