



Evangelical Friends Mission

March 2021 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.

Kathi Perry | Serving in Ireland

In October I began communicating with the women here using a blog. Here is an excerpt from a recent post... you can see more here: <https://kathiinireland.com>.



One of the darkly comical notes for 2020 is that in January I had been considering a “word of the year.” I chose “gather.”

A couple nights ago An Taoiseach announced that these current level 5 restrictions will be extended *at least* until the end of February (and now longer!) ... This means we cannot *gather* in the usual ways.

It means homeschooling, and a 5 km limit when we venture out. It means no visits or visitors, and essential journeys only.

For some it means they will NEVER be alone. For me it means, a giant leap forward into my future as the cat lady who wears the same clothes every day and shuffles around the garden in my “good outdoor slippers”...



So what has “gather” meant to me in 2020?

“Gather” is the wonderful people who check on me during the week. It means afternoons in the garden when the sun was shining, and a friend dropping by. “Gather” is conversations in the driveway, 2 meters apart, while my 6 year-old friend veers near me and then away – wishing we could hug.

It has meant Bible story recordings and my very own YouTube account.

“Gather” was a wonderful, cold, sunny Christmas morning at a picnic table, sharing Christmas cake, chocolates, and sausage rolls.

And it is the slightly motion sick feeling that comes when a three year old carries the phone around his house and shows me all of his toys.

“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts...” Acts 2:46

As I write, it becomes clear to me that this year “gather” is MORE about the “glad and sincere hearts” than it is about being “in their homes... together.”



Thank you for praying for me and for Ireland.

From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- For the days that Dan Cammack, Matt Macy, and David Thomas were able to spend at Barclay College. The three of them taught in the Personal Evangelism Seminar which all students are required to take before graduation. Dan and David were also able to speak in chapel, participate in several classes, and have conversations with students around meals and coffee.
- For the funds that EFM was able to send to several of our fields to help alleviate some of the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please Pray...

- For the search for a new Executive Director for EFM and for Dan Cammack and Matt Macy as they get ready to move into new roles with EFM. Dan and Matt remain in their current roles of Executive and Associate Directors until the new E.D. is hired (hopefully no later than spring of this year).
- For Matthew Zoller as his position on the EFM staff as Field Support Mobilizer is phased out. Matthew is currently searching for a job. He will be with EFM through the end of March unless the right job comes before then. Matthew has been instrumental in strengthening our coaching program as well as getting the Field Support Teams system up and running. We are very grateful for him and his contribution to EFM!

EFM Five-Year Goal:

To send 10 new missionary households from North America to launch 5 new fields in the next 5 years.

Praise God...

- For the Luke 10:2 Gathering that took place on February 11. About 30 people from around North America met via Zoom, including some of our Hispanic brothers and sisters. We prayed for the Lord to send out workers into his harvest field. There's room for more participants! See the special announcement below.
- For the local churches that are showing the Five-Year Goal videos and the regions/yearly meetings that are planning Luke 10 Think Tanks for this coming spring. Two are scheduled already: One in Northwest Yearly Meeting on March 27 and the other in Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region on April 27. A couple more will likely be scheduled in the near future. These think tanks will help discern where to send teams to explore potential sites for new fields.

Please Pray...

- For the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest fields.
- That the Lord will use the Easter Offering materials to stir his people to carry out the Great Commission both at home and abroad. This year the theme is, "Together to the Ends of the Earth." The materials present EFM's Five-Year Goal and describe the steps that will be taken to recruit new missionaries and launch new fields. The materials also show us all how we can be involved.
- For the Luke 10 Think Tank that will take place in Northwest Yearly Meeting on March 27. Pray that the Lord will prepare his people in the Pacific Northwest to discern where we should be exploring for potential new fields.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10-11 AM PST for our Luke 10:2 Gathering via Zoom in support of EFM's Five-Year Goal. If you would like to participate in this gathering you can sign up for it at <https://friendsmission.com/prayer-gathering>. You will receive some prayer points and the link for the gathering a few days before the event.

From Maria Giron

Missions Mobilizer for Hispanic Friends

Praise God...

- In February my husband and I participated in the Mexico Yearly Meeting reunions representing EFM and as part of the Mexico Visón 32 project team. We praised the Lord for the encouraging time and for the sense of wanting to continue planting new churches in Mexico and as Friends being part of proclaiming JESUS as the only Savior in the whole country.
- EFM continues making advances and efforts to promote missions within Hispanic Friends. We are working in having more and more materials translated! Praise the Lord for having a great team involved in making possible for the Spanish speakers brothers and sisters to get to know more about our EFM missionaries, their necessities, and their work in different areas of the world and to have the chance to get involved in the Great Commission by praying, giving and going to the end of earth through EFM.

