



Evangelical Friends Mission November 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.

D.K. and Choity Sarkar | EFM India

This is D.K. and Choity Sarkar from Kolkata, India. I would like to introduce you to one of my co-workers, who is very young and active in our ministry. His name is Pastor Chandan Mondal. He has been working with EFM Kolkata since 2017. He lives in Shyamnagar. He started a small house church there. Within a couple of years, his church grew very well. He worked among the young people of that area. He started a Bible school and an online prayer fellowship that meets in the early morning.

Now, his online prayer meeting is very popular, and he also has a Facebook Live. He has more than four thousand followers. He built up eight lay leaders, and with their help, he could start four new churches in different areas. He has a wife, a daughter, and a son. His daughter is now in the teacher's training school. She is a very good worship leader.

May God Bless his ministry!



Left: Chandan's Family



Middle: Shyamnagar Friends Church



Right: Special Prayer Time for Healing



Left: Public Testimony of Baptism



Middle: Uttar Hashia Friends Church



Right: Shyamnagar Coaching Center

From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- For the strength and wisdom he gives us each day as we strive to serve our missionaries, national partners in other areas of the world, and the regions/yearly meetings in the U.S. who have entrusted us with this work.
- For the fruitful time Dan Cammack had in India and Nepal. Eric Dale from Indiana Yearly Meeting was with him in India and Mathew Bradbury from Evangelical Friends Church - Eastern Region was with him in Nepal. It was a blessing to do ministry together!
- For the ways in which our ministry partners in other parts of the world are growing in their dependence on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There are plenty of challenges that are helping them grow!

Please Pray...

- For the EFM Board as it meets at Friends Community Church - Brea, California, on November 7 and 8. There will also be an Igniting the Hope banquet at Rose Drive Friends Church on the evening of the 7th.
- For our North American missionaries who may miss friends and family during holidays like Thanksgiving. Pray that they will find many things to be grateful for right where they live.
- For one of our teachers who is close to the conflicts going on in the Middle East. Pray not only for safety but also for wisdom on how to be a witness for the Prince of Peace.

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 people within the regions/yearly meetings of evangelically minded Friends in the United States who are helping to promote EFM's Five-Year Goal in their regions and who are also helping to implement the various pieces of the Luke 10 Initiative that give us concrete steps towards reaching the goal.
- For those who are faithfully praying to the Lord to cast out workers into areas of the world where there is a harvest to be gathered.

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 Southern California on Wednesday, November 6. Leaders of the evangelically minded Friends regions/yearly meetings in the United States will gather in person for the Think Tank along with EFM staff, future missionaries, newly approved missionaries, and others who want to experience this kind of discernment and decision-making process. There is the potential of adding one more new field to the six that have already been approved.
- For those who have returned from recent Luke 10 trips to SE Asia (an exploration trip), the Shuar of Ecuador (a prayer trip), and the Persian Gulf States (a prayer trip), that the Lord would guide them as they share their experiences with others and contribute to the discernment process regarding ministry in these places.
- For those who are in the discernment process regarding missionary service with EFM.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Join us on the 3rd Thursday of THIS 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 Edwin and Maria Giron

Serving as the Missions Mobilizers for Hispanic Friends

Praise God...

- For the beautiful Hispanic Friends Churches of North America Conference that took place in Coahuila, Mexico. It was a beautiful time to recharge our hearts and spirits, and we had a blessed time enjoying friends we love so much. We are also grateful for another opportunity to inject awareness of the need that still exists to reach the unreached with the Gospel.
- Two days before the Hispanic conference, we were given the opportunity to hold a mini-missions conference to invite churches in the area. We give glory to God because we saw young people interested in knowing more about how to get involved in the missionary movement.
- I, Maria, am very grateful to God for such beautiful opportunities to have participated in two women's retreats, RMYM and SHINE NWYM. These retreats were encouraging times of sharing with beautiful women. I felt very spoiled, accepted, and loved. God shows me his love through the support of others.

Please Pray...

- As you read this letter, we are finishing a Luke 10:2 Prayer Trip to Ecuador in the Shuar people territory. Please pray that God guides us to mobilize brave people who are willing to obey the call to go to this mission field in the Ecuadorian Amazon.
- We are working with the Guatemala Yearly Meeting to plan the EFM Missions Sending Learning Conference in August 2025. Please pray that the movement of God will be felt even in the midst of logistics and preparations and in the hearts of all those who will be involved in the planning. May we have a sense of unity and love among us and the leaders of Guatemala.
- For our family, as we have been presented with some challenges that we are dealing with. May God protect us against the evil works of the enemy, and may God give us wisdom and grace as we trust and let him take control to solve the situation.

From Abe and Diane Bible

Serving in Ukraine

Praise God...

- Diane led two training seminars on healing trauma this summer, and many testimonies are coming in about how God is using that in the lives of people. Praise the Lord!
- In September, Abe kicked off another season of training people in evangelism and church planting. There are two levels of training, and Abe has now combined them to be held at the same time, but it is still addressing the need for training on different levels. Frees him up from extra travel!
- Abe is now teaching a course on Financial Freedom at a seminary that had to move from the destruction in the east to Kyiv. Their students are all refugees. A new opportunity for ministry!

Please Pray...

- Diane will be teaching another seminar on healing trauma November 8 and 9. Pray for good attendance of those involved already in ministering to soldiers, widows, orphans, and refugees. Pray for her physical strength, as she will also travel to Kyiv a few days ahead of this seminar for some follow-up teaching with those who came in the summertime.
- For Abe, as he works with the people who are running or planning on starting Centers of Hope. Every situation is different, and people often need help in contextualizing into their own situation. Pray that he would be sensitive to their various needs and attuned to the Holy Spirit as he counsels and teaches.
- Things are very uncertain in Ukraine. It is hard for people not to give in to worry and anxiety. The war drags on, and daily, more lives are lost, and more destruction takes place. Two and a half years begins to feel endless for people. And yet—God is our Redeemer. Pray that he will do his work of redemption in thousands, even millions, of lives in the midst of death, despair, and trauma.

From D.K. and Choity Sarkar

Serving in India

Praise God...

- Our Annual Camp (October 9-11) was held successfully. Altogether, 120 participants, including children, attended the camp. It was held in Kolkata, and people came from far away and returned safely. Praise the Lord.
- A few people committed their lives to Jesus. When they go back, they will make a public testimony of baptism in their respective places.
- Participants from the red-light area did a good job in the Annual camp. Miss Priya Mishra and Choity Sarkar did good in that area. Praise the Lord.

Please Pray...

- Our Khonta Friends Church has almost completed its building. Please pray they can complete it before Christmas.
- Pastor Prafulla Hembram had an operation on his back. Please pray for his recovery.
- For my granddaughter, Rachel, is recovering from sickness. She also will have an exam very soon.