



EFM Summer 2021 Update

How can you be involved in what God is doing through Evangelical Friends Mission?

“

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

Luke 10:1

”

Where is the Lord sending us to explore for the launching of new fields?

Eleven Areas for Exploration through Luke 10 Trips

(Read more details in the “Go” section beginning on page 6.)



On Thursday, May 27, about sixty Friends gathered at Quaker Ridge, Colorado, for the national EFM Luke 10 Think Tank. Among these Friends were future missionaries, church leaders, and people with missions experience. They represented six regions/yearly meetings of North America. Their primary task was to discern where the Lord of the harvest wants us to explore for the launching of at least five new fields by the end of 2025. Eleven areas were selected on that day and assigned to the regions/yearly meetings that will organize EFM Luke 10 Trips to explore them over the next couple of years. The colors and legend on the map above show where those areas are.

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Why are we doing all this exploration?



For more about the Five-Year Goal please go to www.friendsmission.com/five-year-goal/. There you will have access to videos and resources announcing the goal as well as information about a process, called the EFM Luke 10 Initiative, that will help us identify where the new fields will be launched.

Who is Evangelical Friends Mission (EFM) and what do we do?

EFM is the global missions arm of Evangelical Friends in North America. It has existed since 1963. The yearly meetings/regions who are currently part of this joint effort are:

- Alaska Yearly Meeting
- Evangelical Friends Church - Mid America Yearly Meeting
- Friends Southwest
- Iowa Yearly Meeting (Associate Member)
- Northwest Yearly Meeting
- Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting
- Evangelical Friends Church - Eastern Region
- Indiana Yearly Meeting (Associate Member)

Our Vision

EVANGELICAL FRIENDS OF NORTH AMERICA FULLY MOBILIZED TO SEND MISSIONARIES WHO PLANT GROUPS OF CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD THAT ARE FAITHFUL, SUSTAINABLE, MULTIPLYING, AND MOBILIZED TO SEND MISSIONARIES THEMSELVES.

Our Mission

EFM's 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 Commissions in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

What is the Lord currently doing through EFM?

Here is one of many stories that could be told. It comes from Asia and is shared by M. and K. L.

We noticed a greater response to and deeper sadness from our friends and neighbors in our village than ever before at our leaving to come to America. We had four or five different people randomly make us meals the last week we were there. Additionally, many brought us food to bring back here to America or to eat on the trip back...bags of apples, sacks of local beans for our mothers, and bags of millet and corn flour to name a few. Two different ladies gave money to all our kids, and another village kid gave all our kids a chocolate bar on the way out of the village. One random old man we see occasionally but don't really have a relationship with caught me carrying a big suitcase of stuff to our car (not due to us leaving), and he asked me if we were leaving yet. When I told him no, his response was that of relief. He was genuinely glad we were going to be there a little longer. Our favorite "momo" shop gave the kids Oreos and small bottles of apple juice. Many people came for blood pressure and blood glucose checks because they knew we were going to be gone. It's important for us to notice things like this and debrief it because it lets us know what the overall feeling of the local community towards us is. God has been (and we trust will continue) to establish us there, right where he wants us to be. Jesus said in Matthew 10:40, *"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."* We genuinely feel received by those to whom God has sent us, and we greatly look forward to the day when this promise finds fulfillment in them.

EFM has 24 missionaries (households) on 19 mission fields in 13 countries.

In a recent 3-year sampling, EFM fields were blessed with 6,000 new professions of faith.

EFM is in the process of starting at least five new mission fields through its Luke 10 Initiative and is seeking persons who are sensing a call to missionary service.

Who is serving with EFM right now?

Asia (Serving in Security-Sensitive Areas)

D.G. (Short-term - Teaching Abroad)
M. and K. L.
I.S. (Short-term - Teaching Abroad)

Bhutan

Rupak and Pramila Tamang

Hungary

Tony and Agi Frei
Angelica Moore (Short-term)

Ireland

David and Tricia Howell
Molly Morton
Kathi Perry

Philippines

Roy and Jinky Twaddell

Rwanda

Brad and Chelsea Carpenter

Missions Mobilizer for Hispanic Friends

Maria Giron

Bangladesh

A. and M. A.

Haiti

William and Marie Bertrand

India

Babir and Lalita Gautam (Bihar)
Arun and Shobha Massey (Karnataka)
Gabriel and Suzana Massey (Madhya Pradesh)
Benson and Annie Sam with Danson Matthew (Kerala)
D. K. and Choity Sarkar (West Bengal)

Nepal

B. and D. A.
Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj

Romania

Voicu and Ana Marian

Thailand

Ben and Charity Kibbe

Whole-Life Discipleship Mentor

David Thomas

Please do not post this list online due to security reasons for some of those who are listed.

How can you be involved in this Great Commission work?