Please Pray...

- For Project Vision Mexico 32. It's about having a Friend's work in every estate of the Mexican Republic by the year 2032. Two national families are now ready to go out and start planting two new churches this year. Please pray for more workers willing to leave every behind for the cause of Jesus.
- That as a missions mobilizer I would have more opportunities to reach out to more Hispanic leaders and to have them get in love with EFM, so they would transmit in their congregations the necessity of support missionaries and to know that there's still a lot people to reach out with the Gospel in other countries

From Molly Morton

Preparing to Qualify for a Ministry of Religion Visa for Ireland

Praise God...

- My sponsoring church in Ireland has agreed to support a Minister of Religion visa which is the type I was hoping that would support. I have been working hard in grad school and in my internship at Gateway to be qualified for this type of visa and my sponsor agrees. I will be turning in an application very soon.
- I have successfully begun gathering data for my final capstone project for my graduate program. I am studying single female missionaries and I am having a great time talking to these women. I was overwhelmed with the response from each participant and their willingness to be involved.
- Several of my family members have already been fully vaccinated and it feels like there is a light at the end of the tunnel of this pandemic.

Please Pray...

- For me and my sponsor church and my teammates as we gather the necessary documents and qualifications for my visa application. Pray for clear communication with the leadership of the Irish congregation, between me and my teammates, and ultimately that God's will would be done in the Irish immigration office when they receive my application.
- For me as I continue gathering data while I continue ordinary classwork for my degree. Pray for time management, focus and engagement. I am happy to be learning as much as I have been during my time at Barclay.
- My stress levels are really high with all the different things I have on my plate and added to that is the anticipation of launching to Ireland. It's interesting that something can be very exciting but very stressful at the same time. Pray that I will protect my boundaries, get good rest, take Sabbath and overall take care of myself well.

From B. and D. A.

Serving in Nepal

Praise God...

- Our churches are going back to normal now and are having services. Not one of our pastor or leaders caught COVID-19. We thank the Lord for that.

Please Pray...

- For new believers who have just accepted Christ during Christmas time to stand strong in persecution.
- For political turmoil in Nepal that it will call down.

From Rupak and Pramilia Tamang Serving in Bhutan

Praise God...

- I am going to south Bhutan Samtse for the chicken and pig project for the recording of pastors and to meet 108 pastors.
- We will be doing Bible school from 1st to 20th March 2021. Twenty students will be getting training on Great Commission, church planting, Epistles letters, OT, and NT survey, from Timothy Enactive manual.

Please Pray...

- For the current lockdown situation to open fully, Indian border gates are still close.
- That the churches grow stronger in faith and accept the challenges for great commission. It's crucial to plant churches.
- For the utility vehicle we are buying and open farm in village.
- For the remaining 55 plus leaders pastor recording with in April 2021. Because of lockdown its delaying.

From Voicu and Ana Marian Serving in Romania

Praise God...

- All around safety and protection from sickness for our family and ministry circle.
- Healthy baby girl born to former students Nicu and Daniela; being able to visit and pray with this young couple. Both of them used to attend our youth group but need to commit their lives to the Lord, as they know the truth.
- Plans underway for a visit to the US. We just secured new tickets for May 1st, after previous ones were canceled by the airline due to the virus.

Please Pray...

- Wisdom in all we do. New Health Department restrictions could prevent certain ministries, we need God's creativity and protection to fulfill his commission.
- We are required rigorous government compliance for our building, please pray we can provide all documentation and finish the process before May 1st.
- Strong immune system and good overall health. We've been helping people who failed under physical and emotional pressure during this time.

From Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj Serving in Nepal

Praise God...

- None of us involved in CHE have been affected by COVID-19 disease, and this helps to teach health and hygiene more convincingly in communities. We thank and praise God for his mercy!
- Two house fellowships have been started among the Musahar, and a Children's CHE program in Janakpur (Aurahi) is helping to reach out to adults as well.
- One of our CHE Trainer in Bardia is almost self-supported now, owning a small business.
- Suleman (CHE Trainer) will be completing his Director's Training with Global Disciples in April 2021.
- Provided support for Radhika Rai (Kedar's wife) to train and start her own tailoring business in Cha'pur and help in their house fellowship led by Kesh Raj who takes over from Kedar in Judibela church.

Please Pray...

- The lockdown in 2020 and subsequent slowing down in life in general prevented us from achieving our goals. But the present trends in early 2021 have shown that we are recovering and catching up areas affected by the pandemic or economic slowdown by aggressively conducting trainings this year.

