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Faith Over Fear
Journey to Freedom
From Reached to Reaching

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Faith Over Fear, ALWAYS



By Superintendent Hien and Area Director Eric

*“When a man’s ways please the Lord,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”*

– Proverbs 16:7

A few years ago, in a particular region of Southeast Asia, our Free Methodist brothers and sisters faced intense challenges. Fearing persecution, some sought security by quietly aligning with a larger, more established denomination. This group had an official registration with the authorities. The hope was to find shelter under this denomination’s registration. It was a move born out of fear, a human attempt to outwit adversity.

But God, in His infinite wisdom, brought truth to light. The larger denomination inadvertently exposed the quiet arrangement, sending registration forms that threatened to absorb our groups officially. A regional pastor, a dear brother with whom I had shared many years of ministry, was deeply troubled. He recognized their misstep: They had leaned on human institutions instead of fully trusting God. His heartfelt confession and plea for prayer moved me deeply.

My response was simple: love and encouragement. I reminded him that the flock belonged to God, not a denomination. Our role is to be faithful stewards, living honestly and fearing God above all. I encouraged them to be transparent, not just with themselves but with the authorities. Even if

immediate acceptance was not guaranteed, righteous living, love and truth would, in time, earn respect and reveal God’s power.

With renewed courage, the pastor and leaders bravely clarified their identity to the authorities. The pressure mounted – interrogations, persuasions, demands to sign with the larger denomination – but most stood firm. Though some wavered, the majority held fast to their Free Methodist roots.

Amazingly, even amid continued harassment, God’s work flourished. New believers joined their churches weekly, and the intensity of the persecution gradually subsided. Witnessing their unwavering faith, the authorities began to show respect, even encouraging former members to return. Boldly, the churches launched a public social media page, openly declaring their faith.

God honored their faithfulness with abundant blessings. Recently, three Free Methodist groups from communities in the region gathered for a powerful outdoor service. Twenty-two people received baptism, and two more accepted Christ that day. Their story echoes Proverbs 16:7, “When a man’s ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him,” and Matthew 5:10, “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

This story is a testament to what happens when we stand courageously where God calls us. He leads, honors, protects and fights for us. To Him be all the glory!



A New Creation: Nawl Bik's Journey to Freedom in Christ

By Superintendent Pa Kep and Area Director Eric

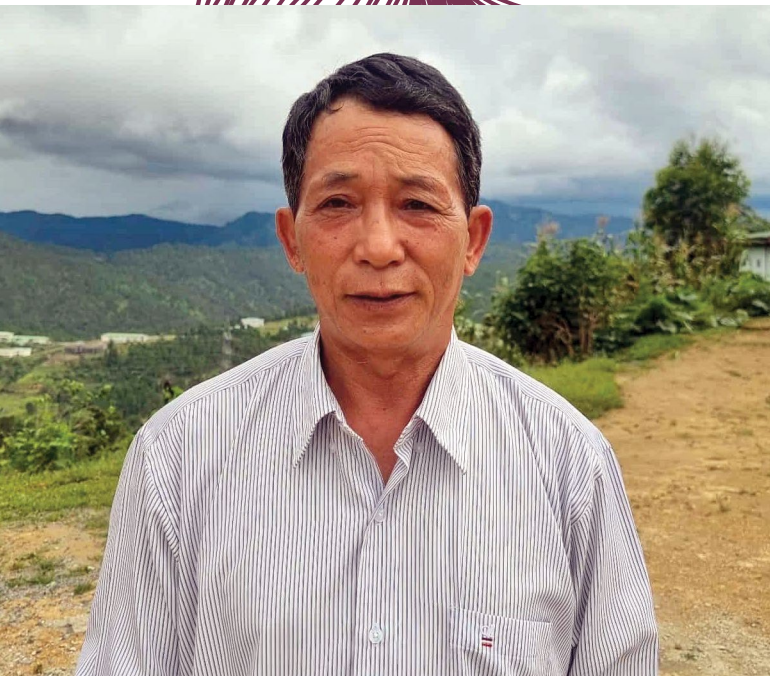

Beginning in his teenage years, Nawl Bik struggled with an alcohol addiction. Sporadically, he came to church, sometimes after a night of drinking and dancing. His family and friends were deeply ashamed of his lifestyle. His addiction caused pain at home as he sometimes beat his wife and two children. His daughter and son grew up burdened by their father's behavior. Revealing the deep shame she felt, Nawl Bik's daughter, Amawi, confided in a friend, "I am the daughter of an alcoholic."

