

MESSENGER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & PRAYER GUIDE



Jackson Mollel (center) and Robert Sadira (right) share with Joe Garber, LMC international partner delegate and EMM church partnership coach, about their experience with Radix.

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THE IMPACT FUND SUPPORTS TRAINING

In the past few years, we refined our vision to focus on what we consider to be God's call for us in this season: to catalyze Jesus movements among the least-reached; in places where there are very few Christians. We've specified some particular areas of the world that we want to focus on: Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Europe, and West Africa.

We are actively recruiting people to go to these regions and serve in incarnational witness. We're very thankful to report that within the last year God has provided new workers for each of these areas, some

of whom are already on location and others still in process. We rejoice in that and pray for more! And we celebrate the fruitful work that current EMM workers are doing all over the world. Some of you support and pray for these workers — thank you very much! But sending people is not the only thing we do, nor the only way to catalyze movements.

For a task this important, we want to utilize every tool in our tool belts. One way we do that is through training and equipping, both for our local church constituency and for our global partners. It's also what we do

every week with our new neighbors in Lancaster, as they learn English and other skills at Neighbors Community Center.

Training and equipping are central to our core value of multiplication. When asked why he started Moody Bible Institute, D.L. Moody said, "No one is so wisely employed as he who multiplies the doers. I would rather lead ten men to the work than do the work of ten men." To catalyze movements, EMM also invests in multiplying the doers, so that every disciple of Christ is also a disciple-maker.

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Here are a few testimonials about some of the ways we are training and resourcing people around the world:



Kairos

“The Kairos experience gave me a renewed commitment to the global mission task and a fresh understanding of the great privilege we have to be part of it. It’s challenging, inspiring, and potentially life-changing.”
– A Kairos participant



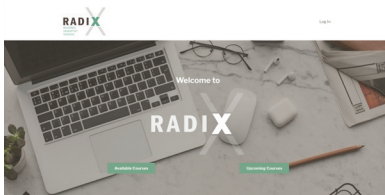
Kingdom Teams

“This was a well-rounded, deep, well-organized week. I’ve been on many missions trips- this one had a little bit of something for every personality. We had many great discussions with staff and students.”
– A Kingdom Teams participant (youth leader)



Advance

“I feel this is where God has called me and I am reassured this is the place I need to be for this season. As I have been stepping into and continue to step into leadership roles that stretch me, pray that God would give me the words to speak as I lead, mentor, and disciple.”
–Lena Kauffman, Advance staff and former participant



Radix

“Before I knew the Radix program, I did not make disciples to make disciples of Jesus. I just made people come to church and go without teaching them how to make disciples.”
– Pastor Jackson Mollel, Tanzania



Global training

“We were invited to attend another cross-cultural training in La Ceiba, Honduras. I decided to attend that training, and we learned a lot about sharing the gospel to the ends of the earth. It was also during a prayer for the Asian countries that God showed me and called me to serve in Thailand.”
– Fernando Valencia, EMM worker from Peru

If you would like to support EMM’s work of training, we invite you to join us by partnering financially. We encourage you to make a gift to EMM’s Impact Fund by December 31. You can give online at [EMM.ORG/GIVE](https://emm.org/give) or by returning the envelope to us with your gift. Thank you for your continued generosity!



INTRODUCING OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Barry Freed may be new to the role of development director, but he is not new to EMM. Having served as the Mission Support Team coach since 2013, Barry brings more than a decade of experience helping mission workers raise funds to share the gospel with people around the world. Prior to serving with EMM’s central office, Barry also served as a long-term mission worker in Lithuania and participated in two YES teams. In his new role, Barry is meeting with and relating to the many generous donors who offer their financial partnership in mission with EMM. Barry holds a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Mennonite University and is a member of Gingrich’s Mennonite Church in Lebanon, Pa.

If you’re interested in talking about your financial partnership with EMM, Barry would love to talk with you. You can reach him by calling 717-898-2251 or by emailing him at barry.freed@emm.org.

DECEMBER DAILY PRAYER

1 MIDDLE EAST | Pray that the Lord will bring peace to the Middle East and that many will turn to him during this time. Pray for Michael and Laura* to be instruments of God's love and peace.

2 CAMBODIA | Pray for workers to be called to the work of young adult outreach and discipleship in Cambodia.

3 SIERRA LEONE | Pray for Bethany Sauder as she departs soon for a short-term mission assignment to Sierra Leone. Pray for the strength, wisdom, and power of the Holy Spirit as she seeks to tell those around her about Jesus.

4 ALBANIA | Pray for Christ's joy to radiate through Sonya Harnish as she serves in Albania. Pray that in the midst of many administrative and finance tasks she will rely on God's strength and not her own. Pray for a hunger for Jesus among the women that attend local church, women's Bible study, and staff at the Bible school.

5 COSTA RICA | Pray for Daryl and Jen Hoover to find health and strength in the midst of a busy season. May they learn to rest even when there is a list of things to do. Pray for good school routines for the boys.

