

European Christian Mission

June 2020

prayerdiary



MONDAY 1

CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Zagreb

Thank God that during the "house isolation" 2 month period all our family has been joyfully together. Pray for Sheona and Joshua (who came from Germany) as they study on "zoom" and especially Benjamin who does his final A levels. Pray that Benjamin passes his driving test. We praise God that both his tinnitus and his feet (implant) are getting steadily better. Pray for the Dubrava church and us as we officially leave at the end of the month after 15 years since it started.

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah: 40:31

TUESDAY 2

MALTA: Mark and Gina Borg in San Pawl il-Baħar

Pray for Maltese believers to stay encouraged and ready in these days as speakers of truth living lives of love. Increased Gospel opportunities with neighbours, especially R and C. Ask God to open their eyes, as they watch the Lumo videos of John. Pray for fellowships to be active in love, maturity and generous in caring for one another. Jesus is glorified in the body, actively building each other up through these times. Pray for us as we can meet in discipleship and encouragement: praying for A and her witness to her husband A.

WEDNESDAY 3

SPAIN: Dan and Anna Julian in Valencia

We celebrate 19 years of marriage on 2 June. Praise God with us for His faithful care throughout all these years. Please pray for God to provide two more teachers for the MOCLAM theological courses in Spain, and thank Him with us that our student numbers are growing enough that we need the extra help!



**Abel and Rafi Nuño
In Cabra**

THURSDAY 4

SPAIN: Abel and Rafi Nuño in Cabra

We thank the Lord for the birth of our grandson Jordi. Estefania our daughter and the baby are well. We thank the Lord that Abel has finished his thesis. We thank the Lord for an anonymous donation so that Rafi can be treated for her cervical problem. Please also pray for a buyer for our house.

FRIDAY 5

GERMANY: Caren Laubscher, Short Termer in Freiburg

Today I am heading to Rostock to meet with ministries there, and explore possibilities of future bi-vocational work as a doctor. Pray for God to open or shut the doors according to His good and perfect will.

SATURDAY 6

FINLAND: K in Finland

Due to corona, my studies of the Inari-Saami language became much tougher, having to do everything virtually. This month, in June, I'll do my apprenticeship. It's a tough one: exegetically check the Inari-Saami translation of the book of Acts. It's the first book I check in Inari-Saami, so I'd appreciate your prayers for both linguistic and theological insight in how to produce a faithful translation that will speak to people's hearts.

SUNDAY 7

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, Mobiliser and International Support

The ECM Australian and New Zealand Mobilisers have been developing a new initiative called 'Europe Connect' through which four of us are offering ourselves as on-line speakers for churches, church groups and Bible Colleges throughout Australia and New Zealand. Please pray for this initiative; pray that our emails will connect with the right people, and they in turn will connect us with people and groups interested in mission to Europe. Pray also for us as we prepare, and then speak, to groups on-line.

MONDAY 8

SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma

This is a unique time for the church to reflect on itself and the context in which it works. Pray for the various virtual consultations that Ron will lead as part of La Plaza and the Lausanne Movement. One of those is planned for June 10 that will gather

influencers and ideas from Catalunya. A national consultation of leaders is planned for a 90-minute gathering on three different days. Pray that through this event the church will be better equipped to go from survival mode into effective mission.

TUESDAY 9

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Our frustration about the lack of interest in faith among our neighbours became a prayer burden. Recently we were with 10 to 12 neighbours. Suddenly, A, who used to work in a care home, changed the topic and said she believed people with faith died more peacefully compared to those without. We affirmed her and the discussion developed. M said it was important not to die in debt to anyone. We added that we all have a debt before God and only when you believe that Jesus bore that debt on the cross is it paid in full. It was an amazing opportunity that we could continue in our WhatsApp group.

WEDNESDAY 10

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank

We give thanks for how God has been helping us adjust as a family and church in a time of lockdown. As church we are connecting and praying for one another more as we meet on Zoom. We have also been sharing church on Facebook live, as well as some kids stories and devotions. More people in our community have been listening in and engaging with the content! Praise God for how He is drawing us out more and drawing others in!



**Colin and Ally Holmes
in Ferrybank**

THURSDAY 11

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Madalela David da Silva in Alentejo

We thank God for provision for our lives during this period of the international financial crisis (due to Covid-19) We thank the Lord for our continued financial support. Also, pray for Madalela who needs to undergo dental treatment, and for the church at Montargil at this time.

