



Evangel Fellowship

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December 2021 Newsletter

A Message from EFI's Chairman

Dear EFI Family,

I'm so happy to report that our 2021 Leverage Conference was amazing! It started out with a challenge when Epworth in St Simons said they had overbooked so we had to scramble. I think coming back to Conway was the right move. Many of you told me it felt like coming home.

If you missed the conference I think the main message that went out was three things:

- 1. God is still in control even during the church's most challenging season.*
- 2. We need to listen to the Holy Spirit as never before. He is still leading us to a better future.*
- 3. We need each other. Even though this season has been especially hard on pastors, now is not the time to isolate ourselves.*

I was so uplifted during all the sessions and I especially appreciated our missionaries who are standing firm in the most difficult environments. All the messages are now available on our web page.

Thank you, Debbie Dixon for being flexible and proactive. Thank you, Reed for stepping in the Media Director role with passion and patience.

Let's make sure we budget for global missions for 2022. We may have to be more creative this coming year but I know God already has a plan for us to discover. I'm excited!

Enjoy the holidays and let's lavish our love on each other. You guys are awesome!

Phillip Miles
Chairman
Evangel Fellowship International

Celebrating Leverage 2021

Setting the Stage for Leverage

One month before the conference was to start, we received word that we had to move the conference from St. Simons Island as they would not be open in time for our conference. The conference was moved to Seacoast Church, formerly known as Christ Community Church and we held Leverage 2021 and we are moving FORWARD.

And we know that God causes everything to work together[a] for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. - Romans 8:28

If you were unable to attend this year's conference, you can now see and hear the messages on our website: efiglobal.org



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EFI Missionaries at Leverage

Our missionaries, Gail Stathis, Jacque and Flor Goy, April and Mike Havlin, Elaine Wilburn and Celeste Love, George and Phyllis Crispi, and Bryan and Mili Hutson were able to make it to the conference.



Gail Stathis - Greece & Surrounding Areas



Jacque & Flor Goy - Europe & Middle East



April and Michael Havlin - Nicaragua



Elaine Wilburn - Mexico



George and Phyllis Crispi - Malawi Africa



Bryan and Mili Hutson - Nicaragua

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International Leadership & Partners

We also got some exciting news from our international leaders and partners about what God has been doing in the midst of world-wide pandemic.

Hinmer and Katia Zuniga gave an update on what is going on in Mexico. We also heard from Larry Cockerham about what is going on in Africa, Asia and within the Hispanic churches of the U.S. and Guatemala.



Hinmer & Katia Zuniga



Larry Cockerham

Leverage Speakers

The preaching and teaching this year was much needed after a year or more of COVID-19, canceled church meetings, canceled conferences. We were challenged to move FORWARD and not give up our ground to the enemy.



Phillip Miles

On Monday night, Chairman Phillip Miles was our keynote speaker. (cont'd on next page)

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Tuesday morning, we heard from Max and Dale Campfield spoke on Moving Forward without leaving the past behind. Also on Tuesday morning, we heard from Isaiah Short about moving Forward with technology.

Tuesday evening, Javon Ruff the campus pastor for Free Chapel, Spartanburg came with a strong word and challenge. To cap off our teachings, on Wednesday morning, Rod Reid also spoke about moving Forward into a “post-COVID” world



Max & Dale Campfield



Isaiah Short



Javon Ruff



Rod Reid



Fellowship & More

And what is conference without fellowship and time to catch up with friends, old and new. There was also time to worship and do ministry, including our annual ordination ceremony with new members.

What's In Store in 2022

1. Get connected with other believers.
2. Plan what you want to give next year for our global missions.
3. Plan to attend regional meetings or conferences next year.
4. Plan to take a mission trip with one of our international leaders:
 - A. Go to Nicaragua to work with Tim Bagwell, April and Mike Havlin, and/ or Bryan Hutson.
 - B. Go to Mexico with the Zunigas.
 - C. Go to Guatemala with the Zunigas.
5. Do a national trip to one of our smaller Hispanic churches and do VBS for their children or the children in their community.

For more details on possible trips, call Debbie Dixon and she will get the information for you.

Ways to Give to EFI

There are now 3 ways to give or make donations to EFI:

1. **You can send a check to:**
PO Box 326, Conway, SC 29528
2. **You can go online and make your donation:**
<https://efiglobal.org/donate>
3. **You can also text give by texting, GIVE to:**
843-890-2833

**Check out our new website at the same address:
efiglobal.org. We believe you will like the new website
as we continue to add more things to it to keep you
informed of activities, events and all things EFI.**

**Please send us your stories. What is God doing in
your local church?**

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