



Evangelical Friends Mission

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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.

The Howell Family | Serving in Ireland

"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ"

Colossians 2:2

I was reading through the epistles last week in my devotional time. As I read, I tried to process them through the eyes of the author who penned them. A man, walking in his calling from God, with a deep passion and desire for the people to experience the freedom that can only come through Christ. Serving in obedience and love, you can hear the cry of his heart reverberating throughout the pages.



As I came to Colossians 2:2, I was struck with this imagery of my hand holding his like a child holding his father's hand as he wrote. My goal, my purpose, my very reason for being here is to facilitate our friends to experience the fullness of Christ's love and freedom through salvation.

A friend of ours, who we will call Cormac, was struggling with serious life issues. He shared that he felt like he was in a small ship, lost at sea, and taking on water. He knew that it was only a matter of time before he sank and was no more. He was in a hopeless situation. But then these words of Paul came to life. He told me that in the midst of this storm, he remembered the conversations that we had in the past. He remembered that when we separated, he went away encouraged. He went away with a new perspective. As one who didn't believe what I did, he went away with another piece of the puzzle that was missing. He told me that at that moment in the current situation, he knew what he needed to do. He knew who he needed to talk to. We were the lighthouse, shining brightly in the dark, bringing him home. For hours we talked about faith, hope, and love. The mystery of God became clear, and he knew he was loved. He found hope.

Thank you for your prayers for not only EFM-Ireland, but to all the EFM workers both domestic and internationally.



Praise God...

- For the lives of our friends who have been greatly impacted with the good news of Jesus Christ. And for the fruit that it is producing.
- For the opportunity to be invited in to walk alongside some of the most marginalized people groups and share the good news of Jesus.
- For the thrill of waking up and knowing that today God is going to do something that I couldn't have imagined.

Please Pray...

- For Moriah who has a very serious surgery coming up to remove a tumor on the upper arm. This surgery has the potential to sever the nerve and leave her with no feeling in her arm for the rest of her life.
- For Tricia's health to continue to improve. We are continuing to work with the doctors to find the right balance of medication to get her on a consistent even keel.
- For some very exciting new ministry opportunities.

From the EFM Office

Praise God...

- Several Yearly Meetings were celebrated over the last month. All reported that God was at work in their midst – great unity, deep commitment to common projects, shared vision.
- God continues to provide for his work around the world, including an inspiring Missions Brunch in Mid-America Yearly Meeting in support of the emerging field in South Sudan.

Please Pray...

- We have reorganized many of the tasks and responsibilities on our staff. Pray for the ability to quickly grasp new tasks and responsibilities.
- We have enjoyed great unity. Pray that the Lord will continue to bring unity to our staff.
- Jessica Avery has joined the EFM staff as the Ministry Finance Coordinator. Please pray for a great transition for her and the many new tasks she is learning.

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

Praise God...

- A growing pool of potential workers, seeking next steps for missionary service.
- Summer prayer trips to Greece and Brazil have enjoyed deeply meaning moments of prayer and examples of God at work as they have “cultivated” the spiritual soil of these future fields.
- God has given us a great privilege to join him in his desire to show the world his relentless love. We are grateful.

Please Pray...

- Vivian Titus as she begins teaching at Verunga Valley Academy in Rwanda. Pray that she would start strong with her students, make new friends and generally settle into her new life
- Luke and Ximena Macy, and baby Asaf, leave for a three-month internship among the Shuar people in Ecuador. Pray for health, new relationships and effective (and joyful) ministry.
- Continue to pray for new workers for the harvest.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10-11 AM PST for our Luke 10:2 Gathering via Zoom. If you would like to participate in this gathering, sign up at <https://friendsmission.com/pray>.

From Amen Thapa

EFC-Nepal

Praise God...

