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The Hope of Peace



— A Message from Tanner Peake of Every Home for Christ

Your inbox, news feed, and social media are likely filling with messages about Ukraine and Russia amid this current crisis. In the overwhelming noise of this, I want to connect with you, our beloved Every Home community.

As you read this, I invite you to slow down for just a moment. Ask the Lord to hear his heartbeat for the people who are being impacted by this war. Let us turn our hearts, with the compassion of Jesus, toward every person whose life is being upended in unimaginable ways right now.

I'm thinking of the people I know personally in Ukraine and Russia. They are members of the Every Home for Christ community. They are men and women with young families — with children. I have laughed with them. I have shared meals with them.

I have been personally stirred by their dedication to the story of redemption. They are dear to me. Right now, many of them are in danger. All of them are in complicated situations. As I write this, they are making decisions no person should ever have to face about how to navigate a warzone as ministry leaders, as spouses, as mothers and fathers.

The faces I have in mind are only a handful of the millions of people — every single one deeply known and eternally loved in the eyes of God — who are facing the realities of war today.

Moments like these can feel overwhelming. Confusing. Convoluting. We want to care — but how? What does it look like to follow Jesus as we watch war unfold on the other side of the world?

Today, I am following the lead of our Every Home teams around the world: I am asking the Lord to attune my heart to His, and I am opening my hands to whatever he may ask of me in response. Our way forward is in our capacity to see each other through the eyes of Christ. It is in our commitment to lift our eyes above the politics and nationalistic interests, and in our willingness to witness His love in response.

Our hope is in the quiet before the Lord today, I want to share with you two simple invitations for this complex moment.

- An invitation to empathy: May we see the people of Ukraine and Russia as the Lord sees them. May we know their value, their worth, their dignity in the eyes of Christ. May we cultivate His love for every single one in our hearts.

- An invitation to prayer: May we carry the heart of God as we pray for the people and leaders of Ukraine and Russia. May we be centred in His love for every single person in both nations. May our hearts be lifted up to the hope of peace.

Is there someone who comes to mind for you, specifically, as you pray? Are there people you know, personally, who are affected by this war? Our prayer team would be honoured to join you in prayer. Please respond to this email with any names, faces, or stories heavy on your heart in this crisis.

May we all be witnesses to the tender love of Christ in the days to come, and may we stand with those who, today, are suffering immensely.

For everyone, everywhere,



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22 WORDS — OF — ENCOURAGEMENT for 2022

by Emily Stroble | February 16th, 2022

Whether you're starting 2022 with a burst of excitement, or you need a little inspiration, we've gathered 22 words of Christian encouragement from your brothers and sisters in Christ around the world to uplift you today.

As it says in Thessalonians 5:11, "... therefore encourage one another and build each other up."



Encouraging Words About Who God Is

1. "God is so good. Despite the challenges we are currently facing due to the pandemic, God has still been faithful in removing deep-seated fear from us and opening the doors for people to listen to us everywhere we go." — Yohana Mgonja, Every Home team member in **Tanzania**

2. "We have been through tough times... Despite restrictions and protocols, God enables us to cautiously visit places and meet individuals, sharing the Gospel with them... This situation did not hinder precious lives from listening to the Gospel of salvation... We know that God is in control, and he will continue to lead us through every storm and fire so that he may be more glorified in and through us." — Every Home team member in a Creative Access Nation in **Southeast Asia**

3. "The Lord has not forgotten me when I was lost, but he has sent His people for the revival of my soul." — Samuel H. Farr, a village elder in Konoworken, **Liberia**. (Samuel first heard the gospel 50 years ago but felt lost. He recently received the truth and love of Jesus from an Every Home team!)

4. "Undoubtedly, when you put your project in God's hands, He provides everything abundantly." — Every Home team member in **Mexico**, giving testimony about God's provision of resources, materials, and local believers to help bring the gospel to their region.