Still, Nawl Bik's wife and the members of the church never gave up praying for him, fervently asking God to transform his life. Amawi, who attended school in the capital city, carried the heavy burden in her heart. She wept often and shared her anguish, asking others to pray for her father's deliverance from alcohol.

One summer, Nawl Bik attended a three-night Bible study program. On the second night, he courageously shared his desire to be free from alcohol but confessed his powerlessness to overcome alcoholism on his own. The church laid hands on him in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to intervene. During the study, Nawl Bik was deeply moved by 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" The Holy Spirit worked powerfully in his heart that night.

In an emotional phone call, Amawi tearfully told her father how she had prayed for his transformation, and he responded with tears of his own. He shared how he was freed from alcohol by the power of God's Word. They rejoiced together, praising the Lord for His mighty work.

On the last night of the Bible study, Nawl Bik testified boldly of how the Lord had made him a new creation. Now committed to weekly Bible study, prayer groups and Sunday worship, he is an active member of New Hakha Free Methodist Church and even serves on the board of administration. His life stands as a living testimony to God's redeeming power, inspiring all who know him and have witnessed the miraculous transformation only Christ could bring.



From REACHED to *Reaching*

By CE (As told to Lena)

After more than seven decades of receiving missionaries, the Free Methodist Church in Taiwan has reached a historic milestone – it is now sending out its first cross-cultural missionary!

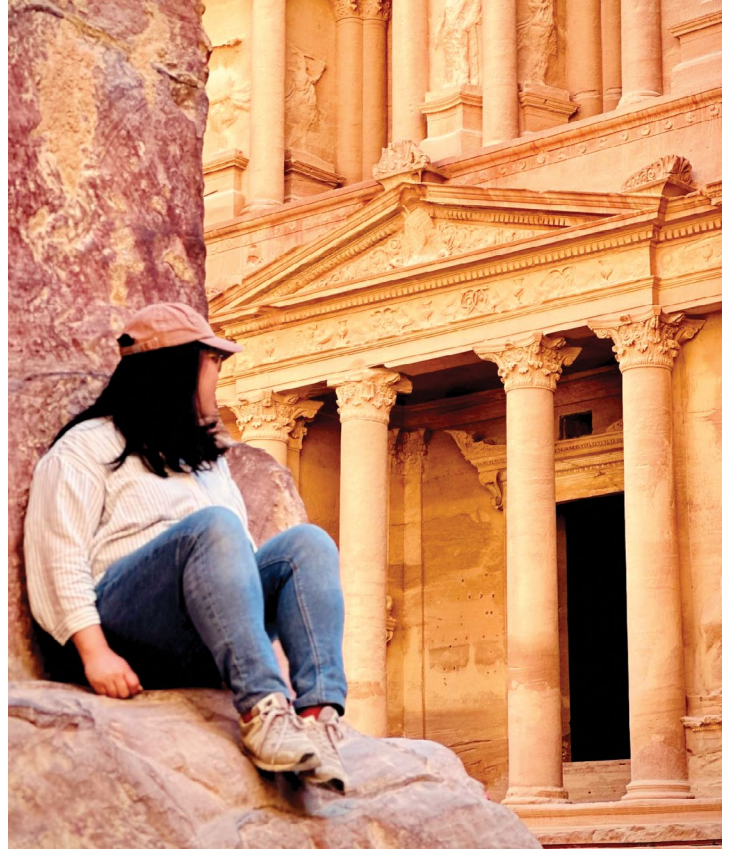
On August 3, 2025, “CE” was commissioned in a joint commissioning service by the Taiwan Annual Conference and her partnering mission organization, Frontiers. The following is “CE’s” story.

