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Fran became a Christian at the age of 12 but did not grow in her faith until she joined IntersVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) while in college. She dedicated her life to the Lord at this time and was accepted to be part of the IVCF staff after graduation where she worked for 3 years. She then trained with Wycliffe Bible Translators in linguistics. She was sent to Guatemala in 1955 with her friend and co-worker, Ruth Carlson. She and Ruth started a literacy work to teach the people to read. They wrote an Old Testament Bible storybook and, by 1995 had translated the entire Bible into the Kekchi language. They also translated health and agricultural booklets and helped the people with their medical needs. They wrote a Kekchi/English grammar book to assist missionaries in learning the Kekchi language. They also translated the grammar book into Kekchi/Spanish to be used in the Guatemalan University system. They were completing a Kekchi Bible concordance in 1999 when Ruth died. Fran took the difficult step of returning to Guatemala without her friend and co-worker of 50 years and finished the concordance in 2000. She currently translates for varied projects (like Bible survey material) and for various medical teams that hold short-term medical clinics. She also serves as a translation consultant and checks others' translations and makes suggestions for improvements. She also teaches other missionaries the nuances of Kekchi grammar. She is committed to continuing to work in Guatemala as long as God gives her the health to do so.

First EFC of Maine has supported Francis since near the beginning of her ministry.

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