- For 23 new believers who took a public testimony of water baptism in Kathmandu and Chitwan.
- For new leadership in Dhulikhel Friends Church and Pokhara Friends Church. Prashant has made commitment and began to help our Pokhara Friends Church to grow, he was one of our Bible College graduates.
- For Our Bible college students' and staff retreat at Dhulikhel Village Resort, taking a break from hectic class studies and we had devotion, mountain prayer, swimming and enjoyed varieties of food.

Please Pray...

- For Pastor Hareram BK from Tintale Friends Church, he is now admitted in the Hospital, Pray his health stabilization. He is heart patient.
- For Pastors and leaders as they have been planning to begin small development business which can sustain their ministry in their respective places. Provision of micro finances and seed funds to start.
- For peace, political stability, good governance, and economic progress in Nepal, and that God may grant wisdom to the leadership of the country.

Brad and Chelsea Carpenter

Serving in Central Africa

Praise God...

- We are so thankful for a successful surgery for Brad to address his bad acid reflux issues. He has had quite a bit of improvement since the surgery.
- The gift of being with family in the US for two months in July for some special family events, and for a safe return to Rwanda.
- For wonderful testimonies of transformation in the lives of the couples the D for D teams have been mentoring.

Please Pray...

- For Brad's continued healing and ability to start living life more normally.
- For EFC-R (Evangelical Friends Church - Rwanda) as they continue forward with the mission in South Sudan - for God's blessing on the missionaries and the church leaders who sent them.
- For the D for D groups in Rwanda, Burundi, and DRC, that they will follow God's leading in the next aspects of whole-life discipleship in their groups.

From Scott and Andrea Sward

EFM Great Commission Mobilizers

Praise God...

- God has provided a house for us not far from Little Arabia in Anaheim, California.
- For a growing passion for missions among churches in FSW.

Please Pray...

- For God's direction as we build relationships and begin a new ministry among Arab and Afghan refugees.
- For motivation, stamina and connection with native speakers as we begin learning a new language--Dari (Afghan Persian).
- For God to raise up a new generation of laborers for God's global harvest.

From Kathi Perry

Serving in Ireland

Praise God...

- Thankful for the opportunity to connect with friends and supporters in the U.S. as I travel this summer.
- Thankful for the prayers and financial support of so many.
- Thankful for time with family.

Please Pray...

- Please continue to pray for the financial and prayer support I need so that I can return to Ireland in September as planned.
- For plans for Fall, as I hope to begin using Grief Share in our community.
- For continued safety as I travel, and for good health as I manage a demanding schedule.

From Nicodeme Basebya

Serving in South Sudan through EFC-Rwanda

Praise God...

- Annonciatha, my wife and I praise the Lord for his call to serve him as missionaries in South Sudan.
- For his grace and protection upon our lives from the first day we arrived in South Sudan on June 29, 2026.

Please Pray...

- For a successful integration in South Sudanese's community.
- That God provides us persons of peace who will help us learn this new culture and language.
- For good health of ours and our kids left by themselves in Rwanda.

From Edwin and Maria Giron
EFM Mobilizers to Hispanic Friends

Praise God...

- We had the opportunity to attend the MAYM annual sessions conference, and it was a very edifying time. We participated in several business meetings and the EFM banquet. The Lord shows us his love through the gestures and expressions of love and support from MAYM leaders.
- Edwin was invited to be the keynote speaker at the National Annual Meeting for pastors and leaders in Honduras. He had the opportunity to lead five workshops on missions and preach at one of the services. We praise the Lord because Edwin felt empowered by the Holy Spirit, and the listeners were impacted, challenged, and confronted.
- We are grateful for good health, and for the days we get to spend at home resting and recovering from each trip. We are grateful for all of you who take the time to pray for us; we are living out the answers to your prayers.

Please Pray...

