Gerard Munyanizi has gone from chief antagonist to greatest advocate! He is the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent (Regional leader) for the Ruhengeri region. He had been led to the Lord in the late 1980s when he was a drunkard. Having a strong, forceful personality, his opinion is quick to be known. He was very much against David Thomas’ teaching about moving out of EFM dependency and into Rwandan ownership, and dependence on God rather than on foreigners.

Today Gerard has his Diploma in Theology and Bachelor’s Degree in Divinity. An excellent evangelist and church planter, he now wholeheartedly embraces and promotes whole-life discipleship among his leaders. His passion is seeing transformation in all areas in the lives of his leaders through PDPs (Personal Development Plans), which include goals for spiritual growth, relational growth, environmental/economic growth, and personal growth. In keeping with his own personal goals, Gerard has planted 4,000 eucalyptus trees on his properties in order to prepare for his retirement in about 15 years, when they will be worth about $50 (current USD) each.

Gerard wants to see his leaders effectively teaching and discipling, and their believers excited about the Word of God, applying it to their lives, and transforming in all areas—financially, agriculturally, in health, in cleanliness, in relationships, and in an improved environment. He also wants to see new people coming into our churches, receiving Jesus as their Savior and King—not becoming members only, but becoming disciples. Gerard envisions his region becoming self-governing, self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-teaching. Recently chosen as the clerk/president of the Discipling for Development national board in the Rwanda Friends Church, he is a key player in making whole-life discipleship a vital part of the culture of the Church.
AFRICA
Evangelical Friends Mission
Including Burundi, Congo, GLLT, and Rwanda
Leaders: Brad and Chelsea Carpenter, David and Debby Thomas
from Brad and Chelsea Carpenter for the team
Praise...
* for the pastors’ retreat last month: many leaders were able to spend time seeking forgiveness and reconciliation with each other. They honored the leaders of the last Yearly Meeting’s executive council, asking them for forgiveness for hurtful rumors and attitudes. David Thomas led the leaders in washing each other’s feet and blessing each other. This ends an almost three-year conflict that David and many leaders have had a heavy burden for. This was a major breakthrough, and a great way for David to serve the church and end his eighteen years of service with the Evangelical Friends Church of Rwanda.
* for Rwandan leaders who want to see a whole-life, disciple-making movement grow in Rwanda. Rwandan leaders will provide the strongest leadership going forward, and they will have the biggest impact on the lives of other Rwandans, empowering the others to put God first in every aspect of their lives and to move out of poverty.
* Pastor Tertullien has healed from his long sickness and Brad is looking forward to working with him again.
Please Pray...
* that the Holy Spirit will continue the work of interpersonal reconciliation among a few individual leaders. Pray also for healing for families who have been hurt through the conflicts.
* for us as we continue in Rwanda without the Thomases. Pray for strength and encouragement.
* Our church’s four secondary schools were built as ministry centers to bless the students, provide jobs, and bring some income for the Yearly Meeting. In the last few years the government has made excellent progress by offering free secondary education throughout the country. This has meant fewer students attending our schools, so the leaders have taken on debts to pay for taxes, etc. Please pray for wisdom, creativity, and good choices to counter this problem, and to steward well the resources they have.

from GLLT in Burundi
Praise...
* that classes in schools in rural Burundi have continued to meet despite significant political turmoil that has closed schools in the capital city.
Please Pray...
* This is the season for various elections throughout the nation and as this request is prepared, Burundi is in a violent political uproar. Pray for God’s people to be kept safe, for wisdom for political leaders, and for peace throughout the nation. What happens in Burundi tends to destabilize governments in Rwanda and Congo also.

from GLLT in Congo
Praise...
* for the completion of the first term of study (January-April) by 10 students in the residency school (Great Lakes Theological Institute) and 30 students in Pastoral Formation classes in three local centers in eastern Congo.
* for the successful transfer of funds to help the Great Lakes Theological Institute teachers and students. A change of process has been completed successfully.
Please Pray...
* for the Congo GLLT director and teachers, that they might keep their eyes on Jesus and maintain a clear vision for the preparation of new leaders and pastors.
* for the health and safety of the GLLT staff that includes visiting teachers and an accountant, as they teach and travel to meet students.

from GLLT in Rwanda
Praise...
* That Lon Fendall’s chemotherapy will finish June 1, making it possible for Lon and Raelene to visit and encourage the leaders of the Rwanda Friends Theological College. They leave on July 6 and return on July 21.
Please Pray...
* for the consultation just before the EFM board meetings, during which ministry training possibilities in various parts of the “EFM world” will be considered. The Great Lakes Leadership Training Committee and the EFM board will each be considering the challenges facing the ministry training programs in central Africa.

