



Evangelical Friends Mission

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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.

Molly Morton | Serving in Ireland

It is with such great excitement that I get to tell you that I have been residing in Ireland for over a month now! My plane departed Los Angeles on November 2 and arrived in Dublin the next afternoon. I'm astonished at the ways the Lord has provided for me in the last few weeks and in the weeks leading up to my departure from the US.

In The Message translation of Matthew 6, it says, "*Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.*" God has provided for my everyday human concerns during my departure and certainly upon my arrival.

Close friends from Gateway Friends Church gathered at LAX to see me off and pray over my plane journey than they yelled goodbye obnoxiously while I went through security. 😊 I am blessed by these friendships and the deep care given to me by my second church home.



When I arrived in Ireland, I had the pleasure and blessing of staying at Brides Glen B&B which is owned and operated by Betty Stevenson and her family. Immediately, I felt the warmth of the Stevenson's hospitality and strong commitment to the work of God in Ireland. Brides Glen is a working beef farm complete with new calves and cute barn kitties. Rhoda, Betty and David's daughter, and her family live next door with their three children, Reuben, Rebekah and Gideon, who I have become quite attached to already.

Two weeks ago, I moved into my own house in a densely populated neighborhood in Greystones called Charlesland. I am overwhelmed with the blessing and provision of God in the house that he has given me. I look forward to filling this house with good conversation, good food and good company. A few days after I signed my lease, God provided a wonderful new car for me with low miles and only four years old! The freedom of having my own vehicle will be paramount to my effectiveness in ministry as will my warm and safe house.

God has been providing for my "every day human concerns" in many different ways from highly responsive immigration officers to the generosity of my new church family at Greystones Nazarene Community Church. A few Sundays ago, I walked into the church hall on Sunday to find a table overflowing with household items like toilet paper, a toaster, salt and pepper shakers and tea towels that had been collected for me and my new house. Again, I was overwhelmed by the warm kindness and generosity of God through his people to me.

Thank you for coming along with me on this journey. A new journey began on November 3 when I arrived in Ireland. I am so grateful for all the ways God has provided for my "every day human concerns" and even more than that to remind me of his love for me and for the Irish people.

Your Friend,
Molly



From the EFM Office

As we reflect on 2021, we praise the Lord for...

- The strong missionary team we have working all over the world. They serve diligently and effectively. God is gracious in allowing us to be a part of his work through their ministry.
- A common vision, among North American Friends Churches, to fulfill the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment through the Luke 10 Initiative – 10 missionary households in 5 new fields in 5 years.
- God's provision through the faithful generosity of God's people. It is a remarkable and unmistakable movement of God.

Moving into the 2022, please join us in prayer for...

- Persecuted Christians around the world. Our missionaries serve in several places where following Jesus is costly.
- Progress in accomplishing the Luke 10 Initiative. May this year bring us significant progress in identifying who to send and where we send them.
- Unity among our congregations. Jesus prayed that his people would be "of one accord." Unity is a divine gift. Let's pray for it.

Specifically, this month, will you thank the Lord for...

- Missionaries returning (Lord willing) to the field – Kathi Perry (serving in Ireland) and M. and K. L. (serving in a sensitive location.)
- Effective Christmas season outreach events on several fields. God's work among the unreached was undeniable.

Please Pray...

- For two teams travelling in January to South America (Bolivia and Peru) and Africa (Rwanda and Burundi). They will initiate conversations with the Friends Churches about spearheading a Luke 10 Initiative in their region. Dan Cammack, EFM Field Director, is facilitating the South American trip. Matt Macy, Director of Mobilization, is facilitating the other.
- For the Future Missionary Discovery Trip to Rwanda – two potential missionaries – Jan Cammack and Emmy Shallenberger – will be immersing themselves in two weeks of intense missionary training. This trip will provide an opportunity for an in-depth missionary experience.
- Most of our missionaries are initiating 2022 strategic plans this month. Pray for energy, clarity, and effectiveness.

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 Molly Morton Serving in Ireland

Praise God...

- For his provision throughout the last month with housing, vehicle, immigration, utilities, good gathering for Thanksgiving and invitations for Christmas.
- For a warm welcome from GNCC and some solid tasks to do while I'm settling in.
- We are seeing one or two new families at church each Sunday. It's exciting.

Please Pray...

- Christmas and lots of family birthdays happened last month. Please pray for my family and I as we navigate being away from each other this time of year.
- COVID-19 restrictions are increasing in Ireland. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we make decisions about different types of gatherings and how to keep each other safe during the holiday season.
- Wisdom for how to reach out to my neighbors in a time of growing COVID-19 concern and restrictions.

From B. and D. A. Serving in Nepal

Praise God...

- That more people are getting saved inside the jail.
- Please Pray...
- For our pastors and leaders as they take the gospel in new villages.

From Abe and Diane Bible Serving in Ukraine

Praise God...

- We had beautiful snow in Ukraine while our grandchildren were here from Australia. Very unusual for December and a big treat for them! The white Christmas they dreamed of!
- We look back on 2021 and are just grateful that God allows us to continue to serve him and to mentor and encourage others in their Christian walk. For protection in all of Abe's travels. For opportunities to minister. We are blessed.

Please Pray...

- The situation for our house has flipped and as we write this we do not know whether we will be able to continue on in the house we have lived in for 20 years. That is not really the critical issue. What has caused a lot of stress is, if we do not get it, we could be evicted in 24 hours. Pray as we seek resolution, peace, and the Lord's mercy.
- Abe is really tired from the heavy travel schedule from the fall, and it looks like that level of activity will continue into the spring. Pray that the Lord will constantly renew his spirit so that he can always offer something fresh. His focus more and more is on younger men, still in their teens and early 20's, and finding ways to relate to them and challenge them.

