

BURUNDI SISTER CHURCH UPDATE

The EFC-MAYM Missions Mobilizers continue to fund raise for the new Burundi Sister Church program. Prayerfully consider whether you or your church might be willing to partner with a Burundi church project to bless our friends for the sake of the Great Commission. The Sure, Kamenge and Nkanka churches (#1-3 on the list of 10) have already been fully funded as of August 2015.

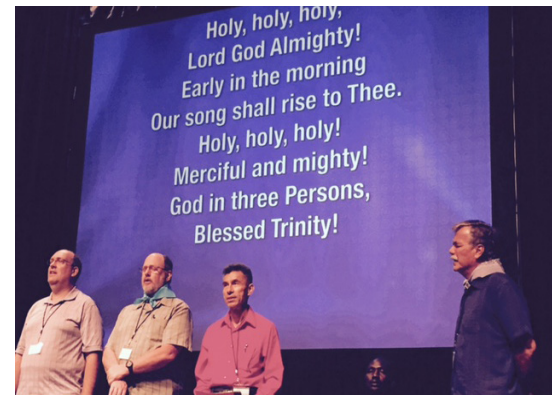
The Nyarukenke, Kayanza, Rutsiri, Mutaho, Nyakabanda, Nyaruntana, and Nyangungu are the next ones on the list to be funded. See descriptions and details for these above Sister Church Project proposals at the following site: efcmaym.org/burundi-sister-church.

The Mobilizers can work with your congregation to know exactly where your donations go so that you can celebrate a relationship with a specific Burundian congregation. Please send donations to: EFC-MAYM, 2018 W. Maple St., Wichita, KS, 67213 marked "Burundi Sister Church Project".

HOME MISSIONS BOARD UPDATE

RANDY LITTLEFIELD | ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MULTIPLICATION MINISTRIES

Following an active search and an intense time of shared leadership by the local team, the Partner Advisory Team, chaired by Bob Mardock, is pleased to announce, effective August 1, 2015, that Pastor Emilio Sanchez (pictured 3rd from left) has been called as Lead Pastor at Iglesia Amigos de San Antonio, TX.



In the beginning of this plant, founding Pastor Runy Moscoso completed over two years of pioneering work to plant and launch this new church project. Lay leaders have guided the work the past year seeing growth while actively looking for a new pastor.

Please pray for Emilio and his team who are ministering in San Antonio. If you're in the area, you would be blessed by attending their 10:30am services at 4450 Walzem Road, San Antonio, TX, 78218.

HARVEST OFFERING

RANDY LITTLEFIELD | ON BEHALF OF THE HOME MISSIONS BOARD

With new momentum and increasing desire to live life and do ministry in light of our new "We Have A Dream" document, the EFC-MAYM Home Missions Board is launching a new offering for the Fall of this year, and we have chosen to call it the Harvest Offering. Harvest is a well-known theme in this bread-basket area of Middle America, and this theme also supports the idea of recognizing our God's theme of working in His Harvest field of souls here in Mid America.

Prairie life has long relied on the concept of life-giving water pumped to the surface via the windmill powered by the mighty southwest winds blowing across the plains. The seeds for the Windmill Fund were sown at Ministry Conference 2015. This concept encourages established churches to give critical finances to support new church planting. The cycle of support continues ultimately, as the new churches also begin returning a portion of their tithe back to support future new church plants. As we envision the life drawn by the Windmill and the hope that is attached to a bountiful fruitful Harvest, we see these concepts combined in this offering. Your gracious giving for the Harvest Offering for Home Missions will help our dedicated planters, families, and ministries to survive and thrive as they proclaim God's truth to a lost and hurting world.

Information regarding this offering will be distributed to every Friends Church within the next two months, so as to allow time to gather the Offering. Our desire is to begin an annual tradition, so continue to pray and plan for each November. I am always available to come and meet to give further information as needed. Please direct any questions to either myself, or to our Home Missions Board chairman, Charles Mullen. May we each one be found faithful!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 25-27 - Friends Women's Retreat, Oklahoma City, OK
- October 5-7 - SCAMP Seniors Camp, Camp Quaker Haven, Arkansas City, KS
- October 31 - Run for Missions 5K, 10K and Half-Marathon, Barclay College, Haviland, KS
- November 20-23 - Youth Pastor's Round Table, Tulsa, OK
- December 28-31 - reGENERATION, Tulsa, OK
- March 12-19 (Week 1) & March 19-26 (Week 2) - Spring Invasion, Coahuila, Mexico

For more information visit efcmaym.org/events

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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The upcoming Leadership Institute sessions will be held on September 14 and October 5 at 7:00 p.m. (Central Time). To learn how to participate, visit efcmaym.org/leadership-institute.

FRIENDS WOMEN RETREAT

It's not too late to register!
For more information go to: friendswomen.com



SPRING INVASION

Spring Invasion, EFC-MAYM's every-other year missions trip (since 1993) to serve Friends Churches in Coahuila, Mexico will be held during your school's spring breaks in March 2016.

Week 1: March 12-19

Week 2: March 19-26

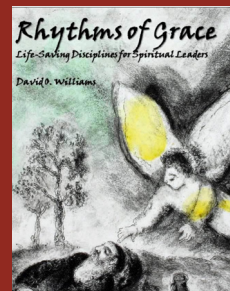
Registration will be open January 1, 2016.

Start making plans now to attend with your youth group or with area churches partnering together.

Contact Adam Monaghan with questions.

EBOOK

"Rhythms of Grace: Life-Saving Disciplines for Spiritual Leaders"



by David O. Williams.

Free eBook now available at books/noisetrade.com.