BHUTAN
Evangelical Friends Mission
Leaders: Rupak and Pramila Tamang
Praise...
* for the discipleship training May 12-14 in Thimphu Friends Church.
* for three who confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior last week.
* for our visit to Sikkim the first week in May.
Please Pray...
* for Sister Lalita Rai as she is mentally ill in Thimphu Hospital now. Her family recently confessed Jesus Christ as Lord.
* for the eight who recently gave a public testimony of faith in Jesus Christ through baptism.

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CAMBODIA
Evangelical Friends Church Southwest
Leaders: Fede and Diane Hernandez, and Scott and Andrea Sward

from Scott and Andrea Sward
Praise...
✦ We are so excited to introduce Samuel Robert Sward! Born May 14, 12:49 a.m., 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 21.5 in long. He is healthy, we are grateful, and we are all in love with our new little guy!!

Please Pray...
✦ for us as we prepare for and anticipate our return to Cambodia in late June/early July.
✦ for little Samuel’s passport to come in a timely way, and for meaningful and restorative time with family and friends during our remaining weeks in California.

EVANGELICAL FRIENDS MISSION
Executive Director: Dan Cammack
Associate Director: Matt Macy
Staff: Vicki Hinshaw, David Cordova, Bonnie Lopez, and Laurie Mortimore

Praise...
✦ for the Men-in-Missions retreat that took place the first weekend of May in central Ohio. Dan was one of the speakers and enjoyed getting acquainted with EFC-ER men from Ohio and Michigan.
✦ For the productive EFM board meetings that were held at the end of May in Quaker Ridge, Colorado.

Please Pray...
✦ for daily strength and wisdom as we continue to support the relief efforts in Nepal.
✦ for the suffering that occurs on several of our fields for the sake of following Jesus Christ. May there be courage and peace in the face of opposition, love for the unlovely, and boldness in testifying to the good news of Jesus Christ.

EFM Luke 10 Project...praying for new fields

The harvest is great...
The harvest is great...
There are 6,932 people groups unreached today.
That’s 42% of all people groups.
That’s 2.9 billion people.
...but the workers are few.

So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest.

Thank you for praying for Evangelical Friends as we together discern where God is leading us to start new fields. Please contact me (316.706.5789, matt@friendsmission.com) if you would like to talk more about ways to participate.

HONG KONG
OMS International, sponsored by Eastern Region
Leaders: Dave and Cindy Aufrance

Praise...
✦ for safe travels and good visits to our supporting churches during our home ministry assignment.
✦ for some powerful answers to the prayers of our RiverGrace people.

Please Pray...
✦ for Dave’s return to Hong Kong in June. Cindy will go in early September after more prayer ministry training in August.
✦ for RiverGrace’s 4th anniversary in June. Pray that the Lord will continue to bring new people to the church since many from there have returned to their own countries or have been resettled recently (asylum seekers).

INDIA
Evangelical Friends Mission
Leaders: Michael and Kathryn Linville, and D. K. and Choity Sarkar

from Michael and Kathryn Linville, Northern India
Praise...
✦ for God being near to us, for providing all our needs, and for the support from everyone that continues to be very encouraging.
✦ We’ve moved into an apartment in a village where we’ll be living for at least this next year.
✦ We’ve found a language tutor and have officially started language learning.

Please Pray...
✦ for our adjustment to everything new, and especially for good health.
✦ for us to learn the language really well.
for wisdom in knowing how to spend our days—with family, with our neighbors, with language learning, and with things that come up.

_from D. K. and Choity Sarkar, West Bengal_

**Praise...**
- for the new 1200-square-foot building in Kolkata which we will use for Bible school, youth programs, meetings, seekers’ rallies, etc.
- for new staff: Sanjoy Roy will oversee the outreach program in Kolkata and will also work in the office for two days.
- for Ajimuddin’s recovery; he was in the hospital but is now fine and at home.

**Please Pray...**
- Two of our staff are taking their B.A. exams.
- for my interim responsibility in the Seed Welfare Society.

_from Gabriel and Suzana Massey_

**Eastern Region (Chhatarpur)**

**Praise...**
- Water resources have been scarce for the Mission Hospital Campus. It has been purchased every year for many thousands of rupees. Last week a good source of water was found ON the campus itself! Praise the Lord!
- for the one-day CORN children’s camp May 12 at the Christian English School campus with more than 80 children—all from non-Christian families. Singing, Bible stories, Bible memorization, lunch, games, and competitions were enjoyed by all.
- Chhatarpur Church’s VBS May 3-10 hosted many children from Christian homes. Some non-Christian children also attended.

