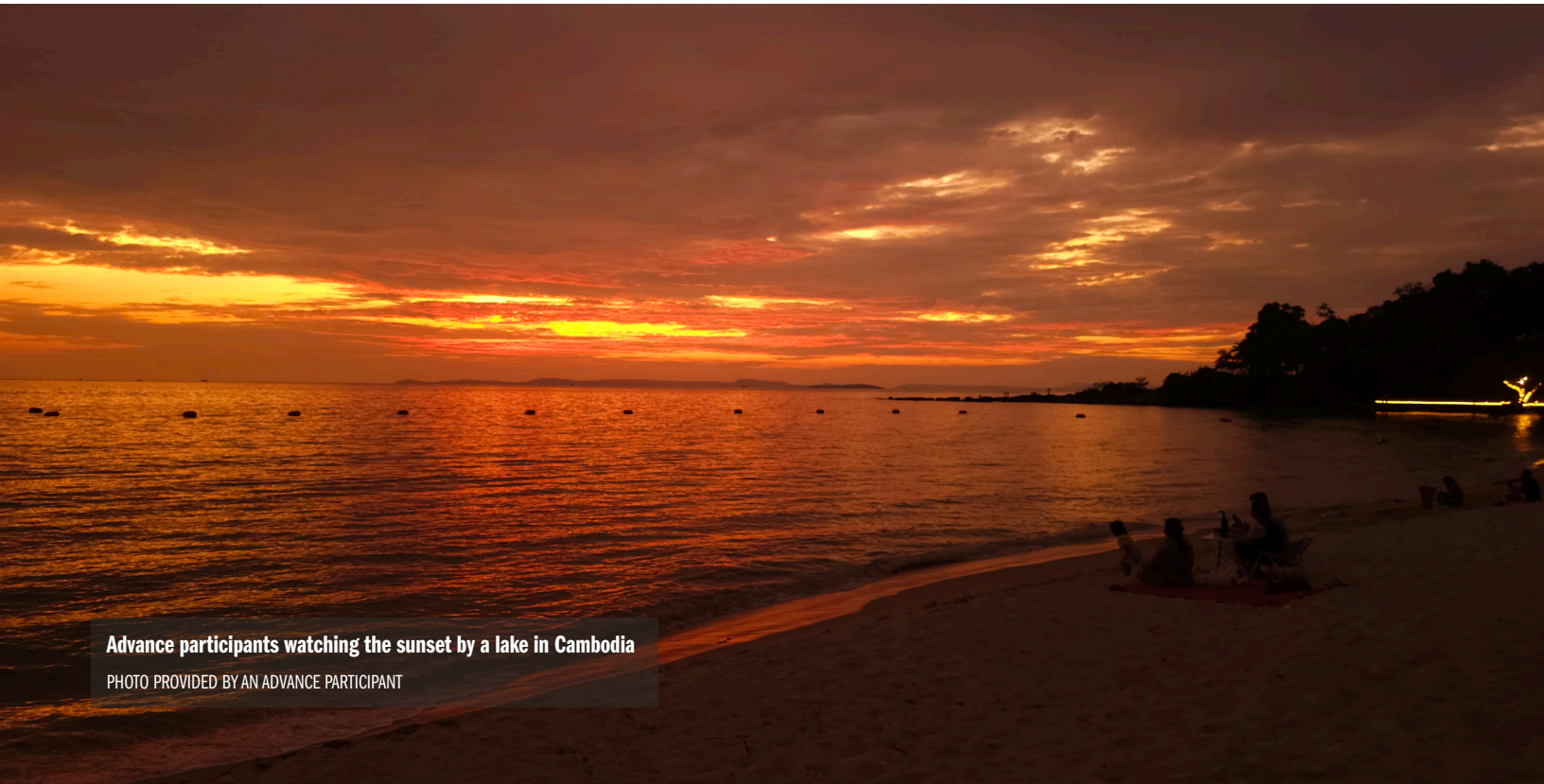


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*YOUR GENEROSITY
MAKES IT POSSIBLE!*



Advance participants watching the sunset by a lake in Cambodia

PHOTO PROVIDED BY AN ADVANCE PARTICIPANT

RIPPLES OF MISSION by Barry Freed

Have you ever tossed a stone into a still pond and watched as the ripples traveled much further than you ever expected? I often think about our ministry in that way. When someone engages with EMM, it isn't just a single "splash" in time. It's a movement of the Spirit that travels across decades, continents, and generations.