- The month has arrived for "The Experience"—The Future Missionary Retreat for Latin American in Ecuador. Participants will be joining us from the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Bolivia. Please pray that this 10-day retreat has a profound impact on the lives of these young people as they explore their calling. May this experience be a decisive moment for them to answer the Lord, saying, "Here I am; send me."
- The retreat aims to immerse participants in the themes of obeying the call to the mission field, while also providing firsthand experience through visits to Shuar communities. Pray that we each reflect the love and grace of Jesus to all the Shuar people we meet and interact with.
- Pray for our safety, health, and good spirits throughout the event. Pray for the guest speakers who will share their experiences with the young participants. Pray that God is honored in everything that takes place.

From Molly Morton
Serving in Ireland

Praise God...

- I was able to get away to Glenstal Abbey for a short break two weeks ago. I'm grateful for the time to get away and rest.
- I'm grateful for the friendship of two Irish women whom I've been steadily growing closer to. These types of friendships are what I knew I would long for the most and miss from California. Thank you to God for providing such funny, faithful, and strong women in my life here in Greystones.
- I've had an opportunity to preach a few times in the last few months. It has been a really rewarding and challenging experience. I'm thankful for the ways my team here support me in doing this. I'm thankful for the ways I have been able to meet and connect with God during these sermon prep times.

Please Pray...

- We are running our annual Craft and Cookery Camp the week of August 10, please pray for organization, patience, good rest for leaders and children, clear love of Christ shared and fun to be had by all.
- Please continue to pray for our church building development. We are looking forward to breaking ground towards the end of 2026 or the beginning of 2027. There are a lot of logistics involved in that, especially not being able to use the building for 18 months. Please pray for favor in all of this and good organization.

From Jose Olivas
Serving Among the Shuar in Ecuador

Praise God...

- I thank God because, during this time, I have seen his powerful hand upon my life; I underwent general medical check-ups and a stomach bacterium was detected in time, and I have been taking medication to eliminate it. God is good all the time.
- That we were able to distribute 250 Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes, and through them, I was able to share the gospel in Shuar communities.
- I thank God for allowing me to process my driver's license after navigating the various procedures, and now I pray that God grants me the necessary funds to obtain a suitable vehicle to help me get around the Shuar communities in the jungle.

Please Pray...

- For my health and a speedy recovery from a bacterial stomach infection.
- For more workers willing to serve the Lord among the Shuar people.

From Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj
Serving in Nepal

Praise God...

- For the timely monsoon rains this year as our rural farmer communities initiate and complete their rice crop sowing process and are busy with taking care of what little they have so that the harvest will provide for their yearlong food grain needs. Small business training and loans have helped to support many to get better results in their efforts.
- For the almost 400 children enrolled in our 14 tuition centers from Chitwan, Cha'pur and Aurahi in this calendar year so far. These kids come to us before or after their regular school hours and we teach subjects other than their academic needs, besides their course work. We are trying to set a fixed curriculum so that the community will benefit to their needs socially and economically. The teachers are from the local communities and seconded as volunteers by the local churches.
- For the financial help received from Friends by the Gurung family so that at least their main business venture (Books and Stationary shop) has now become loan free and released by the bank where it was mortgaged. They and we are all praying towards streamlining their collective efforts and earning from their current work by getting the other two businesses released from the bank within this calendar year.

Please Pray...

- For the recently started fellowship/church in Gadauli by leaders of the Friends CHE team led by Gokarna in Chitwan. Shivani is the local leader and please pray for Junu, Suman and Kalpana who are new seekers and coming regularly in spite of being from a family of a different belief and religion, expecting backlash by the family and community.
- Sher Bahadur has a good banana farm (Small business), and his success has helped him lease more land to grow and sell more bananas. Marketing for him has been facilitated by a small community van which comes around to collect the produce and sell it in the nearby community markets. Pray that his help and the work of Raju (local pastor who has a carpet making business) and their efforts to build the Gethsemane Prayer tower will be fulfilled and many in the community will be blessed and added to the local fellowship/church.
- For our CHE Trainers and their families as some of the older children are ready for college education and that their needs for financial help will be met, and they be able to continue their academic schooling without a break. Their parents have been given the responsibility of running the CHE ministry in Nepal in the future through the Community Learning Centers (CLCs).