REGENERATION 2015 PREVIEW

JESSE PENNA | ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

Teenagers age 13–19 alongside adults are invited to reGENERATION, December 28–31 at Post Oak Lodge in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Details and schedule can be found at efcmaym.org. We are excited about this disciple-making gathering as we work together in EFC-MAYM to create an opportunity to equip disciple makers. We will be using EFC-MAYM leaders to facilitate worship and interactive and experiential learning labs. The teenagers and adults who participate in this gathering will feel equipped and commissioned to make disciples who will make disciples. This is a disciple makers gathering!

Registration will be open from mid-September through mid-November and the cost is \$239/person.



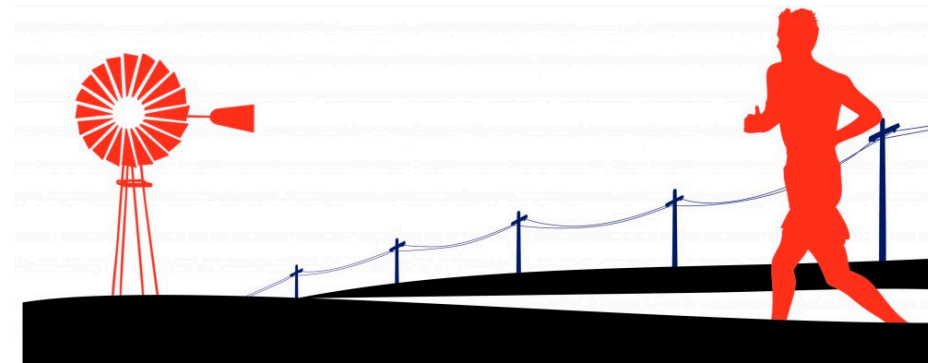
RUN FOR MISSIONS

ADAM MONAGHAN | ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The 6th annual Run for Missions 5K, 10K, and Half-marathon is fast approaching: October 31st in Haviland, KS! The Run for Missions is an annual fundraiser to support our Friends missionaries.

Register online and see all the details at runformissions.org.

Join together a team of 10 from your church or youth group and compete in the 5K team competition! The 8th annual Run for Missions 100-Mile Fundraiser Run will be held on November 11th. This 100-mile run from Wichita to Haviland benefits the Missionary Blessing Fund. You can now make your tax-deductible donation online at runformissions.org.



RUN FOR MISSIONS 2015
5K, 10K & Half-Marathon Oct. 31st HAVILAND, KS

HOLY HANGOVER

DAVID WILLIAMS | GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

My guess is that the heading for this article may raise a few eyebrows, so let me begin by assuring you all that, by God's grace, I have never been drunk a day in my life. But like those first disciples on the Day of Pentecost (cf. Acts 2), I hope that when others look at me these days they may have a reason to pause, at least for a brief moment, and ask themselves, "What in the world happened to him?"

I will tell you what happened. I recently had the privilege of participating in the 2015 EFC-MAYM Ministry Conference, and I am still experiencing a bit of a "holy hangover."

As the Apostle Paul instructed his friends in Ephesus, "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled [Gk, pleroo; controlled, possessed, or intoxicated] with the Spirit" (Eph 5:18). In other words, we should all seek to surrender our lives so completely to the rule and reign of Christ that we find ourselves living "under the influence" of the Holy Spirit on a continual basis. To put it even more bluntly, if there was a "breathalyzer" test for measuring the degree to which our lives are saturated by the Holy Spirit, we should all pray that our levels are off the charts!

And why, you may ask. For one reason, and one reason only: so that we will be continually empowered by the life-giving Spirit of God to bear fearless and faithful witness to the life-changing gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 1:8). Or as we were reminded during last week's Ministry Conference, so that we will be enabled to equip the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world (cf. Acts 2:17-21).

So as I reflect upon the time and space we shared together recently in Wichita, allow me to share just a few of the deepest and most lasting impressions that are still "hanging over" me in the wake of this year's Ministry Conference:



"God's church doesn't have a mission; God's mission has a church."
(Brad Brisco, North America Mission Board/Forge America)

"If we want to see the Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, we must practice the discipline of praying for our competitors." (Jim Smith, Apprentice Institute)

"We do what we do because we love Jesus and we love the people he has called us to serve. And that's it." (Jeremiah Williams, Friends of Lawrence)

"There is this guy from our church who has made such a personal investment in the lives of Chinese students in our community that he has been invited to their homes and adopted as their American grandfather." (Charity Sandstrom, Emporia Friends Church)

"The Lord woke me up in the middle of the night and delivered me from the paralyzing fear of what other people may think of me." (Mike Neifert, Pratt Friends Church)

"I enjoy the peace and hope that comes from being a follower of Jesus Christ and not just a fan." (Greg Martinez, Oasis/Crossroads Friends Church)

"Our church decided that if we wanted to be serious about tithing to the yearly meeting we would have to make a few sacrifices. So we did."
(Bud Lawrence, Arkansas City Friends Church)

"I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving the Lord in my new capacity as university president, and I invite you all to join us as we seek to fulfill our renewed mission as a Christian university with a Quaker heritage."
(Amy Bragg Carey, Friends University)

"Nothing is impossible with God!" (Emilio Sanchez, Iglesia Amigos/San Antonio)

There are many more highlights I could share, of course, but to borrow from Maria von Trapp, "these are a few of my favorite things." If you were not able to attend all or part of this year's Ministry Conference, you will find audio and/or video recordings from each of the general sessions available on the yearly meeting website, and photos have been posted to our Facebook page as well.

May the Lord Jesus continue to bless you and keep you, dear friends, and may you become so intoxicated by the Spirit of Christ that people can't help but ask, "What in the world happened to you?"

