

Multiplication Month - Week 2: PRAY

Our greatest challenge when it comes to church planting is not a lack of money, strategy, or opportunity. By far, the greatest need when it comes to multiplying new churches is a lack of *workers*. We need men and women who sense God's call to be part of building and nurturing new witnessing communities. We need existing churches who are committed to investing their own people in creating new works. This need is not unique to our day.

In Matthew 9, we find Jesus traveling throughout the towns and villages of Galilee preaching the good news of the kingdom of God, performing many signs and wonders, and expressing his compassion for the crowds of people he encounters along the way. As Jesus looks into the faces of these lost men and women, he turns to his disciples and tells them:

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37-38)

Today, just as in Jesus's day, a lavish harvest stands ready before us. And today, just as in Jesus' day, more workers are needed to bring this great harvest in. The answer to this dilemma, according to Jesus, is *prayer*.

So, on this second week of Multiplication Month, we are focusing on our own call to pray, not only for those workers who are still needed, but also for those faithful workers who are already laboring in the fields.

EFC-ER currently has 15 families who are serving in active church plants. These planters and the new works they are building are a diverse group. They involve five different language groups and two different countries (United States and Canada). The projects include traditional church plants, micro-church networks, new campuses of existing churches, and innovative Business-as-Mission ventures. Within that diversity, however, is a shared commitment to make disciples of Jesus and gather them into new witnessing communities.

Church planting is not easy work, and these faithful men and women need our prayers and support. They also need more laborers to join them in the harvest.

Today, we will take time to pray for three things:

- 1.) For God's blessing on our EFC-ER church planters, their families, and the new works they are building.
- 2.) For God to raise up new workers from within our congregations who are willing to be part of multiplying disciples through church planting.
- 3.) For God to create a true multiplication movement among Evangelical Friends for the sake of His kingdom.

In addition, we are asking each family to take a [Church Planter Prayer Page](#) home with you and commit to praying on a regular basis for our EFC-ER church planting families and the new fellowships they are leading throughout North America.