



EFM Summer 2022 Update

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

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“He told them, ‘The harvest is huge, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

Luke 10:2

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EFM's Five-Year Goal

To send
10 MISSIONARY HOUSEHOLDS
to launch 5 NEW MISSION FIELDS
by 2025.

How will we accomplish the Five-Year Goal?

EFM's **Luke 10 Initiative** is a systematic process for discerning where EFM will launch new fields. This Initiative is fueled by Jesus' instruction in Luke chapter 10 and depends on the regions/yearly meetings, churches, and individuals that EFM serves as their missions' agency to engage in this discernment process. The Luke 10 Initiative requires **four types of participants** who gather for **Luke 10 Think Tanks** and discern, based on **EFM's CAN GO criteria**, what locations and people groups to visit via exploratory teams called **Luke 10 Trips**. Out of these trips will come recommendations to the EFM Board about where to launch new fields. You can learn more about Luke 10 Exploration Trips at friendsmission.com/luke-10-trips/.

Below are pictures from the first four Luke 10 Exploration Trips that have taken place this year.



Mexico
April 19- 29, 2022



Shuar People of Ecuador
May 30-June 16, 2022



Greece
May 30-June 10, 2022



Eastern Europe
June 15-22, 2022

Read about the remaining Luke 10 Exploration Trips planned for 2022 and how you can get involved in the Luke 10 Initiative on page 5. You can also learn more about the Five-Year Goal at friendsmission.com/five-year-goal/.

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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?

A story of transformation from Rwanda as told by Brad and Chelsea Carpenter.

Alaki Tresor is the leader of the Discipling for Development group in the Uvira area of Congo Friends. He is the son of the current superintendent of Congo Yearly Meeting and recently described some things in his testimony that showed new levels of transformation. In their area of Congo, children are dependent on their parents for most of their lives. When he went to college his dad said, "I will pay for all of your expenses." When Alaki brought home his fiancé to meet his family, his father reassured him that he would continue to provide for him even after they got married. After they got married and had children, his father continued to provide a place for them to stay in his home, and all the money they needed for everything. In our trainings about becoming all that God created us to be, Alaki realized that he was completely dependent on his parents and was not using his strengths and abilities well. So, he told his parents that they were moving out. He moved 100 km away to Baraka, got a job, bought some land, built a house, and in the last year, as his father has been quite sick, he and his family are now caring for his parents in their home. He is discipling a group of people in Baraka and giving some leadership to the other teams in that area of Congo.

Who is serving with EFM right now?

Asia (Serving in Security-Sensitive Areas)

M. and K. L.

Hungary

Tony and Agi Frei

Ireland

David and Tricia Howell
Molly Morton
Kathi Perry

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)
A. and S. M.
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

Whole-Life Discipleship Mentor

David Thomas

Download a printable sheet that features all of our missionaries at friendsmission.com/pray.

Rupak and Pramila Tamang have been serving as full-time workers with EFM in Bhutan since 2006 along with their three sons, David, Samuel, and Kenchola. Under the leadership of this family the work has grown from one small church in the capital city to many, many cell groups spread throughout the western side of Bhutan with an average weekly attendance of 3000 believers. Rupak and Pramila are in the process of turning over their responsibilities to a team of three leaders who were recently chosen by the pastors of Bhutan Evangelical Friends Church. The Tamangs now have the opportunity to support leaders that they trained. Please join with EFM in expressing our appreciation to the Tamang family for 16+ years of service. You can make a contribution to a financial love gift for the family on their webpage at <https://catalog.friendsmission.com/tamang>. Please also keep this transition in your prayers.

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 friendsmission.com/five-year-goal-pray.

SUBSCRIBE TO MISSIONARY NEWS: EFM publishes a monthly prayer letter and missionaries provide news and updates periodically. Sign up at 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:

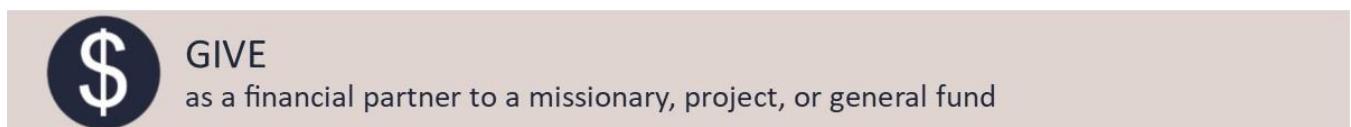
Praises

- For the second Future Missionary Retreat that was held at Quaker Ridge, Colorado, May 23-26. Seventeen potential missionaries (six of whom were part of the first retreat in May of 2021) participated in the retreat along with eleven missionary mentors. Four regions/yearly meetings were represented in both groups.
- That while the Future Missionary Retreat was going on at Quaker Ridge there was another group of pastors and leaders from our regions/yearly meetings (also at Quaker Ridge) exploring how to create a sending culture in our churches.
- 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 about 100 people on that list.
- That the Luke 10 Initiative is picking up speed in 2022. At the beginning of the year there were two Luke 10 Vision Trips (South America and Central Africa) as well as a Future Missionary Trip to Rwanda.
- The first of ten Luke 10 Exploration Trips that are scheduled for this year took place in April to Mexico. Three more took place in June (Ecuador, Greece, and Eastern Europe).
- For the adjustments and additions to the EFM staff which make it possible for EFM to press towards the Five-Year Goal of sending at least 10 missionary households to launch at least five new fields by December 31, 2025.
- For the unity seen among all the regions of Evangelical Friends Church-North America as they make EFM their primary missionary-sending agency.
- For the strong financial position that EFM is currently in in spite of a worldwide pandemic and war in Ukraine.
- That after being delayed by COVID-19 restrictions, the M. and K. L. family were able to return to the field.
- That Molly Morton became fully funded and began ministering in Ireland at the beginning of November 2021.
- That Kathi Perry had a successful deputation and safely returned to Ireland in early January 2022.