5. "The area that we are doing outreach in is known as a 'hard ground,' but, for God, everything is possible, even the area that we are working in." — Every Home team member, **Kosovo**



Encouraging Words about What God Is Doing

6. "We are seeing how God is opening doors in the whole country... Believers have offered us their support." — Every Home team member in **Costa Rica**, commenting on the Church's response to devastating flooding after heavy rains

7. "We are so grateful to our living God that we can do our ministry work more effectively and reach more homes than before with the help of local churches... Many believers are praying for our ministry work. And our ministry work is going well." — Every Home team member in **Bangladesh**

8. "Recently, we saw a breakthrough in communities that were weary of the Church. People listened and responded to the Gospel!" — Every Home team member in **Barbados**

9. "Years ago, there were small churches in the communities of this region, but spirituality were falling apart and the places of worship were turned into stables. The leaders were weak. Today, thanks to the grace of God, there is a different spirituality in this region and we are thankful to our Lord for the ability to be part of these changes, even when the roads have been difficult." — Every Home team member in **Colombia**

10. "Interest in discipleship is growing; people are looking for a stronger faith and a personal relationship with God. We show them that hope for the future is in God and His Word. We have no other message." — Every Home team member in the **Solomon Islands**

11. "For many Christians, the pandemic was a trigger that made us see the great need for the Word of God in the world. Many believers on outreach experienced how people were hungry, desiring to receive the message of salvation. They need that message in these times of affliction and angst, even if they rejected the message many times before. To see hearts so vulnerable and sensitive to the voice of God made us see how important it is to take the message of salvation to all who may be facing their last chance to come close to God." – Every Home team member in **Mexico**

12. "I was born into a confessing catholic family. But we enjoyed the things of this world, and witchcraft was part of our culture... Now, I'm saved because somebody came to my house. Thank God for Every Home for Christ!" – James, a new believer in **Guam**



Encouraging Words About Who We are in Christ

13. We have met the One for whom our hearts thirst. "My name is Louise. I have been a widow for several years now... I was thirsty to really know the One who created me... [After meeting the Every Home team], I gave my life to Jesus... I went home very happy because I had just met the One I was looking for and for whom I thirsted.... My children and I are currently leading a beautiful life in Jesus." – Louise, a new believer in **Cote d'Ivoire**

14. "We walk the day that God has prepared for us in advance... I was recently asked to share my testimony with a group of 100 young people... I believe that God prepared the hearts of the young people... The Holy Spirit worked on their hearts, but also on mine. God touched my heart as I spoke testimony and cried out to them about God's goodness." – Every Home leader in **Slovakia**

15. We are defined by love that cannot be diminished by a crisis. "The Aileu people... live to care for each other. Even the Covid-19 pandemic situation does not reduce their enthusiasm to share love with each other. God bless and protect them and make everything they do successful." – Every Home team member, **East Timor**

16. We are empowered by the love of Jesus to respond to injustice with forgiveness and compassion. – Every Home team member, **Rwanda**

17. "Visiting every family helped us to know the many challenges we have in our community. The Every Home strategy made us feel responsible for every single soul in our small village. The challenges we meet are answered in prayers. A person who practises sharing the Gospel and commits to reaching every home will always have fervent prayers for their community." Every Home team member, **Lesotho**

18. And we never stop praying for the obstacles to the Gospel in our areas [to be brought down.] God helps us, and all obstacles may be overcome by the power of his presence in us. – Every Home team member, **Democratic Republic of Congo**

19. "I thought people were born as Christians and that had been hindering me from joining evangelism classes. But now I have learned that disciples are made. I have zeal to go and help many people become followers of Jesus." – Lydia, Every Home team member, **Uganda**.

20. "You are God's answer to our prayers. Glory to God! We are very honoured and committed to... the proclamation of the Word of God to every home." – Pastor Pablino Velazquez, who lives in Abai, **Paraguay**. He prayed for seven years for someone to help his community evangelise. His prayers were answered by a recent visit from an Every Home team!

21. "We are the light to all people who do not know Jesus. Before being trained, I cared a lot about those who came to church. But from today, I understand clearly that I must go out and make the story of Jesus known to all, everywhere, [not just those who are already part of God's family.]" – Ange Mutuyimana, a believer serving with Every Home in **Rwanda**.

22. "Every day, changing governmental laws are creating confusion and fear... All these things are awakening us to be prepared for that bigger purpose to which God has called us so that we can progress in the guidance of Holy Spirit because the whole world is waiting for the sons of God." — Every Home Team Member, **Creative Access Nation**

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SHARING
THE
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YOUR LIFE IN JUST 3 WORDS!

Sylvère Bikorimana makes his living by sewing clothes in Mwumba, Burundi.

If you had met him this time last year and asked him to describe his life in three words, he would have told you:

Hopeless, Discouraging, and Fearful.