Scripture says, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few” (Matthew 9:37, NIV).

From the very beginning, every time I prayed about cross-cultural missions, God gave me visions of Muslim women and children wearing Hijabs. During my university and graduate years – and even while serving in my church – God gave me opportunities to connect with Indonesian Muslims. Through friendships with Muslim migrant workers, I participated in their music and culture. Each step only deepened my burden for the Muslim people.

My calling became clearer during my second year of seminary while studying intercultural missions. I spent a year in Jordan learning Arabic, studying culture and receiving mission training while building friendships with local Muslims.

In Jordan, I felt the weight of Jesus’ words: “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” The need is urgent,



and through many confirmations, God made it clear – He was calling me back.

When I return to Jordan, I hope to use my background in education to serve Muslim women and children, walking with them in daily life and living out the love of Christ among them.

Would you pray for me? Pray for:

- Pre-field training – Pray my heart and mind will be well prepared.
- Support raising – Pray for God’s provision for the remaining half of my needed budget.
- Arabic-language learning – Pray for wisdom and perseverance as I seek to learn the language to be able to communicate the gospel effectively.
- My return to Jordan – Pray the doors in Jordan will remain open for my return in March 2026.

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OCTOBER PRAYER GUIDE

01 > **Wednesday** | **Malawi**

Pray for the Great Commission Bible School. Pray for the training and multiplication of godly leaders to spread the gospel in the unreached places of Malawi.

02 > **Thursday** | **Antigua**

The church in Puerto Rico continues to grow while reaching out to Antigua, where they have established four church plants. Pray for the growth of the church in Antigua and life transformation.

03 > **Friday** | **Iraq**

There is a remnant of believers in one village in Northern Iraq. Ask God to strengthen these believers and allow them to shine the light of Christ, demonstrating His love and truth to others in Iraq.

04 > **Saturday** | **Latin America**

John Jairo Leal serves Impact Latin America as the field director for Community Church Planting while also serving the FMC in Colombia. Pray that God will continue to open doors and prepare hearts for the expansion of the church-planting movement in Latin America.

Birthday: John Jairo Leal (International Missionary)

05 > **Sunday** | **Creative Access-PN**

There are now over 40 FM churches in this country, and the leaders are faithfully sharing the gospel, discipling new believers and planting seeds of hope. Pray for the 40 churches and "M," the country leader.

06 > **Monday** | **Ivory Coast**

Pray for God's continued provision for the completion of the FMC headquarters and the purchase of land for building several churches.

07 > **Tuesday** | **France**

Pray for spiritual growth and development among the church's many children and youth.

08 > **Wednesday** | **Ecuador**

Pray for encouragement, protection and provision for pastors ministering under the current pressing social and economic circumstances.

09 > **Thursday** | **Asia**

Mark and Judi Morrison are the pastoral care couple for Asia. Ask the Father to give Mark wisdom, insight and understanding as he ministers both in Asia and the U.S.

Birthday: Mark Morrison

10 > **Friday** | **Jordan**

A ministry in Jordan is providing care for women who have been physically and emotionally abused. Pray these women will find healing and self respect, understanding their value comes from God.

11 > **Saturday** | **Togo/Southeast Asia**

Togo: Pray Audrey Kaufmann will have steady faith and lasting joy as she continues to grow through life and ministry in Togo. **Birthday: Audrey Kaufmann**

Southeast Asia: Pray for Tammy as she completes her master's degree this year. Ask God to give her discernment about how to best use her gifts and education in the next season of ministry. **Birthday: Tammy**

12 > **Sunday** | **360 Mission District**

This district has a strong emphasis on holistic and transformational ministries. Pray specifically for "La Lucha" (The Struggle), an innovative addiction recovery ministry.