From EFC-Nepal

Praise God...

- New members added to Friends Churches and witnessed a public testimony of baptism in Bardiya, Chitwan, Siraha, Gorkha.
- New worship place of Dhulikhel Friends Church has been built on leased land and dedicated on 31/1/2021.
- Opportunities to share gospel in different capacities and communities.

Please Pray...

- Wisdom and knowledge from God to overcome all kinds of challenges and heavenly provisions. And Building to be built for EFCN headquarter, Bible Training Center and Worship Place for Kathmandu Friends Church.
- Spiritual awakening in the Churches and 40 days and two months Fasting and prayer going on in Kathmandu Friends, Bardiya Friends, Dhulikhel Friends.
- Stable Government and political instability. Various political parties organizing strikes, rally against Government and for Government all over Nepal.

From Tony and Agi Frei Serving in Hungary

Praise God...

- Our youth group is very enthusiastic now. If they can't meet, they can organize Zoom meeting on Sunday morning. If they can, they organize personality meeting before the church meeting in the church house of Tolnhsa and talk about God's mighty work, etc. They are practice with their instruments regularly and the love worship God together.
- Agi and me visit the schools on every week. We can keep the Bibles lessons with the believer and the unbeliever students.
- We can broadcast our Sunday meeting on the Zoom program, so the members who can't go to Tolna (because they live in Budapest, Pécs, Komló, Ozora, Kölked) can see and hear the meeting online.

Please Pray...

- For the church of Pécs and Ozora, and Budapest. In this places, you know that we rent community houses, so we can't keep occasions. Unfortunately, this houses are closed because of the COVID-19.
- For Agi's mother, Terike. She has very bad results again and she is in poor condition now. She will get radiation treatments soon.
- For the unbeliever husbands in our mission. There are some sisters who go to church alone without their partner, and they are praying to God that they can serving him together, in unity.

From David Thomas EFM Whole-Life Discipleship

Praise God...

- For many believers growing deeper in their relationship with Christ, and for many coming to know Christ for the first time! Praise God for the coming waves of awakening and for a great harvest of people coming into his kingdom world-wide!

Please Pray...

- For fruitful ministry that comes out of our "abiding in the vine." That people take advantage of this COVID-19 pause, a "selah" moment, a time to grow in their intimacy with Christ.

Praise God (Thailand-Lahu)...

- For discussions on what their village could look when the kingdom of God transforms every area of life.
- For raising up new leaders to join The Way Foundation's D4D teams and for world view change and transformation happening in the minds and lives of these leaders!

Please Pray (Thailand-Lahu)...

- For Solomon, Yosapa, Chalee and Ben that God would bless their leadership with favor, insight, wisdom and strength!

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

- For slow consistent healing for Friends Church (CEEACO) Superintendent, Lusungu, who has been hospitalized in Burundi after prostate and bladder surgery. His wounds have healed well, and we now thank God in advance for safely dissolving the blood-clots in his legs, and for allowing him to return back to his home in Congo.

- For growing healing for Brad Carpenter's lower back, neck and overall health. Praise God for rest, peace, rejuvenation and a growing sense of God's leading for the next term of service in the Great Lakes region (of Africa) from their home in Musanze, Rwanda!

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

- 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. Many have fled to the Middle Plateau. Pray God will raise up leaders of peace among Christians belonging to the various tribal groups involved. Pray for Christ's kingdom to come in this dark, demonic situation!

Praise God (Cambodia)...

- That the Bible Society has begun translating the New Testament into Kavet! We have been praying for this for quite a few months and it is answered! Yay!
- For continued opportunities to raise Kavet literacy through workshops. Scott recently created a YouTube channel with a few Bible videos called, "Kavet for Christ."
- For the young leaders who have been trained up through YWAM's (Youth With a Mission's) DTS (Discipleship Training School). Praise God for the opportunity they have to teach and mentor new DTS students as they continue growing themselves.

Please Pray (Cambodia)...

- For the young people participating in YWAM's DTS that God would connect with them at a deep level bringing transformation in needed areas of their lives. Pray for Holy Spirit to deeply bless this group and their training season!
- For two Cambodian couples engaged in church planting in their separate villages. The first couple lost their 4-month-old son to an undiagnosed respiratory disease last year. The wife is now pregnant again. The second couple is 3-months pregnant and were just informed by doctors that baby is missing his brain. Witchcraft is prevalent in both villages, and we don't know if there is any connection, but we pray God's favor, blessing and the blood of Jesus over these two couples!