From Tony and Agi Frei

Serving in Hungary

Praise God...

- For Henrietta's father-in-law. Zoltán is fine now. Glory to God, after some days, he could leave the intensive care and the hospital and he could go home.
- For Agi's nieces, Blanka and Beáta. They are 16 year old twins. They were sick for two weeks. They had a heavy headache and dizziness. This sickness wasn't COVID-19 and the doctors didn't know the diagnosis. But praise God, they are healed, and their symptoms are disappeared.
- For Manuel (who is one of my nephews) and his wife, Kinga. They were had COVID-19 during the end of November and the beginning of December. They had mild symptoms. Praise God, they were healed and they can work again.

Please Pray...

- Unfortunately, our dear brother, Pastor Géza, moved on to the Lord, at the beginning of December. We all miss him. He was a valuable member of our mission and he was the heart of his big family. Géza has four children and four grandchildren. His wife Eve and one of his daughters, Anita, are believers, but the others are not. Please pray for all of them, that they seek to their comfort in God alone and that they receive Jesus.
- For my other nephew, Daniel, who suffered from COVID-19 the week before Christmas. He had a high temperature. Please pray for him.
- For my mother, Elizabeth. Some weeks ago, she had heavy nosebleeds because of her hypertension. The doctor burned out some blood vessels in her nose. Since this, my mother's blood pressure is still high. It's difficult to set the right blood pressure value. Please pray for her.

From Voicu and Ana Marian
Retired EFM Missionaries in Romania

Praise God...

- The hope that comes with a fresh measure of faith in Jesus, GOD WITH US. We are amazed by his grace every day, and grateful for expressions of love coming from the family of Evangelical Friends. Thank you!
- Our son John is visiting from Southern Romania for a couple weeks; Christina just announced her surprise arrival from the US on Christmas eve; our three spiritual daughters from Sibiu will also visit, so we'll have a full house for Christmas and rejoice in God's goodness.
- Pop-in visits from former students, many of them from the traditional church. We had great fellowship with Mioara and her husband Nicu. Though a very busy professional, Mioara joined one of our study groups and is growing in the knowledge of the Bible.

Please Pray...

- To draw closer to the Lord, so we may be able to love and help others in these troubling times. There is a lot of unrest among people, please pray for peace in families, churches, communities, and the government.
- Several relatives and friends are in the hospital with severe health problems. Please pray for something good to come out of suffering, salvation for those who haven't yet surrendered, though they heard the gospel.
- Safe travels for everyone; John will drive back to Calarasi the first part of January, Christina will return January 15; please pray for God's leading and their obedience for the future.

From A. and M. A.
Serving in Bangladesh

Praise God...

- That 55 families took a public testimony of baptism in November. Please pray for more.
- That our lay leaders are developing in different places. Pray for their faithfulness.
- That we were able to finish our Lay Leadership Training. It was an awesome time for fellowship, prayer, and leading from the Holy Spirit.

Please Pray...

- For 48 Christmas parties in different locations where there are no churches and no Christians. Ask God to use our volunteers to share Christ with the community.
- For each believer's family so that they can develop their marriage life. Most attacks now are on the believer's family. Satan is using wives or children to attack our pastors and evangelists.
- That the EFC team can work more diligently by depending on the Holy Spirit to help transform lives.

From Maria Giron
Serving as the Missions Mobilizer for Hispanic Friends

Praise God...

- I am thankful and happy that my husband and I have been invited to be part of the Luke 10 initiative team to Ecuador. We are having Zoom monthly meetings with NWYM leaders.
- That my husband and I attended the Small Business training with Global Disciples. This training is a great tool to motivate new church planters to do business and ministry together. We are excited to bring this training to the Mexico Yearly Meeting in the near future.

Please Pray...

- If is God's will, that my husband and I will be making a trip to Bolivia and Peru with some of the team members of the Luke 10 Initiative. We will be participating in the Bolivia and Peru Yearly Meeting. We will have opportunities to share about missions and Mexico YM's project VM32.
- We are planning to go out on deputation in 2022 and visit some Regions/Yearly Meetings. Please pray that I would be able to be fully funded again soon.

From David Thomas
EFM Whole-Life Discipleship

Praise God...

- For a growing relationship with Pastor David Tintaya in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, along with Rodiz and Stefanie Chambi who are all interested in better understanding and promoting whole-life discipleship through Discipling for Development in Bolivia and as a way to prepare future Bolivian missionaries for the places around the world God will be sending them to.
- For three ladies called into missions who are joining the online, 10-month Discipling for Development course offered by our Navigators' D4D team in Atlanta, Georgia. Thank God for their hearts for missions, and their desire to study and further prepare themselves for their future missionary assignments. Pray for Stephanie Chambi, Anahi Tintaya and Cintia Huayhua to get the most out of this course, gaining important skills and values that will impact the lives of many and expand God's kingdom into the future!

Please Pray ...

- For a safe, uneventful, and healthy trip to Bolivia January 8-26.
- Great connections with friends and potential ministry partners.
- Excellent facilitation and ease in Spanish for David as he facilitates: a 1-hour lesson on how pastors can mobilize their congregations for missions, a 1½-hour whole-life discipleship lesson on Monday the 17th in La Paz with Bolivian Friends church leaders, an 8½-hour D4D vision casting seminar spread over Thursday the 20th – Sunday the 23rd in Santa Cruz with the Comunidad Cristiana Amigos (Friends church), and a 1½-hour whole-life discipleship vision casting lesson with Proclama an interdenominational Bolivian missions agency.