



Evangelical Friends Mission

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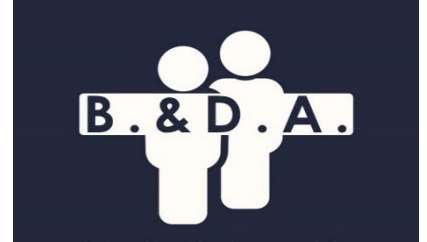
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Our purpose and passion is to fuel a worldwide movement of people who seek first the kingdom of God, planting churches that live and die to carry out the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

B. and D. A. | Serving in Nepal

Thank you so much for your prayers and your support. We are very grateful in our hearts.

God continues to give us favor inside the jail each time we go there to visit our believers. Each time we go there, there is a new police chief but each time we get favor to get in and talk with the inmates.



This time we were even allowed to take our mobile phones and you can see the picture inside the jail. We don't know how this works except by the sheer mercy of our God. No reading materials are allowed but we always take in Bibles and lots of tracks and the jailers don't stop us.

In the second picture, you can see we are handing over t-shirts to the police to give to the inmates. We had also taken three audio Bibles and when inspected the police chief asked us about them and we said it was audio Bibles. To our surprise, he asked if he could have one for himself to listen to the word. We gladly gave him one. Pray for the police chief to come to Christ.

There are now 25 male believers inside this jail and two women believers. Each time we go there, we are allowed to share the gospel for 45 minutes. We have been recently allowed to go to the women's side of the jail and preach the gospel there. Women are now starting to come to Christ. Please pray for this amazing work inside the jail.

Blessings,
B. and D. A.



EFM's Field Director Dan Cammack was just in Nepal last month, visiting with B. and D. A. and celebrating the passing of the baton of leadership from B. and D. to a local Nepali leader who has been in training for many years. While there, Dan was able to participate in village evangelism and spend the night in one of the villages! Here Dan is sharing about the yoke of Christ with a yoke of oxen right in the background!



From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- For the celebration of B. and D.A.'s retirement from 28 years of missionary service with EFM in Nepal and the handoff of leadership to those they have trained over the years. The celebration and handoff took place in Nepal. Dan Cammack, Mitch Cook, Alan Amavisca, and Nick Ward got to be part of it.
- For the EFM staff retreat that took place in February in Southern California. One item on the agenda was creating the process for onboarding new missionaries. We anticipate doing a lot of that in the next couple of years!
- For the two-day retreat that was held immediately following the EFM staff retreat. Nine people with missionary experience from various parts of the US gathered in Southern California to work on a strategy for helping yearly meetings on other continents move towards becoming missionary-sending bodies. They also talked about how to discern when it would be appropriate to form multicultural missionary teams and began exploring how to help them succeed.

Please Pray...

- For the ongoing discussions on the topic of multicultural missionary teams. (See the third point above under the Praise God section.)
- For Stan Leach and Sung Kim as they meet with leaders of the yearly meeting in Indonesia and then visit the Sward family in Cambodia.
- For D.K. and Choity Sarkar as they travel from Kolkata, India, to the U.S. for three months of deputation.

EFM Five-Year Goal:

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

Praise God...

- For the Luke 10 Exploration Trip to Northern India that was completed. The team that made this trip was made up of Friends from Indiana Yearly Meeting and a couple of Friends leaders from India itself.
- That several teams are working on the second round of Luke 10 Exploration Trips to areas that were visited in 2022. These follow-up trips are important in discerning where the Lord of the harvest is calling EFM to open new fields. To find out more about these activities go [here](#).

Please Pray...

- For the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest fields.
- For the Luke 10 Exploration Trip to NE Brazil that is taking place March 11-21. The trip is being led by Patrick Neifert of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting and Dan Cammack. There are five going from the U.S.
- That at least 15 potential future missionaries get field experience by this year. Pray also that this field experience will help everyone involved discern who should apply to EFM for missionary service.

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 D.K. and Choity Sarkar Serving in India

Praise God...

- For the abundant blessings of KCT which we are receiving now.
- For Luke 10 Exploration Trip which is currently taking place.
- For our health.

Please Pray...

- Our Muslim minister is very sick, he was admitted to the hospital for an operation on his stomach.
- Our Shyamnagar Pastor, Chandan Mondal, is suffering from a stomach problem.

From Gabriel and Suzana Massey Serving in India

Praise God...

- For a good time at the Christian English College Chhatarpur M.P. that we had on February 6. When we had the day of blessing for the class X and XII, we laid our hands on their heads and prayed for them for God's help during the Examination. There were 158 students for class X and 42 students for class XII. After that, we had the candlelight ceremony. Board Examinations started February 13 and will go on until the last week of March.
- On February 9 there was a candlelight and Graduation ceremony at the Nurses Training School of the Christian Hospital, Chhatarpur MP. There were 22 students who completed three months of their first year for candlelight and 24 students who graduated after three years of their training. They were given a diploma and many awards were given to students for their work.

Please Pray...

- For the students who are going to write their Board and Local Examinations at the Christian English College, Chhatarpur M.P. in the month of March.
- For the Lent days meeting at Friends Church Chhatarpur starting which started on Ash Sunday, February 22. Some of these meetings will be each evening in the homes of the believers and also in the church. Refreshments will be provided every day by one of the families. Pray that as the word is preached and special prayers are offered for people to receive Jesus as their personal savior.
- The Nurses Training school at Christian Hospital, Chhatarpur is looking for a bus for their school. Thank God that they have trained more than 500 nurses by this time. Pray for the principal, Mrs. John, and the faculty of the school.

From Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj Serving in Nepal

Praise God...

- For the recently held CHE trainers and families retreat in Pokhara where we had a great time sharing and fellowship in the beautiful surroundings of the Pokhara lakeside. Six of our staff's children also came and enjoyed sightseeing and visits to some waterparks and caves, and boating in the lake. All of us had travel adventures which we had to praise God for but all were safe.
- For the many recipients of the Christmas Catalog funds this year which were used to help families in their lives and help them be strong supporters in their church. Goats, chickens, pigs, and water filters were purchased and distributed evenly to the churches and people from our CHE Trainers communities.
- For helping Arun, our CHE Trainer in Aurahi, to recover from all the wounds and injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident recently. Some of the older and more responsible Musahar children, who are part of his Children CHE ministry, visited him and some even stayed with his wife Babli to pray for them and help them along.

Please Pray...

- For the first annual gathering of the Rautahat CHE committee (RCC) to be held in March where all the CHE committee members, CHEs Pastors, and leaders from all the churches who are using CHE in their church communities will come together to celebrate one year of faithful ministry, and by their participation, share about their experiences, blessings and address problems for the next five years.
- For Narayan and Gowrie who live in Bardia and are struggling with their meat and fish mart business because they have to pay back some "pressure" loans. Fortunately, their children's education will continue uninterrupted with some financial assistance from our CHE ministry. Their Tapara church continues with a few loyal believers, but growth is very slow.
- For Priscilla's mother in Lucknow India as she still is very weak and feeble, and requires the constant presence of a helper. Priscilla is also having a difficult time adjusting to a new job which has taken up more time in her life as she manages both her job and being with her mother.

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

- For Yosapa and Aba's birth of their second son Sam who joins five-year-old James. They prayed for ten years to have a baby before James was born, and another five years for Sam. Thank you, Jesus, for blessing this family! May your favor, goodness and grace rest on them and especially on Sam and James!

Please Pray... (Thailand)

- We are grateful for steady progress as our D4D team leads their groups in JaSoPa and JaTaw. Pray for progress through the Mobilization lessons, and pray especially that they will fully capture the next lesson of having an Appreciative Approach to their communities (Appreciative Inquiry). Pray 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV) *"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you,"* over them.

Praise God... (Bolivia)

- For a productive Discippling for Development trip to Bolivia. The Navigators are seeking to establish D4D in Bolivia, and I am helping them through my Friends connections. We held three, one-day seminars in three cities and are now seeing who is interested in participating in our five-day D4D Foundations seminar later this year.

Please Pray... (Bolivia)

- That God would join us with the right people and ministries that we could mentor and coach over the next five years as they seek to establish disciple-making movements in their churches and communities.

From Abe and Diane Bible
Serving in Ukraine
Praise God...

- We have 19 Centers of Hope operational, on different levels, but operating, and another half a dozen people working on opening a center.
- Every week we get reports of several people being saved through the Centers of Hope. What a delight to see God's kingdom expand!

Please Pray...

- In March and April Abe would like to start a new training round for a new group of people to open Centers of Hope. Pray that the Lord would call people to this ministry—people who have a heart for evangelism and the faith God wants to save people!
- For Diane as she works intensively on a counseling program/approach to heal trauma. You could say there is no one in Ukraine who does not feel traumatized in some way. Right now, she is training in the Immanuel Approach to Emotional Healing which seems well suited to training many people in this "method".
- For the new believers, that they will be nurtured and discipled into the ways of Christ. Pray that their new life in Christ will make them joyful witnesses to their family and friends, bringing many more people into the kingdom.

From Kathi Perry
Serving in Ireland
Praise God...

- The past few months have gone very differently than I could have ever imagined. In November I learned that I needed open heart surgery. I had surgery on January 3 to replace my aortic valve. I am recovering well, and I am so thankful for your prayers on my behalf, the excellent medical care I received here, and for EFM sending over my sisters to help me at home.

Please Pray...

- For my continuing recovery, gaining strength and stamina.
- One of the mums stepped up and kept the baby group going while I was out of commission for a while. I took that up again on February 21.
- I continue to communicate with the Social Work governing body in Ireland so that I can use that training here more formally. I will also try to complete my M.A. in Practical Theology in the next few months (as I decided to defer that when I knew I would be having surgery).

From Tony and Agi Frei
Serving in Hungary
Praise God...

- In the gipsy mission of Ozora, there are some permanent, reliable members. Some of them have made a public testimony of baptism too. We are thankful for them.
- There is a bigger house group in Backi Monostor, Serbia. There is a married couple, Susan and Ivan, and they offered their house some months ago for these occasions.
- In the beginning of February, there was a handcraft occasion in the community house of Budapest. The local leader invited our church for this day. Glory to God, there were 16 people (young and old) who could make handicrafts with the children and could talk with their unbelieving parents. We shared a testimony and also invited them to our church.

Please Pray...

- For Anita (the woman who has nine children) and her family who are our new friends. Once a month, we invite them and organize a house group in their house. Unfortunately, her husband, Christian left the family, so Anita and her children are in a very hard situation.
- For our mission places, that everybody in our mission can get stronger in the faith of God.
- For Hermina, from Tolna. She is a new church member. She is a widow and has some family problems, but her heart is very open to God. Pray that she may come to full faith in God, receive Jesus, and make a public testimony of baptism.