But if you were to ask him today, he would say his life is filled with:

Grace, Love, and Belonging.

What made the difference? Friends like you sent Every Home Pioneer Missionaries to his home to share the Gospel with Sylvère. The photo above captures the moment when Sylvère first read a leaflet and encountered the Good News.

"God has touched my heart," Sylvère says.

"I have decided to follow Jesus Christ — no turning back."

Thank you for giving so that people like Sylvère can hear the Gospel and receive Christ.



Saving lives with a mosquito net



Empowering the disabled

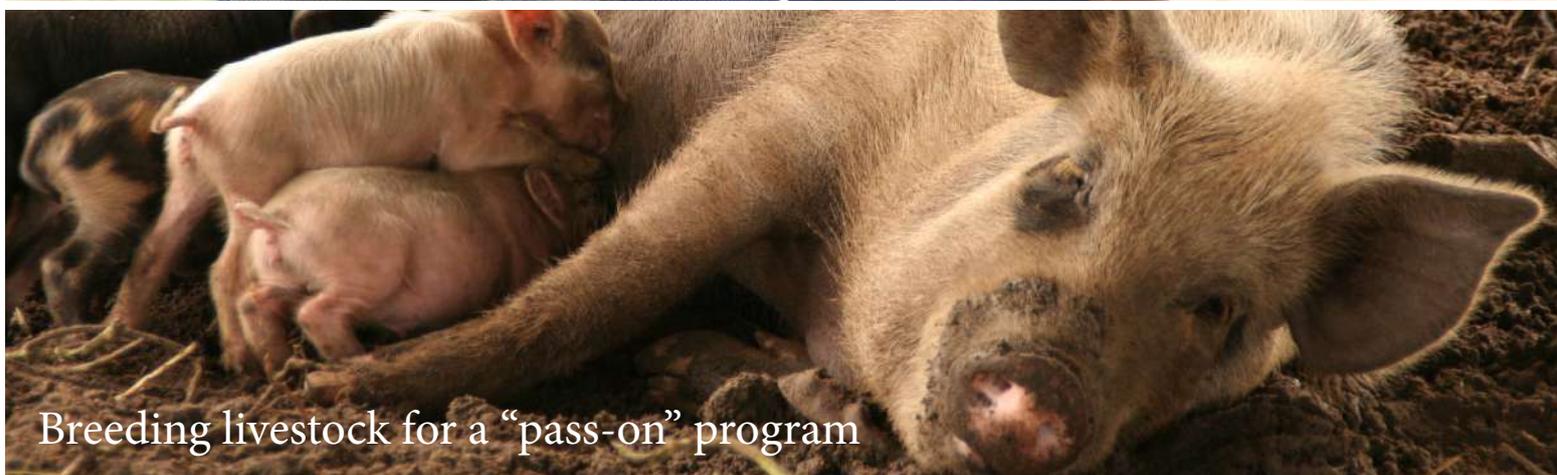


Building and repairing water wells to provide fresh, clean water



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is more than just planting seed; it encompasses whatever the local community sees as necessary for the development of their community.

Let's Pray!

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Bible Readings: This month the daily text will be taken from the books of 2 Chronicles and Ezra. For those wanting to do the one-year Bible reading program these chapters are in brackets.

1 PRAY FOR DICK AND DEE EASTMAN Dick is the International President of Every Home for Christ with a large responsibility for EHC ministries across the world. **2 Chronicles 9 (Leviticus 8 - 10)**

2 PRAY FOR DIPLAVE POKHREL Currently Diplave is in Nepal, his home country and he is now married to Sangita. Please pray that her Visa allowing her to come to Australia as Diplave's wife will be approved quickly. **2 Chronicles 10 (Leviticus 11 - 14)**

3 PRAY FOR ERIC AND LORRAINE LEACH Pray God will guide Eric in his leadership as Executive Director in Australia and New Zealand and Lorraine with EHC office responsibilities. **2 Chronicles 11 (Leviticus 15 - 16)**

4 PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY - sons, daughters and grandchildren, plus others to come to Christ. Get a piece of paper and write down their names. Get their photos and pray every day for their salvation; eternity without Christ is a long time! **2 Chronicles 12 (Leviticus 17 - 22)**

5 GUYANA Pop. 790,000 Map. 213 In the midst of COVID -19 upheaval, some churches have disengaged from participating with Every Home for Christ in Guyana. The team asks for prayer that these churches will become re-engaged. "Pray that our pastors would see the urgency of the task," they say. **2 Chronicles 13 (Leviticus 23 - 27)**

