# FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2024

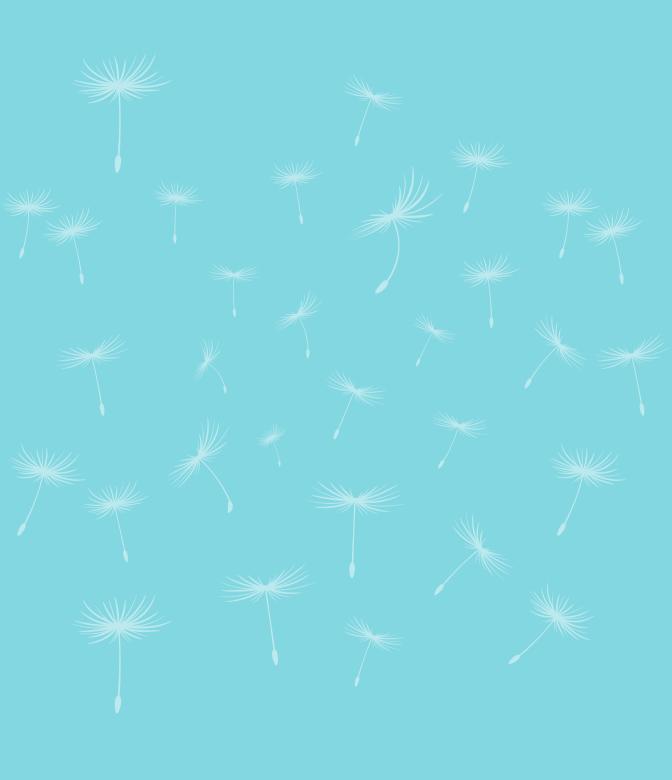
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GOINTO ALL THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE CREATION.

MARK 16:15



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### Welcome to the Global Missions Conference!

We have arrived at our annual Global Missions celebrations, and with great excitement we will welcome Dr. George Murray and Pastor Antonio Muñoz among us. As we focus on the Lord of the Harvest, Dr. Murray will return to continue pointing our hearts towards God's desire to draw worshippers to Himself. We hope you will join us in the call to prayer of "praying to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers". We invite you to come hear from our beloved guests currently working in the field about the importance of GOING and SENDING, and to join in the many opportunities to worship the One who brings this Good News. Our hope is that, together, we will prayerfully seek the role God has for each of us as we obey the Great Commission.

### Missionaries and Nationals in Attendance

Pradip & Judith

East Asia/Memphis

**Bryce Bouchard** 

Oaks Int'l, Oklahoma

David & Katya Bute

Ukraine

David & Vicki Frazier

ESI, Memphis/Global

Jonathan & Jayne Frazier

ESI, Michigan

Jeri & Gloria Little

Novo, Florida/Global

Ron & Betsy Man

Worship Resources Int'l, Global

Suresh Masih

Konnect Foundation, South Asia

Dawn M.

Middle East

**Rhonda Miller** 

Pioneers, North Carolina

**Abel Espinoza Rosas** 

Tlapaneco Indian Ministries, Mexico

Galo Alejandro Silva

Tlapaneco Indian Ministries, Mexico

**David & Mary Alice Stevens** Paraclete

Mission Group, Georgia/Africa

Dan & Susan Wicher

Avant Ministries, Memphis

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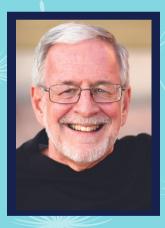
Pastor Antonio Muñoz

Antonio Muñoz is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute (B.A., 2001) and Dallas Theological Seminary (Th.M., 2005). He has pastored churches in Mexico City, Chicago, and Dallas and launched Redeemer en Español in October 2016. Located in Katy, Texas, Redeemer en Español follows the model of One Church - Two Congregations.

When Antonio was 16 years old, he attended a Bible study led by Dan Wicher. Antonio realized that he did not know Jesus like the men in the Bible study knew Jesus. Shortly thereafter, he placed his faith in Christ alone for salvation.

Pastor Antonio is well-known by our friends with the Tlapaneco Indian Ministry in Mexico and has taught at the Bible School there several times.

