

Press Release: Every Home for Christ Mourns the Passing of Former President and Influential Prayer leader, Dick Eastman

On April 21, 2026, Christian teacher, author, prayer leader, and former President of Every Home for Christ, Dick Eastman, died at his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, surrounded by his friends and family. He was eighty-two.

Eastman began his ministry career in the 1970s as part of the Jesus Movement, teaching and ministering among young people. Eastman's heart for rising generations shaped much of his ministry, including founding the Prayer Corps (patterned after the Peace Corps).

Prayer formed the axis of Eastman's work; he was convinced of its power and importance in Christian life and ministry. In 1976, he founded the Change the World School of Prayer and developed accompanying resources. Through this teaching series, still used around the world today, Eastman trained believers in the theology and practice of prayer. Over 2 million people in 120 countries have utilized Change the World School of Prayer resources.

"I am closest to the sense of God's will and my calling when I'm in prayer. The same goes for when I'm mobilizing others, creating a hunger for God, his presence, and a zeal for the lost," Dick Eastman said in a 2022 interview.

Every Home for Christ appointed Eastman as international president in 1988. He served in this capacity for thirty-four years until 2022, when, with the unanimous support of Every Home's board, he commissioned Tanner Peake as his successor and transitioned into the role of Chief Prayer Officer. He continued to serve on Every Home's board.

During Eastman's leadership, Every Home for Christ expanded significantly, including the launch of more than 100 national ministries, reaching over 2 billion homes, and seeing more than 250 million responses to the gospel.

Additionally, Eastman led the relocation of Every Home's international headquarters from California to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he cast a vision for what would become the Jericho Center—a space that would meet the practical office needs of a growing, global organization and a sanctuary that would welcome the wider Church and community, resourcing prayer for the nations.

"What defined Dick was not only his faithful service to the ministry of Every Home, but the depth of his devotion to Jesus," says Tanner Peake, president and CEO of Every Home. "To know Dick was to know a man of prayer. He did not just talk or write about prayer; he lived a life of prayer."

Eastman is the author of 17 books on prayer, evangelism, and the Christian life. His memoir is scheduled for release later this year.

Eastman is survived by his wife, Dee, daughters, Dena and Ginger, and nine grandchildren. Memorial service details will be announced at a later date.

Every Home for Christ is a global Christian ministry with the mission to carry Christ to everyone, everywhere by inspiring and equipping the Church to carry Christ to their world. Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Every Home operates local ministry offices in over 170 countries.

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