



Evangelical Friends Mission

December 2025 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.

What a great opportunity in this important month of 2025, the month in which we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, to share with you an account of what God has allowed us to accomplish and the advances of our Missions Mobilization Ministry.

In 2020, when we began this EFM Missions Mobilization Ministry for Hispanic Friends, we never imagined how far God would allow us to develop this task.



Praise the Lord for the second Future Missionary Retreat in Mexico, where we had 31 attendees, including four young people who traveled from Bolivia! We are so happy because, since the first retreat, we have had young people interested in exploring the call to missions, and some of them have since begun training at the Friends Theological Institute in Mexico City. These young people are praying earnestly that God will guide them to the places

where they will be sent. Another fruit of these retreats was the calling of José Olivas, who has been serving as a missionary for a year now among the Shuar people of Ecuador. Another fruit of these retreats is the Moscosa family (Pedro, Sandy, and their two little daughters), who will be sent in January to start a new church in the state of Jalisco through the VM32 project. We hope to witness and be involved in the process of sending many more.



Let us praise the Lord together for the EFM Latin America Sending Learning Conference held in Guatemala in August. We felt privileged to have been part of the planning team for such an important

event. It was truly beautiful to see representatives from 11 countries, including several superintendents and influential leaders of the Friends of Latin America, all gathered in a shared sense of unity, fellowship, respect, and mutual learning. As a result of this conference, several Yearly Meetings have expressed interest in having us share about EFM and missions and in encouraging their leaders and youth to be more active in sending, participating in support, and even going. We have

already scheduled several trips in 2026 to some of these Yearly Meetings. Also as a result of the conference, a young, single lady pastor from Guatemala was challenged to join us on the Luke



10 prayer trip to Ecuador. There, she felt God's prompting to pray for her to explore the possibility of going as a missionary. Although she won't be sent at this time, this young lady pastor is influential at her Annual Meeting, and we know God will use her to inspire and mobilize others. Glory to God!

The recent Luke 10 Prayer Trip to Ecuador was valuable and purposeful. The main intention was to have very intentional times of prayer with national leaders and in places where God allowed us to go this time. We are grateful that we were able to visit and have ministry experiences in Shuar communities. On this trip, God allowed us to meet and strengthen relationships with key people whom we believe he has allowed us to meet in order to have alliances and national coverage that will serve our EFM missionaries who will be sent to this field in the near future. Thank you so much to all of you who were involved in this trip with your prayers from home.

2025 was fast-paced, very busy, and very intense for us, but very fruitful for the honor and glory of him alone! In the midst of raising our funds, all the events, trips, and experiences have been worthwhile because we see that the kingdom of God is being impacted. God willing, we will continue to strive and be obedient in this mobilization effort to see many more workers sent to the fields where the harvest is ready. *"And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?"* Romans 10:15 (NLT)



In Obedience to him,
Edwin and Maria Giron

Please pray:

- That we will soon reach 100% of our fundraising goal.
- That God will keep us encouraged, strong, and healthy so we can continue developing this mobilization ministry effectively and see even more fruit.
- For our upcoming trips in 2026 to various Latin American countries to continue providing training, mobilization, and mentoring support to Yearly Meetings and churches where God is opening doors for us. That together we may send many more people.

From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- For the EFM Board meetings and the Igniting the Hope Banquet that were held in Canton, Ohio, in early November. One highlight of the banquet was commissioning the Liddell family for missionary service in Croatia.
- For growing prayer and financial support for EFM over the last several years.

Please Pray...

- That EFM will end 2025 in good financial shape.
- That the EFM staff will enjoy ample time with family and friends during the holiday season.
- For those missionaries who will be far from family and friends during the Christmas holidays. For some, it will be an extra busy season of ministry due to many opportunities for evangelism.

The EFM Goal:

To send teams of missionaries to at least 7 new fields.

Praise God...

- For the safe return of two Luke 10 teams in November: The Pre-Launch trip to the Balkans and the Prayer Trip to Greece.
- For many Friends across the United States who are actively discerning how the Lord would have them participate in the launching of seven new fields.

Please Pray...

- For the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest fields.
- That the Lord would add members to the Balkans team as the Liddell family moves to Croatia in early 2026.
- For Cassi Coleman and Thomas Moore as they prepare to be interns with North County Project in Orange County in 2026. Ivan Penrose will continue his internship there during the first half of the year.
- For Nicodeme Basebya as he nears the end of his time in South Sudan preparing to help launch that new field. He and his family have been chosen as EFC-Rwanda's first missionary household.
- That Jose Olivas will be able to return as soon as possible to Ecuador. He is the first missionary sent by Evangelical Friends in Mexico and the Lord has been opening doors for him to do ministry among the Shuar.

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 Abe and Diane Bible

Serving in Ukraine

Praise God...

- The November evangelism and church building workshop was well attended. Six people were saved and 97 were recorded as being born again in October. A number of

baptisms are taking place this month.

