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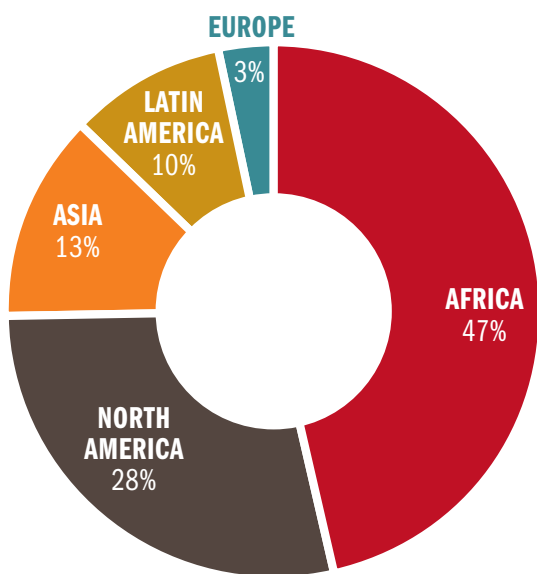
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & PRAYER GUIDE



A new member being baptized into the Meserete Kristos Church of Ethiopia.

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A GLOBAL MOVEMENT & AN ETERNAL HOPE by Dr. Marvin Lorenzana



BAPTIZED ANABAPTISTS DATA FROM MWC

The Anabaptist movement celebrates its 500th anniversary this year. In these five centuries, Anabaptist churches have been multiplied around the world, making it a truly global movement. In fact, current statistics from Mennonite World Conference show that there are 2.1 million baptized Anabaptist church members around the world.

Of that 2.1 million, only 28 percent of members are from the U.S. or Canada, and only 3 percent of members are from Europe. Perhaps you have heard these numbers before, or something similar. So, how did we get to this place today? There are a number of factors, but I think the greatest one is: The Holy Spirit's leading to share the gospel with people around the world.

For decades, EMM workers have played an important part in this global work of sharing the good news with people who have not heard it. We helped to multiply more than 20 Anabaptist networks of churches, but we have also joined in God's work in other churches beyond the Anabaptist tradition as part of this greater call to help people experience the hope of Jesus. This passion for seeing peo-

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ple come to know Jesus is rooted in John's vision from Revelation 7:9–10:

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

John saw people from every nation. Every tribe. Every people group. Every language group. All of these people were praising God! This was not just a vision of what could be, but a vision of what **will happen!** God invites us to make this vision a reality.

Mission workers, partners, donors, and volunteers aren't just supporting missionaries. Together, we are seeding catalytic movements that can transform entire regions through indigenous leaders who are equipped to reach their least-

reached neighbors using simple, biblical, and reproducible methods.

Your partnership in EMM's strategic regions makes this vision possible. Imagine a future where disciples are making more disciples without Western dependency, creating ever-widening circles of transformation. Here are some of the people groups among which EMM has ministries:

- Czech people of Central Europe
- Persian people in Central Europe
- Chadian people of Central Africa
- Moroccan people of North Africa
- Various people groups in The Gambia
- Isaan people of Thailand
- Khmer people of Cambodia
- Various sensitive people groups in Central and Southeast Asia

We stand at a pivotal moment. With your financial support, we work toward that glorious day described in Revelation, when we can stand together in front of the Lamb. We will stand together with our

global brothers and sisters in Christ, not because we did all of the work, but because we have been faithful in stewarding the resources we have to help catalyze movements in which disciples make disciples who make disciples until there is not a place in the world that has not heard the good news of Jesus.

We invite you to make a gift to EMM's Impact Fund and play a critical role in fulfilling the vision of people from all over the world worshipping God. **Would you please make a gift to the Impact Fund by June 30 to help us continue doing this critical work? You can give online at [EMM.ORG/GIVE](https://emm.org/give) or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your continued partnership in this critical ministry of sharing the good news with the world.**



Dr. Marvin Lorenzana serves as the president of EMM.

The Impact Fund is a vital general fund that fills in the gaps and makes the entire mission sustainable.

Without the Impact Fund, EMM would cease to exist. The Impact Fund provides:



Over 65 projects in 24 countries (education, leadership training, evangelism, etc.)



Communications, donor and constituent relations, and preaching and teaching



Worker equipping and training for cross-cultural ministry



Recruitment



Counseling, member care, crisis care, and well-being



Secure technology



Administrative functions, such as oversight, accountability, legal, and logistical processes



Strategic coaching for workers and partners



Accounting and financial services

JUNE DAILY PRAYER

1 LEBANON CITY, PA. | Pray for Michael and Deborah Clancy as they continue to minister with faithfulness and care. Ask for strength, discernment, and deep relationships as they share Christ's love in word and action.

