



# Evangelical Friends Mission

## August 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.

### Molly Morton | Serving in Ireland

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of preaching through the end of Ephesians 3, where Paul speaks about the power of the Holy Spirit that is hard to tangibly grasp. Paul ends the chapter like this:

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!”* Ephesians 3:21

I am continually surprised with how, who, and where I am able to serve here in Ireland. The ways I get to be involved in our church community and the wider Greystones area are immeasurably more than I could ask or imagine. The ways I imagined I would serve and live in Ireland a dozen years ago are vastly and widely different from the ways God has allowed me to serve in Greystones. I am happy that God chose instead of me.



One of the surprising ways I have been able to serve our church community is through being a holiday helper with Peace Haven Trust. Peace Haven is a local Greystones charitable organization that provides residential accommodation and support for adults with intellectual disabilities. Some of you might remember that I was privileged and blessed to accompany Peace Haven as a holiday helper to Florida last summer. Last week, I got the opportunity to take Marion on her holiday “down the country” to Killarney in the Ring of Kerry, just the two of us.

Marion is quite possibly the most extroverted and joyful person I have ever met. She loves children, dogs, music, and shopping. She will stop in the street to say hello to children and dogs alike. She loves dancing to her favorite music and will not allow her arthritic leg to keep her from doing so. I am very introverted and found it challenging how much Marion does not care what other people think of her. However, I am learning from Marion about how important it is to share yourself openly and honestly and without fear. Marion’s joy disarms everyone around her. I have a lot to learn from my dear friend Marion.

Marion is 75 years old so she is the same age my mom would be. My mom’s birthday was last week. She was on my mind quite a bit in Killarney. Marion and I talked about our moms while we were away. We acknowledged that it is sad that they aren’t physically here with us but it’s helpful knowing they are with the Father instead. Being able to care for and support Marion during the week of my mom’s birthday was immeasurably more than I could ask or imagine. My time with Marion was a balm over what is usually a very sad week.

I am so grateful for the ways each one of you prays and financially supports my ministry in Ireland. It is immeasurably more than I could ever ask for or imagine.

Blessings,  
Molly



## From the EFM Office

### *Praise God...*

- That David and Tricia Howell are fully funded and on their way back to Ireland.
- For what he did in each of the regions/yearly meetings that had their annual sessions during the month of July. A passion for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ was evident in these gatherings.

### *Please Pray...*

- For Edwin and Maria Giron as they move towards serving full-time with EFM once again. This means doing a lot of work to raise financial and prayer support to the full-time level. They will continue to serve as Missions Mobilizers for Hispanic Friends in the U.S. and Latin America.
- For Edwin, Maria, and Dan Cammack as they spend some time in August in Guatemala building relationships with the large Evangelical Friends yearly meeting in that country. The hope is to hold a missions sending-learning conference in Guatemala in 2025 for Hispanic Friends leaders from all the yearly meetings in Latin America.

## EFM Five-Year Goal:

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

### *Praise God...*

- That Northwest Yearly Meeting is recommending to EFM that a new mission field be opened in the Balkan States of Eastern Europe.
- For the many ways in which the regions/yearly meetings of evangelically minded Friends in the United States are showing support for EFM's Five-Year Goal (see above) and the various activities of the Luke 10 Initiative that help us to reach that goal.

### *Please Pray...*

- For the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest fields.
- For those who are working on recommendations for the EFM Board regarding multi-national missionary teams.
- That the enthusiastic support for EFM's Five-Year Goal and the Luke 10 Initiative will lead to doing more and more of the same kind of activities in our own neighborhoods and nation.

**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...*

- We had a very good training program at Siliguri with eleven pastors and church leaders of Bhutan. We felt the Holy Spirit's presence in the program.
- We could start two new churches in Habibpur, Malda, and Dhanekhali, Hooghly. In Dhane, five people accepted Jesus and made a public testimony of baptism.
- We had a very good Annual General Meeting on June 21 and 22. Our health is good. We are doing well.

#### *Please Pray...*

- In Khonta Friends Church, the members are building their new church building.
- Our office staff Arpita is pregnant. She is on leave now.
- An elderly lady, Mrs. Surangini Halder, is waiting for his call to heaven. She has been on bed rest for four years.

## From A. and M. A.

### **Serving in Bangladesh**

#### *Praise God...*

- That we have done our Lay Leadership Training with 40 new lay leaders from June 25-28. They are motivated, and some of their testimonies are amazing. Many of them are suffering believers.
- That we have been able to start our training center guest house in June.
- That all our church members are safe from the cyclone. Some of our believers lost their belongings, but it is nothing compared to others.

#### *Please Pray...*

- For Sofia Corey, an American girl from Los Angeles, who visited us from July 9-22. Pray that she had a meaningful time in Bangladesh.
- Our Youth Camp will take place from August 7 to 9. Our dream is to develop the younger generation to lead their local church and take on future leadership.
- For the quick completion of our guest house. June and July are generally monsoon times in our country. Pray that the workers can give their best to build this guest house. Pray that the Lord provides all the necessary supplies to complete this task.