Antonio is married to Becky and they have two daughters, Jessica and Susanna. Becky has served in worship and women's ministries, speaking at conferences internationally.



**Dr. George Murray** 

George Murray is a missionary at heart. He and his wife, Annette, along with their four children, were engaged in pioneer evangelism and church planting for 13 years in the spiritually needy country of Italy. For the next 17 years, he directed two missionary organizations: Bible Christian Union (330 missionaries in 14 countries of Europe) and The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM, with 1,100 missionaries in 42 countries worldwide).

Following his leadership and experience in the field of missions, he assumed the leadership of Columbia International University (CIU) in Columbia, South Carolina, first as CIU's President (2000 - 2007), and then as CIU's Chancellor (2007-2017).

Columbia International University specializes in training people for Great Commission service around the world. George has traveled and ministered all across the United States of America and in 83 other countries.

He has been happily married to Annette since 1969, and their four children (all married) have blessed them with nine grandchildren (8 boys and 1 girl). George is a graduate of CIU (B.A., 1967; M.A., 1981) and Trinity International University (D.Miss, 1995). Annette is a graduate of CIU (B.A., 1969) and Biblical Theological Seminary (M.A. in Theology/Counseling, 1995).



# Loving our Neighbors: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration

Saturday, February 17, 9:00-12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Come for an interactive discussion on immigration in the US and how the evangelical church should respond. Consider "WHY" the Church must be involved and "HOW" each of us can engage with immigrants in our community. Pastor Antonio, representatives from World Relief Memphis, and others will help guide our conversation.

You are invited to stay for lunch and fellowship.

### **Mobilization of the Saints**

Saturday, February 24, 9:00-12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Dr. George Murray will lead a discussion on what it means for First Evan to be a mobilizer of workers to the nations. Then, you'll hear from three different Missionary partners from the field, sharing personal applications of how God is using them to call laborers for the Gospel. You'll have an opportunity for questions and discussion as we interact with the challenge of Going and Sending to the unreached.

# Conference Project TLAPANECO INDIAN MINISTRIES



Goal: \$20,000

Where only idolatry ruled in the hearts of the people, NOW Christ rules in many hearts. Where people worshipped the rain god, NOW many worship the Lord Jesus Christ. Where one couple came to bring the news of redemption to the people of the mountains, NOW the people themselves bring the good news of redemption to those outside of Christ.

First Evan has the opportunity to build upon the legacy that we have with the Iglesias Cristianas Tlapanecas (ICT). Our relationship with ICT has exceeded 85 years, and our prayer is that it continues to grow and flourish! Together with Tlapaneco Indian Ministries (TIM - the US based ministry board), they are building the legacy of faithful discipleship into the next generation.

Each year, ICT hosts an annual conference between Palm Sunday and Easter. This year (March 28 - March 31), ICT is planning to have one of their largest gatherings ever with 800 to 900 Christian brothers/sisters in attendance. The theme of their conference is "Let's Remain Steadfast in Healthy Doctrine." Our funds will be a major source of encouragement and blessing to the churches as they gather for worship, fellowship, Bible teaching, and discipleship.

Our goal is to provide \$20,000 to support the March gathering, which will help continue the Gospel work among the Tlapaneco people.





## Kids' Missions Conference



### KMC 2024: Ears to Hear

Friday-Saturday, February 23-24 | 4 years old-5th grade Childcare Available: Birth through 3 years old | C112/113

This year, KMC is all about ears. They're amazing, remarkably complex, and we each have two of them—but sometimes we don't use them to listen as we ought. Jesus knew this about human beings. He said to the crowd, "he who has ears, let him hear." Jesus taught in Mark 4 that, just like a seed is sown in the ground, God's Word is sown in our hearts through—that's right—our ears! We want to become good listeners to God's word, letting it take root in our hearts, so we can worship Him and joyfully "go into all creation and proclaim the good news" (Mark 16:15). Do YOU have ears to hear? Let's listen!

KMC SCHEDULE

*Friday, February 23* 6:15-7:50 p.m. | C212

**Saturday, February 24** 8:50 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | C210

### Short-Term Trips

The following trips are still in the planning stages. Please pray about joining in some way - whether in GOING or in SENDING.

### **JOIN A FIRST EVAN TEAM**

Czech Republic - English Camp with In-Life ministry partners. July 10-22, 2024.