- Having a fresh presentation of evangelism and discipleship seems to have renewed people's vision to reach out. Sometimes our tools need sharpened!
- God protected our house while we were gone for a few days. When we returned there were flames shooting out of the furnace up along the kitchen cupboard. Praise the Lord nothing was burned, let alone a more massive devastation.

Please Pray...

- For the Center of Hope leaders as they look to train people to reach out with the Gospel and teach them how to use their gifts to minister. These are 'baby' churches.
- For the millions of hurting people in Ukraine as the war drags on. We need thousands of believers to go out actively sharing of the Hope of Christ. Pray that their hearts would burn within them.
- For us in December to find rest. The ministry has a lot of "under the surface" demands that are ongoing—and can be very draining. The Lord has everything we need! May God grant us his ongoing grace.

From Kathi Perry

Serving in Ireland

Praise God...

- In November we started a new Grief Café (called Sólás). I have wonderful volunteers assisting - and I am so thankful for their commitment and desire to serve the community.
- I was able to visit California for two weeks, to celebrate my niece's wedding, and spend time with family.
- In September I began a new Bible Study in my home for women who have gone back to work and cannot attend the Friday morning study.

Please Pray...

- That our new endeavor - Sólás Café - would be a place of comfort and hope for those in our community who have experienced loss.
- That the evening Bible Study would become an encouraging and habitual part of the week for the women, and that they would not be hindered from attending.
- For upcoming services and studies as we approach Advent and Christmas. Pray that we can speak hope into the lives of those we meet.

Samson & Priscilla Retnaraj

Serving in Nepal

Praise God...

- For the film-show ministry in the villages of Bardia and the surrounding areas of Cha'pur, which continues to draw enthusiasm from those who attend. Many adults have come forward with questions and interest. In Cha'pur, where Pastor Raju and his team assisted with the film showing, a number of people attended the following Saturday worship service, resulting in several being added to his church and to other nearby congregations.
- For the new house fellowship in Dumaria, begun by Ram Prakash Majhi together with several believers from Khoriya Tole, Rautahat. We give thanks for the church in Mahida and its leader, Ashok, and the growing fellowship in Jugoliya

under the leadership of Kaldhar Rai.

- For the remarkable recovery of Dal Bahadur Parihar, who became quadriplegic after a fall from a roof last year. He has regained significant strength in his upper limbs and in one lower limb. We were blessed to present him with a walker to help him move about more freely.
- I (Samson) was able to fly to Simikot in Humla District of Far West Nepal, in extreme cold weather and stayed in a small village community without electricity or internet service. But the outcome was an amazing time ministering to needs of the people in open air meetings. We met about 70 believers from Mugu, Kalikot, Jumla and Dolpa Far West district churches. I was also able to make contact with a few of the village church leaders who had attended our SBD training in Surkhet a few years ago with help from Global Disciples Trainers from the US, and now they have success stories of how God was faithful even though they struggled in the initial months and years. Two of them (Man and Nar Bahadur) from Jumla have apple orchards and are self supported leaders of their small church.

Please Pray...

- For the fellowship in Tapara, Bardia, led by Narayan and his wife, Saru. Over the past few months a few new individuals have begun attending, including Ravi, who runs a Mo-mo stall, along with his two brothers and sisters. Also pray for a Magar aunty who was abandoned by her husband and has now joined the fellowship. Pray each of them will grow in faith, find encouragement, and experience God's care through the church community.
- For the new fellowship in Lakhauri near Aurahi, where Ramesh Mahara and Kamles faithfully lead regular church services and house fellowship meetings with prayer and dedication. Pray also for Arun and his wife Babli from Aurahi, who regularly encourage this group by visiting and sharing God's Word with the men and women of the fellowship. May their ministry strengthen and nurture this growing community.
- For Sushant, the son of Suleman and Asha, who passed the entrance exam for admission into the Bachelor in Computer Applications (BCA) program in Birganj, beginning on December 1. This is a four-year course, and during his studies he will also be involved in the church ministries in Birganj and Cha'pur. Pray that God will provide the necessary funds for his tuition and expenses.

From Matthew Chesnes
EFC-ER Regional Coordinator

Praise God...

- Sam and Sherly are starting the paperwork to partner with EFM. Their focus will be Business as Mission (BAM) in the Persian Gulf States.
- The partner church in the Persian Gulf States has requested we present them with a partnership proposal. The partnership will focus on preparing men and women to plant disciple making communities when they return to their homeland.
- There are two churches that have already provided financial support for the Persian Gulf States. One church has committed to giving monthly.

Please Pray...

- For Sam and Sherly as they begin their work on the process of becoming EFM partners. They are also applying for citizenship in the US so they may obtain a US passport.
- For a partnership with the church in the Persian Gulf States is established. And, for workers to be discovered, developed, and then deployed.
- For wisdom on how to partner with our Nepali brothers and sisters in the Persian Gulf States. The Yearly Meeting in Nepal wants to send workers to the field in the Persian Gulf States.



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