



Evangelical Friends Mission November 2022 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

Jeremiah 29:5-7

“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Create family (my paraphrase). Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

In November I will have been in Ireland twenty-one years. I think about the places I have lived, and the people I’ve met. I think about friends who have become family. I am thankful.

In 2009 I started the first Little Friends Parent and Baby group. I see these women (whose babies are now teenagers!) when I am in the shops or walking in the neighborhood. They say to me “The people I met in your group, they are still my friends. Those babies are the children that now come to birthday parties.” I love this. Create family. Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you...



Not long ago a mum messaged me and asked if I could “help” her husband. She was with their youngest who was in hospital, and dad needed a nap. I brought the older children here and we went into my garden. They helped me dig up potatoes and carrots, and water. They laughed and they hugged me, and their shouts scared the cat. We went for ice cream. My heart is full. Plant gardens and eat what they produce. Create family.

I recently asked some of the women if they would write down what “Little Friends” has meant to them. One mum wrote this:

“Little Friends baby and toddler groups were a great help to me when I was a new mum in a new place ... It was a lifesaver to have a place to go in any weather to talk and get support and advice... To be able to sit down and drink a mug of something hot and to enjoy the luxury of cake was a real gift and something to look forward to each week. Later came the Bible study where we were able to have some great discussions and disagree on various points without damaging the friendships which had grown out of the baby and toddler groups. These days when many are afraid of causing offence this was really valuable, to be able to freely discuss different points of view whilst maintaining unity. I believe this helped us to grow spiritually.”

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you... Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Peace. Community. Growth. Unity. Thankful.

Kathi Perry

Praise God...

- All I have written above...
- Little Friends Parent and Baby Group is meeting again, and it is a joy to meet new mums.

Please Pray...

- For my application to register as a social worker in Ireland, for a timely response that tells me what I need to do to “Return to Practice”.
- For opportunities to care for the people in my community, and to know what to continue and what to let go.
- For me as I work to finish my M.A. in Practical Theology before Christmas!



From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- For the decision that Friends Southwest made earlier this year to enter into full partnership with EFM. All of the regions/yearly meetings that currently make up Evangelical Friends Church International-North America are now working together through EFM to send and support missionaries.
- For Dan Cammack's uneventful return to Oregon with his wife, Tami, following the gall bladder surgery he had in Nepal. He was home for most of October and is doing well.

Please Pray...

- For the EFM Board meetings that will take place in Wichita, Kansas, November 3 and 4. The Board will also participate in the National Luke 10 Think Tank on November 2 (in Wichita). Pray for a strong sense of the Lord's presence and direction during all these meetings.
- For the International Friends Church Multiplication Conference that will take place November 9-11. This conference is entirely online, and you are welcome to participate. To find out more please click [here](#).
- For Dan Cammack as he visits Bhutan towards the end of November along with others. The visit was postponed due to Dan's surgery. Friends in Bhutan are planning to have a yearly meeting while he is there.

EFM Five-Year Goal:

To send 10 new missionary households from North America to launch 5 new fields by December 31, 2025.

Praise

- For the Luke 10 Exploration Trips that have just been completed to South Sudan and the Middle East. The reports about these trips will be published soon by EFM. If you are not currently receiving reports regarding the various Luke 10 Initiative activities, you can sign up [here](#).
- For the seven Luke 10 Exploration Trips that have taken place so far this year. There are three to go, two of which will take place during the first quarter of 2023.
- For the way the exploration trips and future missionary activities are creating a sense of anticipation among evangelically minded Friends about how God will use us in global missions in the years to come.

Please Pray...

- For the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest fields.
- For the National Luke 10 Think Tank that will take place in Wichita, Kansas, on Wednesday, November 2. Not only will the EFM Board participate but also many of those who have been participating in the Luke 10 Exploration Trips. Our primary task will be to discern together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit where the open doors are that invite more follow up.

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/five-year-goal-pray/> some prayer points and the link for the gathering a few days before the event.

From L.T.

Serving in a Sensitive Location

Praise God...

- I found a good apartment in a great location.
- Our classes have started, and students are enthusiastic.
- I have great coworkers here.

Please Pray...

- That our hearts will be sensitive to the Lord's leading about how to engage students in conversations that allow us to share the hope of Christ.
- That the Lord will raise up additional teachers for this ministry. It is expected that as of January, I will be the only teacher here.
- That our teaching achieves the practical purpose of helping students achieve their educational and employment goals.

From Abe and Diane Bible

Serving in Ukraine

Praise God...

