

**PRAYER FOCUS:
NEPAL EARTHQUAKE
RELIEF**

It was Saturday in Kathmandu, the day that Christians gather for worship in Nepal. Perhaps you have seen pictures of the devastation and numbers for the death toll. Imagine the fear and uncertainty as well as grief that the Nepalese have experienced. Thankfully our three missionary families are doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances. Some homes and church buildings have been damaged, but what is that compared to life?

Please keep everyone affected by this situation in your prayers. It's not unusual for there to be a greater openness to the gospel during times like these, so please keep the spiritual condition of Nepal in your prayers as well.

If you would like to donate, send your check marked "Emergency Fund" to EFM, P.O. Box 525, Arvada, CO 80001.

You can also give online at friendsmission.com/donate. Scroll to the bottom and choose "other" and comment "Emergency Fund." More importantly, pray for Nepal and her people.

- Dan Cammack,

Executive Director of Evangelical Friends Mission

BURUNDI UPDATE

MATT MACY | ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF EVANGELICAL FRIENDS MISSION

Please pray for Burundi. Presidential elections are scheduled to be held on June 26. What was once expected to be a peaceful election is now beginning to show several signs of tension that may create some demonstrations and disruptions throughout Burundi. EFC-MAYM had a "Saltshaker" short-term team scheduled to be in Burundi this summer, which has now been postponed until 2016 due to these concerns. Please pray for the peace that Burundi has enjoyed for the last several years to continue.

A flood which occurred a few miles from Bujumbura at Rutunga and some other places along Lake Tanganyika has left 3,000 people without homes, 20 dead, and 15 missing. Please pray for these victims and the Burundi Friends Church as they find the best ways to respond.



You may recall that a different flood previously affected a suburb in Bujumbura, which impacted some of our Friends Churches and families. At that time, we had a generous response sent to both the EFC-MAYM and EFM offices. We were able immediately to work with Burundi leaders to help the community with emergency relief, then later with rebuilding homes, particularly for those in the church who had the greatest need. Thank you! There are still some funds remaining in that account that we are offering to Burundi leaders for emergency relief in this new situation. We will provide an update later if we discover that further funds would be appropriate.

May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

CHURCH PLANTING UPDATE

RANDY LITTLEFIELD | ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MULTIPLICATION MINISTRIES

It's been an exciting season for the past four and half years. Let's look at the current modes for multiplication:



Communitas is on the go with multiple ministries in and around **Wichita** with the homeless, men's and women's Life Transformation Groups, one-on-one coaching,

teaching English to immigrants, neighborhood clusters, nursing home visits, and Discipleship training among EFC-MAYM and beyond. **Dodge City** continues to grow with new Christians at **Oasis Church**; Easter Sunday was exciting with 80+ joining and celebrating the risen Lord; we praise God that the community of both English and Spanish speakers are fed faithfully by Gerald and Deloras Mendenhall. **Iglesia Amigos in San Antonio** is growing in numbers and those following Christ have a renewed fervor. The church is in the pastor search process as they welcome a family from Mexico Friends background along with new neighborhood attenders. Please pray for Jorge, Eddy, Luis, Francisco, and Isabel. **Sudanese Community Church (Omaha, NE)** sent Pastor Lazarus along with lay leaders to the Northeast Area leaders' retreat. He, Simon, Samuel and Antony gained new perspective on the broader picture of EFC-MAYM. Lazarus looks forward to Pastor's Sabbath Retreat in Colorado next month. **Isai and Sucely Ramos (Iglesia Amigos de OKC)** continue to make new contacts for this active Spanish Speaking church plant via door-to-door canvassing, participation in the community soccer club and library, area flea market and participating in English classes at OKC Community College.

Please pray for all these servants of our Lord Jesus Christ!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 6-20 - EFC-MAYM Church Camps, Camp Quaker Haven, Arkansas City, KS
- June 24-July 10 - Saltshaker Philippines
- July 10-17 - Wilderness Retreat, Centennial, Wyoming (Required Orientation July 8-9 in Hutchinson, KS)
- July 22-26 - EFC-MAYM Ministry Conference, Wichita, KS
- August 28 - New Pastor Orientation, Friends Ministry Center, Wichita, KS
- September 4-7 - Family Camp, Camp Quaker Haven, Arkansas City, KS
- 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

For more information visit efcmaym.org/events



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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The upcoming Leadership Institute sessions will be held on June 1, July 6 and August 3 at 7:00 p.m. (Central Time). To learn how to participate, visit efcmaym.org/leadership-institute.

FAMILY CAMP

EFC-MAYM Family Camp 2015 will be held September 4-7 at Camp Quaker Haven.

Registration forms are available at efcmaym.org/events. Click on "Family Camp".

PRAYER TEAM



Sign up for the EFC-MAYM Prayer list or send a prayer request to midamericaprayer@gmail.com.