That's what the next three sections are about. Please keep reading!



PRAY

as a prayer partner for a missionary and EFM

JOIN THE EFM LUKE 10:2 GATHERING: This is a prayer meeting that happens via Zoom the second Thursday of every month. Friends from across North America as well as other parts of the world gather to pray that the Lord would send more workers into his harvest fields. You too can participate by signing up at <https://friendsmission.com/prayer-gathering/>.

SUBSCRIBE TO MISSIONARY NEWS: EFM publishes a monthly prayer letter and missionaries provide news and updates periodically. Sign up at www.friendsmission.com/pray to be a prayer partner and help EFM update our data base.



Prayer is not just making our requests known to God, it is also giving him thanks and praise for what he is doing. We invite you to practice both by praying through the following:

Praises

- For the Future Missionary Retreat that was held at Quaker Ridge, Colorado, May 24-27. Fifteen potential missionaries participated in the retreat along with fifteen missionary mentors. Five regions/yearly meetings were represented in both groups.
- For the list EFM has of people who are exploring whether the Lord wants them to be among the workers he is casting out into the harvest field. Currently there are more than 70 people on that list.
- For the national EFM Luke 10 Think Tank that met at Quaker Ridge on May 27. Nearly 60 people from six regions/yearly meetings felt led to explore 11 places in the world for the launching of at least five new fields by 2025. The exploration will take place through EFM Luke 10 Trips over the next couple of years.
- That the Lord has protected the health of the missionaries and national leaders as they do their best to support those they work with during this worldwide health and economic crisis. More people have given their lives to Christ and more churches have been planted during the pandemic.
- For the generous donations made to our emergency fund for helping meet some of the needs created by the spread of COVID-19. Twelve fields benefited from these gifts.
- For the progress made towards the goal of planting 108 cell groups in Bhutan. They are getting close! This is already one of the largest Christian movements within that country.
- That Brad, Chelsea, Sarai, Gideon, and Ian Carpenter are coming to the end of their time in the U.S. and are heading back to Rwanda towards the end of July. Brad has experienced much healing in his mind, soul, and body over the 13 months they have been in the States.
- For Voicu and Ana Marian and Roy and Jinky Twaddell as they retire from missionary service this year. Voicu and Ana are coming to the U.S. this summer to celebrate with their supporters and then return to Romania where they will continue to live in their own home and minister as the Lord gives them opportunity to do so. Roy and Jinky are planning to come to the U.S. during the last quarter of this year to thank their supporters and see family, then they will return to the Philippines and continue to serve the Lord in their retirement.
- For the conclusion of the search process for a new executive director for EFM. Stan Leach of Friends Southwest has accepted the invitation to become the new E.D. beginning August 1 of this year.

Prayer Requests

- That the Lord of the harvest would raise up at least ten new missionaries (households) from our regions/yearly meetings in North America and cast them out into at least five new fields by December 31, 2025.
- For the 70+ people who are in a process of discernment about whether the Lord of the harvest wants them to be among those who help start these new fields. More Future Missionary Retreats and also Future Missionary Short-Term Trips are being planned to help them discern the Lord's will.
- For the regions/yearly meetings as they organize EFM Luke 10 Trips to explore eleven places in the world for launching new fields. These trips will include future missionaries, church leaders, people with missions experience, and Friends from other countries who live near the areas being explored.
- That the Lord in his mercy will relieve the suffering caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Many people have lost loved ones and are struggling with the economic impact of the pandemic.
- That the situation caused by the spread of COVID-19 would create a spiritual hunger all around the world that would help people be more receptive to Jesus' invitation to take his yoke and follow him.
- For the wisdom and strength missionaries and national leaders need to guide their ministries through the coming months.
- That our local churches, regions/yearly meetings, and EFM will see the provision of the Lord in the midst of economic difficulties worldwide.
- For missionaries who are planning to return to the U.S. this year for deputation (like Kathi Perry in Ireland and the Ben and Charity Kibbe family in Thailand) and others who are hoping to begin or continue the ministries the Lord has called them to (like Molly Morton who has been preparing to minister in Ireland and the Carpenter family who is returning to Rwanda). Voicu and Ana Marian and Roy and Jinky Twaddell will also be in the U.S. to celebrate their retirement with their supporters.
- For Stan Leach as he begins his role as Executive Director of EFM on August 1. Pray also for Dan Cammack and Matt Macy as they move into their new roles with EFM. Dan will be the Field Director focusing on the missionaries, fields, international partnerships, coaching, and Field Support Teams. Matt will be the Director of Mobilization focusing on the various pieces of the EFM Luke 10 Initiative, the recruitment of new missionaries, internships, etc.