6 BURUNDI Pop. 11,900,000 Map. 18 Please pray for Every Home for Christ's prison fellowship in Burundi. Concerns about COVID-19 have made it difficult for this team to gain access to the prisoners. "The prison outreach is very crucial," the team says. "Pray that permission will be given." **2 Chronicles 14 (Numbers 1 - 4)**

7 ERITREA Pop. 3,500,000 Map. 30 Knowing the importance of prayer to our mission, the Every Home for Christ team in Eritrea sets aside specific times to seek God's blessing over their plans. "Therefore, in the love of the Lord, we ask you to join us in prayer for the Lord's presence and for his guidance and strength," they say. **2 Chronicles 15 (Numbers 5 - 7)**

8 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Pop. 10,800,000 Map. 192 Sharing the Gospel with everyone, everywhere can only be accomplished in partnership with other believers. The EHC team in the Dominican Republic recently partnered with a local ministry called Pleroma to conduct an outreach program. Please pray for a fruitful harvest. **2 Chronicles 16 (Numbers 8 - 10)**

9 NIGER Pop. 24,200,000 Map. 36 The Every Home for Christ team in Niger reports: "We give thanks to God for His mighty hand moving in a local village where more than 60 people have given themselves to Christ and want to go through water baptism!" Praise the Lord for these new believers! And please pray for them as they grow in their faith. **2 Chronicles 17 (Numbers 11 - 15)**

10 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA This closed nation is a difficult place to share the Gospel, but our EHC team travelled to the north of their country to meet families, preach the Gospel, and pray for healing. "Many opened their hearts to Jesus," the team says. "Pray for their homes." Please pray that these families will put their faith in Jesus. **2 Chronicles 18 (Numbers 16 - 19)**

**PRAY FOR ISRAEL
ROMANS 11:28**

11 MOLDOVA Pop. 4,000,000 Map. 102 "Thank you for your prayers!" says this EHC team. "Please, continue to pray for the next evangelisation in Chisinau city and Singerei city. Pray for good weather, open hearts and God's protection." Please pray for the families in these two cities and for the believers who will reach them. **2 Chronicles 19 (Numbers 20 - 24)**

12 RWANDA Pop. 12,900,000 Map. 17 Our team is intensifying its activity across the country," this EHC team reports, "to strengthen and equip Christians to reach non-believers and make disciples of Jesus. Let us pray for these men and women who are wholly committed to spreading the good news of Jesus. **2 Chronicles 20 (Numbers 25 - 27)**

13 MYANMAR Pop. 54,400,000 Map. 135 The nation of Myanmar continues to suffer violent political unrest, posing a significant threat to our brothers and sisters there. "Please pray for the pioneer missionaries of Myanmar, who daily face risks as they boldly proclaim the Gospel of Christ," this team asks. Please pray for their safety as they bravely share Jesus. **2 Chronicles 21 (Numbers 28 - 31)**

14 BRAZIL Pop. 212,600,000 Map. 218 The EHC team in Brazil is excited about its upcoming outreach plans. "We pray that God would make Brazil a place of great harvest and influence for His glory," they say. Please pray for the Lord to bless this team, its partners and the plans they have made to share the Good News in their nation. **2 Chronicles 22 (Numbers 32 - 36)**

15 GUINEA BISSAU Pop. 1,900,000 Map. 46 "Pray for the Word of God to reach the hearts of people who will have the opportunity to receive it," this Every Home for Christ team asks, "specifically the children, teenagers, and young people." Please pray for seeds of the Gospel to be planted and to grow in the hearts of the next generation. **2 Chronicles 23 (Deuteronomy 1 - 4)**

16 LEBANON Pop. 6,800,000 Map. 114 Every week, this EHC team travels into the mountains to share the Word of God and deliver medical support. They ask for prayer that the dangerous roads will be safe to cross and the way won't be blocked by harsh weather. Please pray that those they reach will put their faith in Jesus. **2 Chronicles 24 (Deuteronomy 5 - 8)**

17 ALBANIA Pop. 2,900,000 Map. 75 "Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all our evangelism outreaches and events," asks this EHC team in Albania. "Pray for many families to understand that they are precious in the eyes of God and for the joy of salvation to enter many homes." **2 Chronicles 25 (Deuteronomy 9 - 11)**

