



EFCA ONE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS - JULY/AUGUST 2017

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Dear Pastor and Mission Leaders,

Greetings in Christ. The EFCA One 2017 conference in Austin, Texas is now history. It was an excellent time to interact with pastors and mission leaders. Here are a few highlights from the conference that might be helpful for you and your ministry.

Kevin Kompelien: The growth rate of EFCA churches is 2.3%, which means it is basically at a plateau. Kevin challenged leaders to see a 10% growth rate of new churches in the next 10 years. This can be done in part by multiplying disciple makers, extending Gospel ministries, strengthening and revitalizing and planting churches. Plus, extending Gospel communities, i.e. Gospel initiatives in communities, and having church planting residencies.

EFCA Theology Conference: January 31-February 2, 2018. "The Gospel, Compassion and Justice and the EFCA." Northeast Bible Church in Garden Ridge, TX. The preconference will focus on Islam, "Understanding Islam, Moving our Neighbors."

APEX: ReachGlobal offers mission experiences for youth groups and young adults. Live and minister in another culture in community and partnership with local Christians and churches. They have opportunities for youth groups, college-aged students and 1-2 year apprenticeships. Domestic and international learning experiences are available. APEX has replaced BUMP and Trek7. Write to apex@efca.org or go to www.apexmissions.org.

ReachGlobal: They have around 600 missionaries serving in more than 55 countries around the world. There were over 60 missionaries attending the conference.

GlobalFingerprints: Is the child sponsorship program of the EFCA. They are currently sponsoring nearly 3,000 children in ten countries. What makes GlobalFingerprints unique?

- 1) We're part of a church planting and growing strategy.
- 2) Sharing the gospel and discipleship.
- 3) We meet regularly with each child in their home.
- 4) We empower local Christians to care for their children.

The Philippines is the newest country to have GlobalFingerprints. Greg Norwine is the contact person for GlobalFingerprints. He is available to come to churches to share the vision of GlobalFingerprints. His email is greg.norwine@efca.org.

Asia Justice Initiatives: Combat human trafficking through mobilizing prayer, sending a team, sponsoring a child, organize an awareness/fund raising event, stand up/speak out, sell products through Shrishti Creation (Shrishti.creation.us@gmail.com), assist with business development and partner financially. JusticeInitiatives@efca.org.

Blessings,
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