Recently, I reached out to a few friends of the organization to ask what specifically draws them to continue their partnership with us. I was struck not just by their past service, but by the fact that today — years or even decades later — they are still standing with us as faithful

financial supporters. Their ripples are still moving.

Ruth "Ruthie" Zimmerman is a wonderful example of a long-term ripple. Her interest in missions began as a child as she listened to Sunday School teachers and visiting missionaries. Ruthie was a Voluntary Service participant in Philadelphia from 1975 to 1977. She later spent years on the EMM central office staff and served as a Representative Council member for Groffdale Mennonite Church. Today, she isn't just a "former" staff member; she is an active investor in the mission, currently serving on a Mission Support Team (MST) for EMM work-

ers and supporting EMM with her financial gifts.

"Keeping the reality of how much of the world population remains unreached in front of us needs to be our highest priority. How can they hear unless someone is sent? EMM makes the sending possible.... Their long experience enables them to send in a much more responsible and accountable way."



Ruth Zimmerman

Lincoln and Jen Nafziger also carry stories of obedience that started years ago. Lincoln served on YES

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assignments in Singapore (1996) and Trinidad (1997), while Jen served in Indonesia (2000). They know firsthand what it's like to be the "sent" ones. Now, they have stepped into the role of "senders," choosing to serve on Wendell and Melanie Nofziger's MST and prioritizing EMM in their philanthropy.

"Jen and I both had life-changing experiences through the YES program under EMM. Through those relationships and discipleship, we grew to a deep level of trust and commitment to Jesus, and we desire to faithfully obey the call for others to know Him. We see EMM doing this, even still, until today, through our relationships with current missionaries and staff members at EMM. Because of that, we joyfully support EMM in God's mission around the world."



Lincoln Nafziger

Sarah Beth represents a more recent ripple. In addition to her current involvement on the MST for Jan Heindel, she served on our

Kingdom Teams Summer Staff in 2018, which led to her ongoing support of EMM. As a younger supporter, Sarah Beth recognizes the value of EMM's work locally and around the world.

"I support EMM because I see the love that EMM workers and staff have for all people and for Jesus. I think the world needs more of that."



Sarah Beth Ranck

These stories are inspiring, but they also highlight a sobering reality. Every day, over three billion people wake up without access to the gospel. They face the "three devastating NOs": no disciples near them, no churches to join, and no Bibles in their language.

To reach them, we need a stable foundation. Our Impact Fund is the "pond" that allows these ripples to happen. It is the vital infrastructure that provides training for cross-cultural ministry, crisis care and counseling for our workers, and the administrative accountability that

ensures your gifts are used wisely.

Our 2026 goal for the Impact Fund is \$1,645,000. This fund is what allows us to launch initiatives like our new Church as Mission Initiative (CAMI), which we will use to equip our international partners to become sending bodies themselves. It will allow us to push into priority regions where people are least-reached.

You are making a difference. Whether you served fifty years ago or are just beginning your journey with us, your financial support today ensures that the ripples of God's grace continue to reach the furthest shores.

Will you consider making some ripples by giving a special mid-year gift to the Impact Fund by June 30? We are deeply grateful for your trust, your prayers, and your commitment to the Great Commission.



Barry Freed serves as the development director for EMM.

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Thank you for being a vital member of the EMM community!

JUNE DAILY PRAYER

WEST AFRICA

- 1 | Pray for those affected by ongoing conflicts in West Africa. Pray for peace in the region.
- 2 | Pray for both long and short-term workers to be called to serve in West Africa.
- 3 | Pray for the local church in West Africa to continue to be mobilized for evangelism, relief work, and refreshment for new initiatives.
- 4 | Join Jon and Heleen Yoder in thanking God for opening a door for the Gospel through Nyandengoh!, a ministry to children living with disabilities in the rural south of Sierra Leone. Pray for the 23 people who recently put their trust in Christ.
- 5 | Pray for a revelation of Christ and a revelation of one's identity being found in Christ. For many people in West Africa, Islam is not just a religious belief, but an identity. Many of them don't actively choose Islam, but rather are born into it, thus presenting significantly more barriers to work through when hoping to see them become a follower of Jesus.