- Yes, we are back in Ukraine. Home again! It's both difficult and wonderful! And nice to sleep in the same bed EVERY night!
- Abe has already made four ministry trips this first month back so he has hit the ground running, but they have really helped him orient to the situation in Ukraine.
- Wonderful reports from all areas of how the churches are working together to meet the needs of refugees/displaced peoples, distributing humanitarian aid, much of which comes from WHO, welcoming people into their congregations, refugees- both believers and unbelievers- working to support the soldiers who often have to provide their own clothing etc. Lastly, the opportunities to witness! Praise God out of a terrible evil. Abe feels there is a real spirit of revival in the churches.

Please Pray...

- For the opening of Centers of Hope. Abe is traveling to many different areas and talking to leaders about where, how, and who. These centers will be distribution centers in areas where churches do not exist, using rental buildings and offering physical, emotional, and of course, spiritual help to people, with a goal of long-term spiritual communities.
- For the finances to come in for these Centers. The Lord has laid it on our hearts to start 100.
- For safety as Russia has resumed bombing in different areas of the country, destroying over 30% of the power stations. They are destroying infrastructure and trying to terrify people. We certainly need the Lord to be our refuge and fortress. We know this is where the Lord wants us at this time, but we long for his deliverance for Ukraine that we will continue to have spiritual opportunities and freedom. Wherever Russia takes over oppression comes and freedom, especially religious, is taken away.

From B. and D. A.

Serving in Nepal

Praise God...

- During the biggest Hindu festival called Dasani, in October we had five Muslims, four Buddhists, and 177 Hindus give their lives to Jesus and became Christians. Rejoice with us.
- We had three people accept Christ inside the jail. We also had an evangelistic meeting inside the jail during the Dasani festival.

Please Pray...

- For these new converts as they will be persecuted by their family and society. That they will be able to endure the persecution joyfully.

From Tony and Agi Frei

Serving in Hungary

Praise God...

- The leader conference at the end of September, in Budapest was so blessed. Our leaders were there. We got new strength and special messages from our God.
- Last weekend, the German brothers and sisters visited us, and we served God together. We were in a mission to Ozora, Kölked, Serbia, Budapest, and Tolna too. Glory to God, some people received him in these days. For example, a whole family (parents and children) received Jesus in Serbia.
- My nephew's girlfriend, Dora is fine now. This is God's work, thank you for the previous prayers.

Please Pray...

- For our next mission journey. In early November, Sylvie, Sylvie's mother, her daughter, and myself would like to go to Nagyszőlős Ukraine, again, to serve God and give donations to the Ukrainian people and families. Mary, Sylvie's aunt will help us in everything.
- For the people, who received Jesus on the last weekend. We must pray for them that they will stay in God's way.
- For Stefan and his family. Stefan is a German mission worker, who was in Hungary last weekend. Last year, he lost his wife. Stefan is strong in God and believes, he will see his wife again, in heaven. Unfortunately, his children turned away from God after the tragedy. Please, pray for this family.

From David Thomas
EFM Whole Life Discipleship
Praise God...(Bolivia)

- For a safe and active trip visiting leaders of various Christian organizations in Bolivia as we (Discipling for Development or D4D) find the right umbrella organizations to work under and the right organizations to partner with.
- For receptive hearts and many excellent conversations regarding the need for whole-life discipleship to be done in an empowering way in Bolivia at this time. It seems to be a “Kairos” special time to begin D4D in Bolivia and in Latin America.

Please Pray...(Bolivia)

- For the team organizing the January 3 city one-day D4D vision casting workshop for denominational and Christian NGO leaders who can recommend to us local leaders of churches or NGOs who are ready to implement whole-life discipleship in their communities.
- For Spanish speaking Navigators who will be willing to join our team and be trained as D4D mentor coaches for the work in Bolivia.

Praise God...(Thailand)

- For steady progress with almost weekly Zoom meetings with D4D coaches Scott Purser and David Thomas along with Yoshawpa, Achi Po, and Manat.
- For his heart for the people and villages of JaSaPa, JaTaw, and PaMu! Praise him for raising up leaders within these villages like MaoPa, and Jabo and leaders from The Way Foundation to mentor them, including Yoshawpa, Achi Po and Manat.

Please Pray...(Thailand)

- For Personal Development Plans to be well understood and applied by everyone on The Way Foundation team. Pray for excellent understanding and practice of how to ask Appreciative Questions in the communities!
- For Achi Po and David Kibbe as they translate and prepare necessary lessons to teach.