GIVE

as a financial partner to a missionary, project, or general fund

EFM has been blessed over the years by regular giving from the yearly meetings/regions, local churches, and a host of individuals. Such giving has enabled us to support the ministry of EFM's missionaries as well as respond to emergencies and special projects on the fields. We are grateful for this faithful giving. At the same time, EFM has underfunded ministries that need supported both in the office and overseas, and, in light of the current economic situation of the world, we, like you, are looking to our heavenly Father to provide for our needs. Since he often provides through the body of Christ we will continue to keep you informed of our needs and invite you to respond as the Lord leads.

Here are some giving opportunities that we invite you to prayerfully consider:

- If you would like to support the various pieces of the Luke 10 Initiative you can do so online at <https://catalog.friendsmission.com/projects-2021>.
- Much of the growth that EFM has experienced over the years has been in Asia, right in the middle of a multitude of unreached people groups. One might think that these exciting ministries are the easiest ones to fund, but that is not always true. Contact our office (303-421-8100) for the most recent information on underfunded fields in Asia to support.

- Several years ago, EFM formed a partnership with Mexico Yearly Meeting (MYM) to help them send out their first missionaries, Jaime and Lupita Leon. Jaime and Lupita are from Aguascalientes, Mexico, and are currently serving in the state of Sinaloa in northwest Mexico. Churches and individuals in MYM made a commitment to cover the Leon's salary. EFM offered to cover their ministry expenses as well as ongoing training for missionary service. We could use your help with those expenses. You can contribute by giving online at <https://catalog.friendsmission.com/projects-2021>. MYM is getting ready to send more missionaries like the Leons, and EFM would like to support them in a similar way.
- For many years EFM has been partnering with yearly meetings in Rwanda, Burundi, and the Congo to train leaders. We see much fruit from these training efforts, but as these yearly meetings continue to grow the need for more leaders also grows. Income for EFM's yearly contributions to the training has been dropping off in recent years, so we invite you to help us turn that trend around. You can do so by sending gifts for the Great Lakes Leadership Training initiatives.
- Whenever our missionaries come to the U.S. for deputation they always need to raise funds for their own support and sometimes for special projects as well. A really good way to encourage the missionaries is by responding to their requests for both prayer and financial support. In the next few months you will have the opportunity to do that for Molly Morton (Ireland), Kathi Perry (Ireland), and the Kibbe family (Thailand). You can visit all of our missionary pages at www.friendsmission.com/missionaries.

For a full list of our Special Projects that you can support, visit <https://catalog.friendsmission.com/projects-2021>.



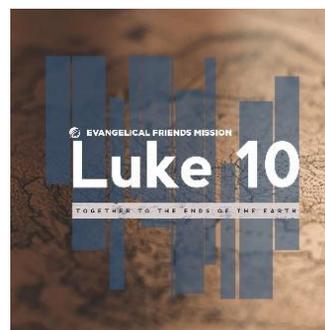
GO

as a missionary with EFM

Are you sensing that God might be leading you to become a missionary? Or are you aware of someone that has that leading and who would be OK with us getting in touch with him or her? If so, please let us know by completing our [Missionary Interest Form](#), under the GO tab at friendsmission.com. There are opportunities to explore that leading through Future Missionary Retreats, Future Missionary Short-Term Trips, a Future Missionary Cohort, and internships that can be created as the leading grows stronger.

Would you like to be part of helping to explore the eleven areas that were selected by the national EFM Luke 10 Think Tank? This exploration will be done through what we call EFM Luke 10 Trips. We believe that through this process of discernment the Lord will show us where EFM will launch at least five new fields by 2025.

In order for the Luke 10 Trips to be effective we need four kinds of people to be part of them: People who are exploring a call to missionary service (we like to call them "future missionaries"), church leaders from the regions/yearly meetings of North America, people with missions experience, and church leaders from yearly meetings that are close to the areas we will be exploring. If you fit in one of those categories and want to be part of a trip or two, please let us know by filling out our [Luke 10 Initiative Form](#) at friendsmission.com/five-year-goal-go/.



Below are the eleven areas of the world that were selected by the national Luke 10 Think Tank and where Luke 10 Trips will take place over the next couple of years. We've also indicated the regions/yearly meetings that are taking the lead in organizing these trips.



1. **The Shuar people of Ecuador and Peru**

Steps have already been taken by EFM over the last several years to launch a field among the underreached tribe called the Shuar who live in the jungle of southeast Ecuador and northeast Peru. Much more help is needed to actually launch that field. **Northwest Yearly Meeting (NWYM)** is taking the lead on organizing exploratory trips to that area. Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region (EFC-ER) has also expressed interest in this opportunity.



2. **Northeast Brazil**

There is a small group of Friends churches in northeast Brazil that border an immense area where there are very few evangelical churches of any kind. This could be a whole new field. **Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting (RMYM)** is taking the lead on organizing exploratory trips to that area. There may also be some interest from EFC-ER in this opportunity.