18 LESOTHO Pop. 2,100,000 Map. 2 This EHC team is praising God for the ministry partners who have come alongside them to share the Gospel home to home and for those who have met Jesus as a result. "We ask for prayer for young believers who have recently accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour," they say. **2 Chronicles 26 (Deuteronomy 12 - 18)**

19 COSTA RICA Pop. 5,100,000 Map. 184 "May there be an awakening in people's hearts that they would receive the Gospel that we preach to them," says the Every Home for Christ team in Costa Rica. Please join them in praying for more believers to partner in the mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus in their nation. **2 Chronicles 27 (Deuteronomy 19 - 26)**

20 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA "We have persecutions again," this EHC team reports. "Several of our ministry partners have been arrested and four home groups were closed because police arrested the pastors. We desperately need your prayer support." Please lift up this team and the believers in this closed nation. **2 Chronicles 28 (Deuteronomy 27 - 30)**

Send your prayer request to us and we will pray for you too!

21 CAMEROON Pop. 26,500,000
Map. 24 "The men and women we encountered during a recent outreach were curiously thirsty for the Word of God and none of them resisted the gospel message," this EHC team reports. "Let us pray that the Good News we shared will touch hearts and deliver this population."
2 Chronicles 29 (Deuteronomy 31 - 34)

22 CROATIA Pop. 4,100,000
Map. 69 This EHC team recently shared over 400 children's Bibles with people they met through their Facebook and Instagram pages. "We praise God that we reached so many homes. Please pray that people would read these Bibles to children and that God would reveal himself to them."
2 Chronicles 30 (Psalm 91)

23 SURINAME Pop. 590,000
Map. 212 "Pray for young people in Suriname that God will open their hearts to His Word and that they may come to Him," this EHC team asks. "Also pray for those who know Christ that they will understand His plan for their life and follow it. Please join this team in praying for these requests."
2 Chronicles 31 (Joshua 1 - 5)

24 NICARAGUA Pop. 6,600,000
Map. 183 Every Home for Christ teams around the world know that without unity, finishing the great commission is impossible. "Please pray for the unity of all the Christian churches and pastors in Nicaragua," asks the EHC team there. "Pray for a mighty move of God." Please ask God to unite His people in this nation.
2 Chronicles 32 (Joshua 6 - 8)

25 CAPE VERDE Pop. 560,000
Map. 43 The Every Home for Christ team in Cape Verde recently held a meeting with 30 pastors' wives. These women will help this team to engage volunteers for outreach. "During this time we want to work with teenagers and young people on the issue of early pregnancy," they say. Please pray for these plans to succeed.
2 Chronicles 33 (Joshua 9 - 12)

26 CREATIVE ACCESS - MIDDLE EAST A city in this closed nation was recently attacked by a neighbouring nation. "We pray for God to protect our brother Janan and other brothers in the churches of this city," the EHC team in this nation says. Please join them in praying for God's protection and for many to hear the Gospel despite the violence.
2 Chronicles 34 (Joshua 13 - 17)

27 PAPUA NEW GUINEA Pop. 8,900,000
Map. 146 "Please pray for Othniel and Joel, who are leading a team of 15 believers and pioneer missionaries into the mission field in Tari Hela Province," this EHC team asks. "Pray for divine protection as they are visiting homes in tribal fighting zones and for a great harvest."
2 Chronicles 35 (Joshua 18 - 21)

28 BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA Pop. 3,300,000
Map. 70 Over 150 people responded to a recent gospel outreach. "May the Lord touch people's hearts and minds and may many be saved for eternal life," this EHC team says.
2 Chronicles 36 (Joshua 22 - 24)

29 MALI Pop. 20,300,000
Map. 49 "Let us pray for the spiritual growth of new believers, particularly four new believers in the southern region," this EHC team says. "Ask the Almighty God to strengthen them in their faith, even if opposition or persecution comes to them. Please pray for these brothers and sisters."
Ezra 1 (Judges 1 - 3)

30 URUGUAY Pop. 3,500,000
Map. 224 The EHC team in Uruguay is asking for God's mercy. "There are times that we are shaken in our economy and our families." Please join this team in praying that every Christian will rise up as a living testimony to God's Word, sharing His love with those who don't yet know Him.
Ezra 2: 1 - 35 (Judges 4 - 5)