This prayer team is facilitated by Chad Cox of Derby Friends Church.

BARCLAY COLLEGE

Barclay College has new and expanded degree offerings from the Barclay College School of Graduate Studies. Each of these master's programs hold great potential for both personal enrichment and professional development for our current and prospective EFC-MAYM pastors and church leaders. Visit barclaycollege.edu for complete details.

EFC-MAYM CAMP 2015

JESSE PENNA | ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

Friends Church CAMP 2015
Arkansas City, KS

Challenging & Restoring Students to God

Register by **May 24**
go online to efcmaym.org

Kids Camp, Grades 3 & 4 | June 6-9 \$190
Junior Camp, Grades 5 & 6 | June 9-12 \$190
Senior High Camp, Grades 9-12 | June 12-16 \$230
Junior High Camp, Grades 7 & 8 | June 16-20 \$230



LIFE TOGETHER

CAROL WILLIAMS | HAVILAND, KS

In April David and I completed the last of our eight area leadership retreats. These weekend gatherings took us to three states and to many beautiful retreat centers across Mid-America. What we found most beautiful, however, were the dear friends we met along the way.

What a privilege to partner with so many lovely people – nearly 200 pastors, elders, and overseers – doing their very best to follow Jesus faithfully. Each gathering was centered around a common theme, "Living the Dream: Transforming Church Boards into Communities of Spiritual Leaders." Our time together consisted of worship, prayer, teaching, fellowship and sharing a meal together. What a wonderful opportunity to do life together with our extended family of Friends from across Mid-America!

The one thing that really stood out as we gathered for each retreat was how important it is for us to meet together. Community is critical to the body of Christ. We are not to be lone rangers. It is much easier for the enemy to divide us when we are going it alone. It was so good to learn from one another, to encourage one another, and to see our pastors and church leaders connect on a personal level.

We believe that God is moving in some pretty amazing ways in our yearly meeting, but we have to stay connected. We look forward with great expectation to how the Lord is going to use all of us to change the world one by one. What a privilege it is to serve with you all!



SIGNS OF LIFE

DAVID WILLIAMS | PREVIEW TO MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2015

Living the DREAM

EQUIPPING THE WHOLE CHURCH TO TAKE THE WHOLE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE WORLD • ACTS 2:17

Ministry Conference 2015
July 22-26
Friends University | Wichita, KS

During my rookie year as general superintendent or "lead pastor" for EFC-MAYM, I have had the privilege of making multiple visits to each of our eight areas. In the process, Carol and I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet with most of our pastors and spouses, and to partner with our area elders and superintendents in facilitating a series of leadership retreats for nearly 200 of our current and prospective local church leaders. While I have found a surprising level of diversity throughout our region, I regularly return home with one lingering impression:

God is clearly up to something among the family of Friends here in Mid-America. Everywhere I go, it seems, there are tangible signs of life.

All across EFC-MAYM, from Omaha to Houston and everywhere in between, I continue to find clear and compelling evidence that an increasing number of people from each of our local churches are genuinely committed to living the good and beautiful dream that was launched during our 2014 Ministry Conference. These brothers and sisters are accepting the invitation to engage in the difficult yet indispensable work of living the dream on a daily basis in their own lives, families, neighborhoods, workplaces and communities. Some have even been willing to risk their homes, jobs, reputations and very lives in the hope that Christ's Kingdom might come and his will might be done right here in Mid-America even as it is in heaven.

Without question, the "We Have a Dream" document that emerged from our annual sessions in Wichita last summer is proving to be much more than a romantic pipe dream. Slowly but surely, the Kingdom values contained in "We Have a Dream" are becoming readily embraced as the fundamental marching orders for our community of faith. And the fruit that is being produced bears the pleasing and unmistakable aroma of Christ.

And yet, I am sure that we would all agree that there is still much more work to be done. The harvest is still plentiful, and the workers are still too few (cf. Mt 9:37). We have been entrusted with a God-sized dream that is much bigger than any one person, or any one church, can possibly accomplish on their own. If we have any hope of living this dream in its fullest expression, it will require a unified, sustained, Spirit-empowered commitment from each and every one of us, and from each and every one of our local churches. In short, living the dream will require a renewal of passionate and relentless devotion to "holistic holiness," i.e., equipping the WHOLE CHURCH to take the WHOLE GOSPEL to the WHOLE WORLD in Jesus' name.

This is the theme that will serve as the unifying focus for our 2015 Ministry Conference. On behalf of our extended family of Friends from across Mid-America, I invite you to join us in Wichita, July 22-26, as we gather to give thanks for the signs of life in our midst and to prayerfully prepare for an even greater outpouring of the Spirit in the days to come.

"In the last days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams." - Acts 2:17



Community Worship Celebration at Ministry Conference 2014

Details and registration are available at efcmaym.org/ministry-conference-information. An "Early Bird" Registration discount is available until June 30th!