13 > **Monday** | **Greece**

Thessaloniki continues to be an entry point for immigrants coming into Europe. Pray for the evangelization of the immigrants and the discipleship of new believers, especially those who are of a Muslim-background.

14 > **Tuesday** | **South Sudan**

Pray for a group of churches in the affiliation process with FMWM Africa. Ask the Father to give wisdom to the leader, the Rev. David Awan.

15 > **Wednesday** | **Creative Access-VN**

Pastor Hinh is a dedicated leader in this country who is serving the poor in a remote mountain community. Thank the Lord he received a motorbike to make travel easier. Pray for other pastors like him who need training, transportation and encouragement.

16 > Thursday | Creative Access

Pray for Adam and Rebecca as they adjust to a new location and culture. **Birthday: Rebecca**

17 > Friday | Set Free Movement

Pray for Set Free Leaders on five continents who are dedicated and committed to the mission of Jesus – to see people set free physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

18 > Saturday | Creative Access-X

Two years ago, pastors received loans to invest in microenterprises to provide for their families. Thirty-three of those projects are doing well, generating enough revenue to support the family and pay back the “loan.” Now, pray the churches can begin investing in other microenterprises to benefit the church members.

19 > Sunday | Middle East

Praise the Lord for thousands of faith communities started amid the chaos in this region. Pray that God’s people will be instruments of His peace, bringing hope and reconciliation.

20 > Monday | Taiwan

Pray for Becca as she makes significant transitions in ministry. Ask the Father to guide and provide during these transitions. Pray for new opportunities to join the Asia Area FMC in meeting the goal of reaching 1 million for Jesus.

Birthday: Becca

21 > Tuesday | ICCM

Pray for the work of ICCM in Chifuntu, a remote village in Zambia. Nearly half of the church in this community is made up of children. Pray for the education and spiritual development of these children.

22 > Wednesday | Creative Access-CA

Pray for Jessica as she leads women’s Bible studies and shares the gospel through daily relationships in the community. **Birthday: Jessica (Affiliate Missionary)**

23 > Thursday | Peru

The capital of Peru, Lima, has a population of more than 13 million. Pray this city will become fertile ground for sowing seeds of the gospel.

24 > Friday | Portugal

Pray for the development of healthy Christian homes that will bear witness to the gospel’s transforming power in every segment of the community where these families interact.

25 > Saturday | Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)

This church-in-formation is under the general conference of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray for the growth of the three small congregations.

26 > Sunday | Spain

As Clara Bettiol is beginning a new chapter of service to the Lord in Spain, please pray for grace during the transitions and a teachable heart. Ask God to give her meaningful opportunities to share God’s love with others.

Birthday: Clara Bettiol (International Missionary)

27 > Monday | FMWM

Gerry Coates (director of global engagement), the three U.S. bishops, and the FMWM area directors gather in Creative Access-VN this week for biannual meetings and ministry exposure. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in all they do.

28 > Tuesday | Thailand

Sherry Cahill serves the Asia Area in coaching, mentoring and administrative assistance. Ask the Father to give her daily wisdom and dependence on the Holy Spirit as she fulfills these various responsibilities. **Birthday: Sherry Cahill**

29 > Wednesday | Belgium

God has been moving in Europe! Pray leaders will continue to seek God’s presence as the FMC follows His lead. Pray the Kingdom will be multiplied in Belgium and across Europe.

Birthday: Eric Casteel (Affiliate Missionary)

30 > Thursday | Nigeria

The FMC in Nigeria now has four conferences with a total of 93 churches. Pray for the superintendents and the evangelism and expansion of all four conferences.

31 > Friday | Asia

Pray for Mark and Judi Morrison’s adult children and grandchildren, asking the Spirit to guard their hearts and minds and keep them fully trusting in Jesus.

Birthday: Judi Morrison

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. ...

– Ephesians 6:19 (NIV)