Uganda - Various opportunities to partner with Dana Phillips.

India - Serve alongside Konnect ministry partners - possible teaching opportunities. Fall 2024

**Nepal** - Serve alongside Nepal Gospel Center ministry partners - possible teaching opportunities. Fall 2024

Spain - Serve alongside the Galloways at La Morada. Fall 2024.

Spain - Serve alongside partners with Malaga Media Center. Fall 2024

### OTHER TRIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR PARTNERS

**Greater Europe Mission (GEM)** - Serve in a Refugee camp. Contact the Missions office at *missionsefirstevan.org* for more information.

Global Outreach (GO) - Visit globaloutreach.servicereef.com/events for opportunities. FamilyLife (Cru) - Visit familylife.com/missions for opportunities.

### FIRST EVANERS ON THE MOVE

Be on the lookout for these friends and let them know you'll be praying for them as they prepare to go!

Bart Bartolomeo to Honduras for gospel outreach with New Heights Church in March.

Tori Martin to Nicaragua for gospel outreach with Christian Veterinary Missions in June.

Benjamin and Robyn Brenner to Czech Republic to teach and do gospel outreach in May.

If you are interested in taking the gospel cross-culturally and serving people who may not have access to the Truth, please inquire at the Missions Office.

missions@firstevan.org

## Opportunities to Engage

### LOCAL

### Connect Language Center: worldrelief.org/connect-language-center

Volunteer to assist with formal classes that provide English language acquisition for students from many different countries. There are also opportunities to provide financial scholarships for students. Contact Whitney at wcrewsewr.org.

### World Relief Memphis: worldreliefmemphis.org

Whatever your age, experience, or background, you have something valuable to contribute and learn from befriending, assisting, and advocating for immigrants and refugees. With the gift of your time, you can help provide refugees with social support and cultural guidance on their journey toward self-sufficiency.

February 22: Volunteer Orientation at 6:30 PM. Contact Whitney at wcrews@wr.org.

### Multinational Memphis: multinationalmemphis.org

MNM is the oldest and largest refugee/immigrant ministry in Memphis. For over 28 years, Multinational Memphis has shown kindness to culturally diverse families living in Memphis, helping them to feel accepted, understand this culture, achieve academic success, and feel God's love. Volunteer opportunities are on the website.

### Refugee Empowerment Program: repmemphis.org

There are volunteer opportunities to empower refugees and immigrants through high-quality, tailored programming that encourages, educates, and equips individuals, families, and the community.

### **AROUND THE WORLD**

Scatter Global: scatterglobal.com Pioneers: pioneers.org

Mission Next: missionnext.org Network of Int'l Christian Schools: nics.org

SIM USA: simusa.org/skills-interests Medical Missions: medicalmissions.com

Frontiers: frontiersusa.org/get-ready Avant Ministries USA: avantministries.org/go

Cru: cru.org/opportunities/explore-your-interests

OM USA: omusa.org/long-term-opportunities

### First Evan's Global Missions Team



Back Row: Jim Pendleton (Director), Bill Granger, Steve Cloud (Deacon),

Robert Seay (Elder), Christopher Marino

Middle Row: Bernie Housholder, Kari Armstrong, Sheila Battle,

Leigh Sistrunk (Chair), Christie Taylor, Wes Bailey

Front Row: Tori Martin (Assistant), Marie Thompson, Laura Love,

Jan Carrier, Scott Arnwine

Not Pictured: Lex Hester



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## Conference Schedule

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

#### **Refreshments & Donuts**

8:30-9:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

### FEC Talks: Loving our Neighbors

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Lunch will be provided.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

### **Morning Service**

10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Pastor Antonio Muñoz

### **Evening Session**

6:00–7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary Pastor Antonio Muñoz

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

#### **Celebration Dinner**

5:00-6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

### **Evening Session**

6:30–8:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Dr. George Murray

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

### **Refreshments & Donuts**

8:30-9:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

#### FEC Talks: Mobilization of the Saints

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

### **Morning Service**

10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Dr. George Murray

### Fellowship Luncheon

12:00-1:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

#### **Global Celebration Service**

6:00-7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary



For schedule details, scan below