- That Roy and Jinky Twaddell were able to return to the U.S. for two months to bring closure to 27 years of missionary service through EFM by visiting and thanking their supporters. They are retiring in the Philippines.
- For the relationship that is developing between EFM and a ministry called The Way Foundation which is based in northern Thailand. Their location puts them within reach of many unreached people groups in Asia. One of the Luke 10 Exploration Trips will focus on that area this year.

Prayer Requests

- That the Lord of the harvest would raise up at least ten new missionary 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 100+ people who have expressed interest in exploring 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 that are organizing EFM Luke 10 Exploration Trips that will go out during the second half of 2022. There will likely be six of these trips. They include future missionaries, church leaders, people with missions experience, and Friends from other countries who live near the areas being explored.
- For the National Luke 10 Think Tank as it meets in November of this year to receive the reports of the Luke 10 Exploration Trips that have taken place and discern which areas visited need follow-up trips.
- That all the different activities of the Luke 10 Initiative will encourage yearly meetings around the world to send missionaries to people groups that have still not heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- That the Lord in his mercy will relieve the suffering caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and war. Many people have lost loved ones and are struggling with the economic impact of these turbulent times.
- That the COVID-19 pandemic and war in Ukraine would help create a spiritual hunger all around the world that helps 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. Pray especially for a leadership transition that is taking place in Bhutan and the challenges ministries face throughout Asia due to persecution.
- That our local churches, regions/yearly meetings, and EFM will see the provision of the Lord in the midst of economic difficulties worldwide.
- D.K. and Choity Sarkar were planning to be on deputation this year but are unfortunately not able to now. Please pray for them as they make plans to come in 2023.



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.

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

- Supporting the various pieces of the Luke 10 Initiative at catalog.friendsmission.com/2022-projects.
- 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 catalog.friendsmission.com/onlinegiving (make sure to note your designation). MYM is getting ready to send more missionaries like the Leons, and EFM would like to support them in a similar way.

- EFM has been partners 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.
- When our missionaries come to the U.S. for deputation they always need to raise funds for their own support and sometimes for special projects. You can encourage them by responding to their requests for both prayer and financial support. View all of our missionary at friendsmission.com/missionaries.
- View a full list of Special Projects you can support at catalog.friendsmission.com/2022-projects.

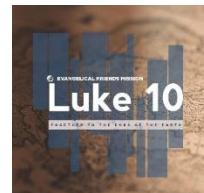


GO

as a missionary with EFM

MISSIONARIES WANTED AT EFM. EFM is presently recruiting people to serve with missionary teams in central Africa, Cambodia, Teaching Abroad programs, and to begin foundational work for pioneering new fields (see more below). We are looking for people of all ages, with a variety of different experiences and interests. There is no "one size fits all" when it comes to who would be effective serving with EFM as a "missionary!"

Are you sensing that God might be leading you to serve overseas? To serve using your skill sets within a team who are pointing people to Jesus? To help Friends reach the unreached peoples? Your vocational interests and gifts may be a perfect fit into a community where you can become friends with people who have yet to hear the Good News! If you or someone you know are interested, 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 Training Trips, a Future Missionary Cohort, and extended field experiences and internships** that can be created as the leading grows stronger. Find more information at friendsmission.com/future-missionaries/.



There are **ten Luke 10 Exploration Trips** to ten different countries/people-group destinations planned in 2022. These trips are part of the process EFM is using to discern where new mission fields will be launched. Evangelical Friends in local regions/yearly meetings and churches are organizing and leading these trips.

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| 1. Mexico April 19- 29, 2022 | 2. Shuar People of Ecuador and Peru May 30-June 16, 2022 |
| 3. Greece May 30-June 10, 2022 | 4. Eastern Europe June 15-22, 2022 |
| 5. Tanzania September 10-19, 2022 | 6. Northern India Dates TBA |
| 7. Northeast Brazil Dates TBA | 8. South Sudan October 2022 |
| 9. Nepali speaking people in Dubai End of October 2022 | 10. Lahu People of Thailand, Laos, etc. December 8-15, 2022 |



EFM, Kaleo Acadamy and Indiana Yearly Meeting invite college-aged students, future missionaries, adults and mentors to a Friends Student Gathering where we will attend Urbana 22 together (Dec 28-31, Indianapolis) then meet for debriefing and visioning together January 1.

URBANA STUDENT MISSION CONFERENCE is a life-changing convention experience where you'll experience multicultural worship, dynamic Bible teachings, and eye-opening testimonies from the church around the world, and you will be invited into discerning how you can have a lifetime of engagement with God and his mission. sites.google.com/barclaycollege.edu/fsgurbana2022.



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?