

# This is the **EFCA**

# The Church

The EFCA exists to multiply transformational churches among all people. We want to help every congregation—regardless of size, location or demographic breakdown—become a transformational influence for Christ in their local community.



total congregations

# **1333** EFCA churches

- 10 are new churches
- 276 are ethnic/
- multicultural churches

# **126**

church plants

- 23 are new church plants
- 36 are ethnic/ multicultural plants



- 77 churches with multi-site locations
- 77 second language services



# ReachGlobal

ReachGlobal, the international mission of the EFCA, has 560 staff with ministries in 42 countries and over 2,000 partnerships around the world.

# 648

people groups served

- 45 new ReachGlobal staff
- 88 individuals applied to join ReachGlobal

## Crisis Response

God opens a mission field in the wake of crisis, and He uses ReachGlobal Crisis Response to provide a pathway for EFCA churches to show God's love in practical and impactful ways.

- 8 Crisis Response events
- 28 EFCA churches were served by Crisis Response
- 83 EFCA churches sent teams to serve
- 1,149 individuals served alongside Crisis Response

#### FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

ReachGlobal is recruiting hundreds of new missionaries over the next 10 years: efca.org/reachglobal

#### GlobalFingerprints

Serving as a door into unreached communities, GlobalFingerprints programs support the strengthening, revitalizing and planting of churches around the world by caring for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of vulnerable children.



sponsored children

- 11 countries
- 1 new and improved website: globalfingerprints.org

#### **EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS**

The EFCA is committed to developing leaders whose hearts are captured by the mission of God.

# **ReachStudents**

ReachStudents is the student ministry of the EFCA and provides networking, training, coaching and momentumbuilding events for youth workers and students.

- 71 couples who serve in youth ministry went to the Rebound retreat
- 16 youth leaders who serve groups greater than 100 students came together for Momentum

#### EFCA Gateway

EFCA GATEWAY is designed for leaders who desire a pathway to unique, accessible and affordable theological training, but lack the time and resources to attend traditional seminary education.

• 185 sites

• 114 facilitators







## Credentialing

We believe the credentialing of leaders in the EFCA is crucial to our mission and our theological integrity. We praise God that 2,546 leaders are currently credentialed through the EFCA. In 2019, the EFCA issued:

- 1 Certificate of Christian Ministry
- Approximately 260 individuals renewed their credentials



Transfers of Ordination into the EFCA



Certificates of Ordination

#### **NATIONAL GATHERINGS**

#### Challenge

For the first time ever, our national youth conference was streamed live. Although Challenge looked different in 2020, the gospel was shared and we saw increased participation because of the accessibility of a completely digital event. We praise God for reports of salvations and life change following Challenge 2020.



#### EFCA One

June 2019 saw the largest gathering of Free Church constituency in 20 years.

- 44 states represented
- 53 ethnic congregations represented



EFCA One attendees



## Theology Conference

An annual gathering to foster connection and theological growth among EFCA leaders.

- 289 participants in 2019
- 416 participants in 2020

#### **COVID-19 RESOURCING**

Every church in the EFCA has navigated new ministry realities as a result of COVID-19. The EFCA has worked to provide tangible resources to equip leaders as we continue to pursue our mission.

- More than 4,000 individuals accessed COVID-19 resources via EFCA.org
- Since March 2020, more than 100,000 people have read content on the EFCA blog

#### FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Moving forward, the EFCA will continue to invest in these strategic areas to further our mission and kingdom impact.

- Next Generation of Leadership: Increasing the number and diversity of well-equipped leaders
- Movement Toward Multiplication: Increasing the number and diversity of churches and congregations
- Evident Transformation: Increasing the gospel impact in individuals, families and communities





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