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

3 LANCASTER, PA. | Pray for K-Teams this summer. Ask God to provide every measure of wisdom, strength, and ability to the staff members, and pray that the youth who come to the program would be deeply impacted by Christ's heart for the world.

4 CAMBODIA | Pray for John Coats, as he leads children's programs, disciples local leaders, and serves villages through practical ministries. Lift up his wife, Debbie, in prayer as she offers public health education and care to those in need.

5 GLOBAL | Pray for Angie Earl as she serves with the Christian-Muslim Relations Team, equipping believers to build respectful, Christ-centered relationships with Muslims.

6 GLOBAL | Pray for God to call young adults to participate in the Advance gap year program in 2025-2026.

7 ALBANIA | Pray for Sonya Harnish as she serves in administration at Crossroads-Torchbearers Albania and supports ministry to disadvantaged children through camps, after-school programs, and a children's home.

8 KYRGYZSTAN | Pray that God will provide finances for training materials in the Kyrgyz language.

9 CZECH REPUBLIC | Pray for Karen Hess as she builds relationships and disciples women in the Czech Republic.

10 GLOBAL | Ask God to move his people to respond generously to EMM's mid-year appeal to support the Impact Fund.

11 CHILE | Please pray for Michael and Nancy Hosttetter as they walk with individuals discovering God's purpose and deepening their relationship with Jesus. Pray for wisdom, strength, and lasting impact in their ministry.

12 CENTRAL ASIA | Pray for Evan and Faith* as they prepare to serve faithfully in cross-cultural ministry, building relationships, and sharing the hope of Christ.

13 CAMBODIA | Pray for John and Jeanette Puckett as they focus on language learning and cultural understanding during their first term in Cambodia.

14 U.S. | Pray for God to call volunteers for the programs of Neighbors Community Center, at Hub450, our building in Lancaster, Pa.

15 THAILAND | Pray for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals as they support the Life Enrichment Church in Thailand through pastoral care, biblical training, and encouraging church growth.

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

17 COSTA RICA | Pray for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger as they serve in long-term mission, using their gifts to support and equip others. Ask for encouragement, unity, and lasting impact as they walk alongside communities in service to God.

18 GLOBAL | Pray for the Advance cohort that completed their assignment this past May. Ask God to empower them to continue service and love through his Spirit.

19 KAZAKHSTAN | Pray for the growing number of Kazakh Christians. Pray that they would learn the Word of God quickly.

20 GLOBAL | Pray for God to continue to prompt young men and women to explore a call to missions through a mission internship with EMM.

21 SIERRA LEONE | Pray for Jon and Heleen Yoder as they continue supporting ministry in Sierra Leone through relationship-building, short-term mission trips, and the ongoing work of Nyandengoh!, a ministry serving children with trauma and disabilities.

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 CENTRAL AFRICA | Pray for Peter and Christy* as they serve long-term in French-speaking Central Africa through seminary teaching, interfaith relationship-building, and hospital care.

24 VIETNAM | Pray for the Vietnam Mennonite Church to grow in discipleship and faith as well as in numbers.

25 U.S. | Pray for Marty and Glenna Sollenberger as they serve long-term in Dallas with Wycliffe Bible Translators through IT support and library work.

26 GLOBAL | Praise the Lord of the Harvest for calling workers to his fields! Ask him to speak clearly and encourage Launch participants as they wrap up training for service with EMM.

27 WALES, U.K. | Pray for Alan and Carol Wert as they serve long-term in Wales, U.K. through church development, English teaching, and discipleship within missional community.

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

29 LANCASTER, PA. | Join EMM staff in thanking God for Guilherme Wieler's service through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program.

30 GLOBAL | Pray for the upcoming Advance cohort who will begin this fall. Ask God to equip them for every good work and strengthen them with all knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

**Names changed for sensitivity reasons.*

CELEBRATING LEGACIES



Mark Brubaker Martin, 80, of Sarasota, Fla., went home to be with the Lord on March 10. Mark, and his wife, Jean, served with EMM in Kenya from 1982 to 1996.



Alice Elizabeth Reber Swift, 97, of Bloomington, Ill., went home to be with the Lord on March 14. Helen served with EMM in Tanzania from 1957 to 1962.



S. Luke Beidler, 82, of Philadelphia, Pa., went home to be with the Lord on April 10. Luke, and his wife, Dorothy, served with EMM in Vietnam (1966-76) and Indonesia (1976-84).



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