3. **Mexico**

Mexico Yearly Meeting (MYM) has a vision to plant Friends churches in every state of Mexico and has already taken steps in that direction. There are 32 states in that country, most of which have no Friends churches. **Evangelical Friends Church-Mid America (EFC-MAYM)** is feeling led to help explore through Luke 10 Trips the possibility of partnering with MYM to establish a new field in one of those states.



4. **Eastern Europe**

Tony and Agi Frei, who are based in Hungary, and Voicu and Ana Marian, who are based in Romania, have been encouraging EFM to send missionaries to Europe. **NWYM** is interested in doing just that and is taking the lead on organizing Luke 10 Trips to Eastern Europe especially. EFC-ER also has interest in this region.



5. **Greece**

There are young adults from both NWYM and EFC-MAYM who have spent time among Muslim refugees in Greece. They are feeling drawn to planting churches not only among the refugees but also among the Greeks themselves. **NWYM** is taking the lead to explore these possibilities through Luke 10 Trips.



6. **South Sudan/Ethiopia**

There has been quite a bit of interest in planting churches in this part of Africa. Evangelical Friends Church-Rwanda is already taking steps in that direction. **EFC-MAYM** is taking the lead to organize some Luke 10 Trips that will help explore the next steps in launching that field.



7. **Tanzania**

There has also been quite a bit of interest in planting more churches in Tanzania, especially on the part of Friends in Burundi. They are already supporting some work in western Tanzania. **EFC-MAYM** is taking the lead to organize Luke 10 Trips to that country in order to explore other opportunities. EFC-ER and Indiana Yearly Meeting have also expressed interest in this opportunity.



8. Morocco

All of the regional Luke 10 Think Tanks listed Morocco as a place of interest, and that conversation continued at the national Luke 10 Think Tank. **NWYM** will take the lead in organizing Luke 10 Trips to that country since it has placed missionaries there in the past.



9. Gulf Countries

There is a large population of Nepali people who go to the Gulf Countries of the Middle East for work. There are also many Bhutanese/Nepali people who have come to the United States as refugees. Many of them have found Christ, some even before reaching the U.S. They have a vision for planting churches among the Nepali workers in the Gulf Countries. **EFC-ER** is taking the lead to organize Luke 10 Trips that will explore that possibility.



10. Northern India

India is another place that wound up on the lists of all the regional Luke 10 Think Tanks as a place of interest. Nearly all the regions/yearly meetings are helping to support various ministries in that country. Right now the focus is more on the northern part of India. What more would the Lord have us do to reach the unreached in those places? **Indiana Yearly Meeting** is giving some leadership to the conversation about who will organize Luke 10 Trips to go explore the answer to that question. **EFC-MAYM** has expressed strong interest in this opportunity.



11. The Lahu People of Thailand, Laos, etc.

It appears that the Lahu people group forms a hub that can give access to several countries, Thailand, Laos, and China among them. **EFC-ER** is taking the lead on organizing Luke 10 Trips to explore this opportunity further.

The Children’s Mission Focus gives our children and young people ways to Pray, Give, and Go. It’s a curriculum that is based on stories about Friends missionaries who pioneered new fields. The first one came out last year and told the story of Esther Butler. She was sent to China in 1887 by Ohio Yearly Meeting (now called Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region). The second one that has just been released tells the story of William Abel who came out of California Yearly Meeting (now called Friends Southwest). He went to Bolivia in 1919 and became the seed for a large group of Friends churches that exists in that country today. We encourage you to put these materials to use. You can access this year’s lessons about William Abel by going to friendsmission.com/children/.



PRAY. GIVE. GO.

Three ways to be involved in what God is doing through EFM.
Which one(s) will you start putting into practice today?



A. and M. A.
Serving in Bangladesh



B. and D. A.
Serving in Nepal



William and Marie Bertrand
Serving in Haiti



The Carpenter Family
Serving in Rwanda



Tony and Agi Frei
Serving in Hungary



D. G.
Serving in Asia



The Gautam Family
Serving in India



Maria Giron
Missions Mobilizer for Hispanic Friends



The Howell Family
Serving in Ireland



The Kibbe Family
Serving in Thailand



M. and K. L.
Serving in Asia



Voicu and Ana Marian
Serving in Romania



Arun and Shobha Massey
Serving in India



Gabriel and Suzanna Massey
Serving in India



Angelica Moore
Serving in Hungary



Molly Morton
Presenting to Qualify for
Minister of Religion Visa for Ireland



Kathi Perry
Serving in Ireland



The Retnaraj Family
Serving in Nepal



Benson and Annie Sam
Serving in India



D.K. and Choity Sarkar
Serving in India



I. S.
Serving in Asia



The Tamang Family
Serving in Bhutan



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