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## Evangelicals for Middle East *Understanding*



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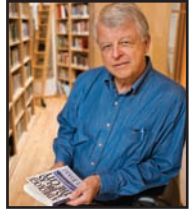
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*R*esponding to the call of Middle East church and civic leaders, the mission of EMEU is to pray for and promote God's justice, peace, reconciliation, and religious freedom by building friendships with the people and churches of the Middle East and the West.



## *Building on Our Roots*

by Dr. Ray Bakke



*Dr. Ray Bakke*  
An EMEU Founder

EMEU has just commemorated 26 years of ministry. Of all the wonderful ministries I personally know and care about, EMEU remains unique in one important way. Our mission mandate did not originate in the U.S. We are NOT a ministry of Americans who set out to serve our friends in the Middle East.

On the contrary, 26 years ago some faithful followers of Jesus invited Dr. Don Wagner and me to meet with them; they explained their situations and asked us to respond. Bishops, pastors and lay leaders, patriarchs of Syria and Egypt, and even the late King Hussein of Jordan pleaded with us to inform Western Christians that there is a faithful church in most Middle Eastern countries and believers who feel ignored and even abandoned by brothers and sisters here.

King Hussein's words still ring in my ears. He said, "You know, don't you, that Christians are the glue that holds the Middle East together? If the Christians are ever forced out of this region, we moderate Muslims will not be far behind." So many Christians have been forced out by unending wars in which they are often made surrogate targets by those who would seek to harm us.

Because we have served networks, rather than created programs, we are remarkably effective with minimal budgets and without threatening, financially or otherwise, the good work of many friends who run programs in the region. I enthusiastically invite your support because I can assure you that every member of our board has joined me in supporting EMEU financially, in addition to our gifts of time, oversight and expertise.

EMEU has hosted conferences and consultations in the East and the West and has organized many tours of the region so that Western Evangelicals and Middle Eastern Christians might begin to bridge the divides of culture and theology.

EMEU has maintained a constituency of interested individuals, churches, and Christian agencies. We have sought to bring the voices of Christians in the Middle East to our Western partners. We have heard those voices speak to us of the unique challenges, needs, and ministry opportunities faced in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel/Palestine, and Egypt, and we have sought to share with Western Christians their work and witness. As participants in EMEU, we have carried their words into communities and congregations, resulting in the formation of vital partnerships in ministry.

Today EMEU sponsors Holy Land tours to sacred sites which include exchanges with Mid East religious leaders. Photos and summaries of past tours and information on upcoming tours are available on our website.

EMEU continues to communicate with Middle Eastern Christians and keep updated information on current events on our website.

With war threatening the stability of the entire region, EMEU's mission – to encourage and strengthen the Church in the Middle East through partnerships and advocacy from Christians in the West – has never been more urgent. This is especially critical in light of the fact that Christians in the Middle East are often the singular, consistent voice of hope and reconciliation within their fractured, wounded societies.

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## **EMEU OBJECTIVES**

1. Encourage discussion and application of Biblical principles of God's truth and compassion for all God's people in the Middle East and identify appropriate responses.
2. Sponsor conferences that enhance fellowship, partnerships, and mutual understanding between the Western Church and Middle Eastern people and their faith communities.
3. Publish and promote conference proceedings and distribute media resources that support our mission and objectives.
4. Facilitate and plan educational travel to and from the Middle East.
5. Arrange meetings between Middle Eastern leaders and evangelical church representatives.
6. Expand the network of churches, organizations, and individuals committed to the EMEU mission, while raising up a new generation of leadership.

## **YOU CAN BECOME A FRIEND OF EMEU:**

1. Pray, give financially, and support with hopeful words the ministry of EMEU.
2. Talk to your church about becoming a COVENANT CHURCH WITH EMEU.
3. Receive our newsletters and e-mail updates.
4. Visit our website to get the latest news of Christian life in the Middle East with links to other ministries affecting Middle East justice and peace.
5. Promote pilgrimages/tours to the Holy Land that connect with both the sacred sites and local church leaders.
6. Attend EMEU's next annual Executive Briefing on the Middle East. Go to [www.emeu.net](http://www.emeu.net) regarding dates, registration, speakers, and other details.
7. Believe that all things are possible with God, especially justice and peace in the Middle East.

**If you have questions as to how to become a FRIEND OF EMEU or how your church can become a COVENANT CHURCH WITH EMEU please email Rev. Stephen Schaitberger at [StephenSchaitberger@charter.net](mailto:StephenSchaitberger@charter.net) or call the EMEU office at 480-838-9216.**