CENTRAL ASIA

- 6 | Ask for deepening relationships and gospel effectiveness for workers in Central Asia, that they may share Jesus' love in culturally relevant ways, leading to genuine encounters with Christ
- 7 | Pray for both long and short-term workers to be called to serve in Central Asia.
- 8 | Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead workers to those who are part of least-reached groups in Central Asia.
- 9 | Pray for a massive church multiplication movement among least-reached people groups in Central Asia.
- 10 | Pray for Evan and Faith* as they prepare for long-term service in Central Asia, starting on the field this summer.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

- 11 | Ask God to call applicants to apply for the Southeast Asia Regional Representative role before the June 30 application deadline.
- 12 | Join Mark and Sarah Schoenhals in prayer for a scripture camp that is planned for

June 12-13 for Life Enrichment Church (LEC) leaders in Thailand. Pray for this time together, and for the overall strengthening of Scripture engagement for the church.

- 13 | Join Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin in prayer for God's provision for their funding. Pray for faith and diligence as they fundraise this summer to meet a significant budget increase. Pray that God would confirm their new term in Thailand through his provision.
- 14 | Join Brody and Abigail* in prayer for their balance of work, life, commitments to their family and friends, and support-raising challenges. As they experience the intensity of each week, ask God to provide strength for them as they surrender their schedule to God. Pray for them as they put their condo on the market. Pray for peace as they experience what can feel like daunting preparations.
- 15 | Pray for both long and short-term workers to be called to serve in Southeast Asia.

LANCASTER, PA.

- 16 | Praise God for the staff picnic EMM staff enjoyed earlier this month. Thank God for the opportunity to build connections and celebrate together.
- 17 | Praise God for the many Kingdom Team staff applications for the summer of 2026.
- 18 | Ask God to call volunteers to serve with Neighbors Community Center at Hub450, our building in Lancaster City.
- 19 | Pray that God would sustain and encourage volunteers serving with Neighbors Community Center. May they experience meaningful interactions that confirm to them the impact that they are having.
- 20 | Pray for a breakfast for leaders at the LMC Assembly that EMM is hosting this morning. Pray for a meaningful time of fellowship and inspiration.
- 21 | Join Jonathan Bornman in prayer for the CMRT as they present a week-long adult Bible school course at Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community from today until June 25.

CENTRAL EUROPE

- 22 | Pray for both long and short-term workers to be called to serve in Central Europe.

23 | Pray for Jan Heindel and the team as they prepare for the English camp taking place in Dobříš, Czech Republic in July. Pray that God's hand would be at work in who signs up, and that each participant's heart would be open to experience his love.

24 | Join Karen Hess in prayer for the summer programs for children at the Crossroads English library starting this month. Pray for open, eager hearts to learn more about God from the books they read. Pray for conversations that the staff have with their parents.

OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

- 25 | Pray for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they end their four-year term in Bucharest, Romania today. Pray for their time in the Netherlands from today until July 6, as they connect with friends and supporters there.
- 26 | Pray for God to call 8-10 more applicants for the 2026-2027 Advance year. Pray for applicants to apply before the application deadline of July 1.
- 27 | Join J.C. Ebersole in prayer for wisdom from God for the development of an accreditation pathway for the All-nations Association of Bible Schools (AABS)-affiliated schools that desire it.
- 28 | Lift Daryl and Jen Hoover in prayer as they navigate transitions as they prepare to leave Costa Rica. Pray that Jen's hospitality role at Vidanet is filled so that there is time for her to pass things on. Join them in praising the Lord for his faithfulness to their teams on outreach, for Daryl's role in finance being filled, and for the safe travels their son Micah had as he drove students from Costa Rica to Honduras.
- 29 | Join Carissa Sherer in asking the Lord to continue to provide the necessary finances for Hope for Home Ministries to provide the best care possible for each child under their care in Guatemala. Thank him for his faithful provision thus far!
- 30 | Join Michael and Nancy Hostetter in prayer for Joanna and Angelo as they are helping with teens who are participating in a Discovery Bible Study. Join them in praying also for the adult couples who are taking turns hosting house church. May there be clear vision for multiplication in Chile.

Some prayer requests adapted from joshuaoproject.net.

**Names changed or omitted for sensitivity reasons.*



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