**Please Pray...**
- We need more classrooms at the Christian English School in order to accommodate many new admissions. Construction will start this month.
- for pastors for both Chhatarpur and Nowgong Church. I (Gabriel) am the senior pastor and currently fill the needs for both churches.
- for our older people who are growing weaker, and for some who are sick. Pray that the Lord will keep them well and heal those who are sick.

**IRELAND**

Evangelical Friends Mission

**Leaders: David and Tricia Howell, and Kathi Perry**

From Kathi Perry, Greystones

**Praise...**
- for wonderful visits to NWYM and EFC-MAYM, and for opportunities to share what God is doing in Ireland.
- for time with my family to participate in celebrations, decisions, and day-to-day life.
- for God’s protection in travel—even as I was involved in a car accident in Kansas.

**Please Pray...**
- for the many people who have taken on greater responsibilities in Ireland while I’m away. Pray that this time would be a blessing to them, and not a burden.
- for me as I make arrangements to return to Ireland in early July—for travel, and for goodbyes. It is always a bittersweet time.
- for renewal of relationships and re-entry into the lives and activities of those in Ireland.

**NEPAL**

Evangelical Friends Mission

**Leaders: Bob and Debbie Adhikary, Dr. Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj, and John and Sangi Vanlalhriata**

_from Bob and Debbie Adhikary_

**Praise...**
- that we were kept safe in the earthquake.
- that all our pastors and preachers were also safe.

**Please Pray...**
- for Nepal as many lives have been lost and homes devastated.
- for our pastors who are taking emergency supplies to quake victims.

_from Dr. Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj, CHE_

**Praise...**
- for safety, security, and the well-being of all of our CHE-related staff and families during these difficult days after the recent earthquakes and multiple aftershocks. Although our knees are still wobbly, our hearts are strong and full of praise to God for seeing us through this time.
- for the many faithful friends, supporters, and extended family who prayed for our well-being. Many called us by phone, Skype, Watsup, and other means (which were working!) and helped us to keep the world informed. We thank God for the courage to stay and be involved in the suffering of others, even though we had offers to be officially evacuated. Relief work actually helped us focus on the suffering of others rather than lamenting our own.
that our CHE trainers had the courage to reach out to affected village communities, and to help assess the damage, so that much needed relief could be brought to difficult areas. This was in conjunction with local administration, community leaders, and the police.

**Please Pray...**
- for the people who were affected in Chitlang and Namtar (Makwanpur district), where extensive relief work is still being carried out.
- for the homeless people living out in the open in tents and temporary shelters, as they will need houses to live in. In long-term development, we hope to make low cost houses for a limited number of people in a particular district, but we have to move fast as the monsoon is already upon us. Pray for normalcy to be restored to these lives in the Lord’s good time.
- for the adult education classes which began May 17 in Kupantol community (Chitwan district), and for the teacher (Romi) who will lead them through this six-month course.

**PHILIPPINES**

*Philippine Evangelical Friends International Ministries*

*Leaders: Crisanto De la Cruz*

**Praise...**
- for the successful Vacation Bible Schools held by PEFIM churches in Manila, Samar, and Palawan.
- for the successful youth camp in Samar and the youth Sportsfest in Pasig.
- for the successful men and women’s fellowship for Manila churches in Antipolo.

**Please Pray...**
- for safe travels and effective mission exposure for the Saltshaker Philippines team June 27-July 8.
- for continued provision toward the completion of the church building in Danao II, Samar.
- for faithfulness and zeal for all PEFIM pastors and leaders in their respective ministries/churches.

**ROMANIA**

*Security Issues*

*Evangelical Friends Church - Eastern Region*

*Leaders: Voicu and Ana Marian*

**Praise...**
- for the Holy Spirit refilling the people whom we serve with love.
- for meeting several of our students’ families and developing new friendships.
- for John’s current employment and other signs of growth.

**Please Pray...**
- for wisdom in planning the weekly lessons and for the upcoming camps.
- for a close connection with the kids; for their openness to the Bible.
- for good health, for wisdom in knowing when to take time to rest.

**UKRAINE**

*Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region*

*Leaders: Abraham and Diane Bible*

**Praise...**
- for safe travels for Abe in the busy month of May—even though flights to Russia were complicated, both with missed flights and delayed flights! How we treasure the peace of God in those times!
- Vera (coworker) has decided to move to Ukraine. This is an answer to prayer as it has been extremely difficult for her traveling across borders.

**Please pray...**
- for both of us as we fly to Ohio June 9 for several weeks of rest and doctor appointments, before more travel for deputation in Canada (for the rest of the summer).
- for the year-end meeting with New Life leaders—those who have been heavily involved, not just in personal evangelism, but also in helping others to be raised up. This needs to be a time of encouragement and inspiration for them after a busy year.
- for Vera as she begins to look for housing, probably in the area of Kiev. Pray that God would open up something for her that would be suitable and comfortable.