



Evangelical Friends Mission

July 2024 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.

Summer 2024 Update | How can you be involved in what God is doing through EFM?

Exciting progress has been made on our Five-Year Goal to send **10 new missionary households from North America to launch 5 new fields by 2025!** Last November, the Luke 10 National Think Tank approved six new fields. They are:

Mexico | Ecuador | NE Brazil | Greece | South Sudan | Gulf States



Click the link [here](#) to watch our Summer 2024 Five-Year Goal Update video and discover how you can get involved. Share it during a Sunday service or with anyone considering missionary service.

WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?

During the next two years we expect to launch at least 6 new fields. To accomplish this, we will focus on three goals:

1. Lay a strong foundation of prayer – locally, regionally and nationally.
2. Send missionaries to launch each new field.
3. Establish a disciple-making ministry presence in each field.

In 2024, our benchmarks include:

- Regions establish Field Prayer Team/s who meet regularly in the U.S. to pray for each field. (March)
"Lord Jesus, please raise up prayer teams from around the world who would faithfully pray for these new fields."
- EFM post Help Wanted Signs for short- and long-term missionary households for each field. (May)
"...the workers are few, so Lord Jesus, please cast our more workers into your fields."
- Regions send 10:2 Prayer Trip/s to each field to pray for the soil and for workers. (Nov)
- Regions commission Field Study Group to complete Pre-Launch Planning Reports for each field. (Nov)
- Field Study Groups initiate conversations about missions-sending plans with any potential partnerships. (Nov)
 - Multinational partnerships with international sending yearly meetings.
 - Formal or informal partnerships with organizations with whom we may collaborate within the launching field.
 - Inter-regional/yearly meeting collaboration within EFC-NA is encouraged to build capacity in the EFM family of churches.

Regional Strategic Considerations:

- ✓ *Missions ambassadors communicate a call for prayer teams and workers with every local church.*
- ✓ *At least 3-4 potential missionary households have visited each field. (1-2 weeks or 2-12 months)*
- ✓ *At least double the number of people directly engaged with pre-field development (praying, planning, giving, visiting) this year.*

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN EFM MISSIONARY?

We are actively seeking families and individuals who feel called to serve overseas. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring missionary work with EFM, click the link [here](#) to discover opportunities and start your journey.

From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- For the opportunity to be part of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's annual sessions and the celebration of 75 years for Quaker Ridge Camp and Conference Center.
- For a little bit of a slower pace in the month of June for some of our staff. We appreciate the opportunities God gives for Sabbath-type rest.
- For relationships we get to enjoy with brothers and sisters around the world even when we are not with them in person. We are grateful for the kind of technology that helps us keep in touch with one another.

Please Pray...

- For the annual gatherings that will be happening during July in regions/yearly meetings that support EFM. Here they are in the order that they take place: Alaska Yearly Meeting (July 10-14), EFC-Eastern Region (July 11-13), Northwest Yearly Meeting (July 21-14), EFC-MidAmerica Yearly Meeting (July 26-28), Indiana Yearly Meeting (July 25-27), and Iowa Yearly Meeting (July 25-28).
- For EFM staff and missionaries who will participate in some of the above gatherings.

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 completion of the Luke 10 Pre-Launch Planning Trip to Mexico. We look forward to hearing from the team that went with their recommendations about when and where to open a new field in the central part of Mexico.
- For the completion of the second Luke 10 Exploration Trip to Eastern Europe. We look forward to hearing whether the team that visited Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina see this as an opportunity the Lord would have us pursue in the opening of new fields.

Please Pray...

- For the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest fields.
- For those who have been participating in EFM's Future Missionary activities (retreats, trips, online cohort, etc.) as they and those who know them well discern the Lord's will for their lives.
- For the Luke 10 Trip taking place in Africa this month. We have eight people from the U.S., Mexico, and Rwanda who were in Tanzania from June 23-29 and then South Sudan from June 29-July 8. The Tanzania portion was to spend time with the "missions boot camp" director and visit some of the places where former students are serving among the unreached. The South Sudan portion is a Luke 10 Pre-Launch Planning Trip as we consider logistics for deploying missionaries from the U.S. and Rwanda to South Sudan.

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. Prayer points and the link for the gathering will be sent a few days before the event. If you would like to participate in this gathering, you can sign up for it at <https://friendsmission.com/five-year-goal-pray/>.

From D.K. and Choity Sarkar

Serving in India

Praise God...

- For the operation on D.K.'s left eye.
- That two Hindu people accepted Christ as their Lord and savior. They made a public testimony of baptism on June 2 in Kolkata.
- For a new church has been started in Hooghly district by Pastor Tapan Nandi.

Please Pray...

- For the new church and the six people who made a public testimony of baptism there on June 16.
- We had our Annual General Meeting on June 21 and 22.
- We will go to Siliguri for a seminar with Bhutanese believers.

From Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj

Serving in Nepal

Praise God...

- Our staff meeting was held physically in Chitwan on June 12 (for two days) after almost six months due to our being away on deputation. Although we met online through Zoom in the preceding months, seeing our friends face to face and sharing and worshiping together was a joy.
- For the Annual plans of the CLCs in Rautahat and Chitwan which were approved for the current Nepali year, and accordingly will be acted upon. For the 15 new tuition classes started in Cha'pur and surrounding places for school drop-out kids and for the hand pump installed in Mahida with Ashok and the Mahida church helping in setting it up.
- For CHE trainer Arun as he received compensation from the government for all the expenses in his medical treatment following the road traffic accident a year ago. He has recovered almost 90% function of his right upper limb, and together with his wife Babli, and his daughter Ashnet, they are also involved in reaching out to the few fellowships that they have helped to start and also have tuition classes for many of the Musahar children (Dalits) living in their community who were not enrolled in the government school. Many of the children CHEs are helping to lead their parent(s) to their fellowship in Aurahi and some other places.

Please Pray...

- For the efforts to get the CLC registered as an NGO in Chitwan with Nepal and the local government. Officials have a very discouraging attitude in registering the group and bring up many unnecessary objections to discourage the Chitwan CLC committee. Please pray for Gokarna and for Pastor Pushpa and their friends in the committee as they persist in their efforts.
- For the many people who heard the Jesus story through the screening of the Jesus film and also some other Christian stories in two communities in Bardia and Aurahi. A few came forward wanting to know more and are being followed up. Pray for the small fellowship in Philip's house in Bangsgadhi led by Karn.
- For keeping all our CHE staff and their families including small children, safe in this extremely hot climate this year. As our trainers travel to places to conduct CHE training sessions, many people attending have been blessed, but many stay away, fearing the intense and sizzling heat (almost 109 to 111 degrees Fahrenheit!) fearing heat strokes during the day.

From Tony and Agi Frei

Serving in Hungary

Praise God...

- The young, African couple's wedding was very blessed in Budapest. They invited many friends, and we spent some hours together. We celebrated the new married couple. Glory to God for them.
- We were in Rimaszombat (Slovakia) for a conference. We got to know a new family, maybe it will be our next mission place.
- In Serbia, we have a very good house group with some baptized brothers and sisters. I think this mission place growing stronger in the Lord's grace.

Please Pray...

- For the new mission place of Slovakia, that God would open a door if he wants it.
- For the Serbian mission place, that more people will receive Jesus Christ.
- For the next young couple, who had a church wedding on the last weekend in June in Tolna. They invited unbelieving family members and friends too. Pray that it will be a good testimony for the guests about God's love.