6 LANCASTER, PA. | Pray for God to call volunteers for the programs at Neighbors Community Center, at Hub450, our building in Lancaster, Pa.

7 SOUTH ASIA | Clara and Vince* are planning to come to the U.S. in December in faith that Vince will have a successful Visa interview. They plan to stay for a year, spending time with family, friends, and supporters. Part of the time will also be a sabbatical. Pray for safety, meaningful connections, and rest and renewal.

8 THAILAND | Pray for the Isaan people in Thailand, of which only 0.15% are considered evangelical.

9 GLOBAL | Pray for Gerry and Donna Keener as they continue to support and encourage the Vietnamese Mennonite Church. Pray for continuing vision and resources for the Vietnam Mennonite leaders to continue to reach out and lead the church into maturity.

10 GLOBAL | Ask God to use EMM's year-end

appeal to connect well with supporters, and inspire generosity.

11 COSTA RICA | Pray for protection for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger, their family, and those at the VidaNet base. Pray for God's truth and light to shine.

12 NORTH AFRICA | Pray for A* and A* for fruitful opportunities for witness and discipleship. They desire to honor Jesus and make him known where they live. Pray for A's parents who struggle with health challenges.

13 CZECH REPUBLIC | Pray for all the relationships that Stacy and Vojta Prknovi are building through English lessons, in the prison, in preschool, and in other areas of their lives. May God use them to further his kingdom.

14 GLOBAL | Pray for God to put a call on the heart of individuals to serve least-reached people groups in our priority regions: Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Europe, West Africa, and refugee populations in Lancaster, Pa.

15 CAMBODIA | Pray for John and Jeanette Puckett as they are doing online language training. Pray for their children as they homeschool and they also learn the language.

16 THAILAND | Pray for God to call pioneer church planters into the harvest field of Thailand to join the team there.

17 THAILAND | Pray for the continued health and well-being of Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and their daughters. Pray for LEC as they live into the vision to plant a house church in every village.

18 GUATEMALA | Pray for Carissa Shearer as she is currently on short-term assignment in Guatemala. Pray for the strength, wisdom, and power of the Holy Spirit as she seeks to tell those around her about Jesus.

19 CAMBODIA | Pray for the Khmer people of Cambodia of which only 1.9% are considered evangelical.

20 GLOBAL | Pray for young men to respond to God's call to the work of short-term missions.

21 U.S. | Pray for Marty and Glenna Sollenberger as they continue to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Ask God to provide the financial resources for their ministry.

22 WEST AFRICA | Pray for individuals and families to be called to join the work of leadership development and church planting in West Africa.

23 GERMANY | Pray for Darrel and Miriam* as they serve with their family in Germany. Praise the Lord for the many from the Middle East who were baptized this summer. Pray for a German/Persian couple who has begun a fellowship group for Persian speakers. Pray for Darrel as he coaches them in discipleship.

24 VIETNAM | Pray for the people of Vietnam, of which only 1.4% are considered evangelical.

25 GLOBAL | Joy to the world, the Lord has come! May God use EMM workers around the world to tell their neighbors about Jesus, and the meaning of his coming. Ask God to comfort workers who are far from their families during the holiday season.

26 WALES, U.K. | Pray for Alan and Carol Wert as they meet with an EMM coach to explore how God is leading them. Pray for open hearts to hear God and for peace during this season.

27 SIERRA LEONNE | Pray for Jon and Heleen Yoder as they prepare for an 8-week trip to Sierra Leone from January 8 to March 12. Pray for safe travels and good connections while there. An EMM short-term worker will also be going with them.

28 CENTRAL ASIA | Pray for God to send workers to the field to work in business for transformation and teaching English.

29 U.S. | Pray for God to strengthen EMM's Finance Team during a busy season of work.

30 CAMBODIA | Pray for Hope Horst as she departs soon for a short-term mission assignment to Cambodia. Pray for the strength, wisdom, and power of the Holy Spirit as she seeks to tell those around her about Jesus.

31 CZECH REPUBLIC | Pray for God to soften the hearts of Czechs to be open to the gospel.

*Names changed for sensitivity reasons.



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to help share the good
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The Impact Fund provides all the necessary services that keep EMM functioning as a healthy, legal, and sustainable organization. Training, administration, facilities, technology, communications, well-being care, fund-raising, etc., all happen through the Impact Fund. We always welcome your prayers, comments, suggestions.

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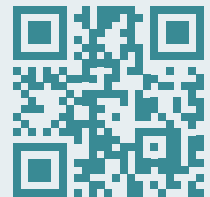
\$1,792,455 GOAL



I am so grateful for the strong community of believers that has sustained the work of EMM for over 100 years. I am encouraged by your faith and faithfulness to the gospel of Jesus Christ which compels us to continue to reach across cultures in our home communities and throughout the world. Your generous support blesses the EMM community and more importantly, blesses all those who are encountering the gospel for the first time.

Thank you for your generosity!

Dr. Marvin Lorenzana | President



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