FRIDAY 12

ECM BRITAIN: Kent Anderson, British Director

As governments across Europe loosen regulations due to the pandemic, please pray for wisdom for our workers. After lockdown many will be anxious to reconnect with others and return to face to face ministry where possible. Ask the Lord to give us all discernment as to how this should be handled in each of our unique situations.

Ask that we will have the right mix of courageous faith and humble acceptance that as humans we still need to act wisely.



Bert and Jenny Ruiter
in Amsterdam

SATURDAY 13

NETHERLANDS: Bert and Jenny de Ruiter in Amsterdam

One of our passions is to strengthen the marriages of our Muslim friends. For the past 5 weeks we met via Zoom with a couple to advise them about their marriage. We hope that together with this couple we can organise day events and weekends away where Muslims can deepen their marriage relationship and learn about Jesus at the same time. Pray for God's wisdom in pursuing this and pray for this couple, that the lessons they learn now can be passed on to others in their community.

SUNDAY 14

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

We give thanks for being able to meet up these weeks with church family through zoom. Pray that we would be encouraged together in these days. Pray for protection and safety as the country starts to open up again. Jonathan has been able to record his "Reflections" radio programme from home. Pray that many would listen locally and on Facebook.

MONDAY 15

SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana

Thank God that the country of Slovenia has coped well during this time and comparatively few people were affected by the coronavirus. Please pray for wisdom for us all as we start to meet in person again. Please also be praying for a young woman who became a Christian about a month ago. Although she lives in a different part of the country she has started joining our meetings online. Please pray that we would be able to support her and get her connected with other Christians in her area.

TUESDAY 16

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Collado Villalba

Give thanks for ongoing support for colleagues who are looking for support. The boys and I feel very weary after 8 intense weeks of online constant classes and offline assignments. Pray for stamina and joy and for the decision making process as decisions are made about phase 1. Madrid is still on lockdown at the time of writing. Edgar is busy with many zoom meetings and his MA essays.

WEDNESDAY 17

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

Even though we had a two-month quarantine and could not meet in person as family of God the Lord was doing great work in the lives of His people. Our church will start gathering again from the 17 May in a rented hall. Pray for our summer outreach camps. Our government ended epidemy on 31 May so we can start planning for kids and teenagers English camp. Pray for guidance, wisdom and workers.

THURSDAY 18

SPAIN: David and Samantha Gilkinson in Salou

Give thanks for the move to Salou and for the blessing of our new home. Pray especially for David, as he begins ministry with Salou Evangelical Church. Pray for the churches' social project to be of real blessing in the area, for the church body as they meet again within the restrictions and for the summer ministry planning. Pray that we would continue to settle into life here and find a new routine for family life and ministry, and pray for peace amidst the current changes and challenges.

FRIDAY 19

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojec in Zajecar

We are thankful to the Lord for every opportunity to get closer to the Lord and to family members, at this time of lockdown with corona virus. Seeking guidance from the Lord, what to do when all this is over. Please pray for us, we are visiting believers we have not seen for two months. Read the Bible together, pray, and encourage one another in the Lord. Usually sitting outside to keep the distance, it is nice weather. We need to postpone all summer camps. Please pray for children planned to come to camps and still hoping that there will be camps. Please pray for Camp Timok project to finish the bathrooms behind the dormitory and finish the rooms in the attic.

SATURDAY 20

AUSTRALIA: Sam Boog, ECM Media and Promotions officer in Brisbane

Praise God that my four children have gone back to school! Please pray that I can get my head around how to promote ECM and mission to Europe here in Brisbane, that I would make some good contacts with local churches and that they would be interested to hear about the work that we're doing.





SUNDAY 21

ROMANIA: Adi and Jennifer Grocott in Timisoara

Because everything is just so crazy and uncertain here I have based our prayer points on Colossians 1:9-12. That we will be filled with the knowledge of God's will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. That we may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way. That we may bear fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. That we would be strengthened with all power according to God's glorious might so that we may have great endurance and patience. That we would give joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

MONDAY 22

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

Praise God that we did not have any church people effected by the pandemic. We started online and Viber meetings by the end of March and are still doing so. The Church Viber Group has been a great tool for connecting with most of the church members. We thank all those who prayed and donated to the Food Boxes Fund. More than a hundred poor people received food during the last two months. We will have at least another run of boxes until we start meeting back at our church premises. We are planning to meet at our church building by mid June so please pray for this.

TUESDAY 23

SPAIN: Charlie and Tania Deering in Camarma, Madrid

We can confirm that we're leaving ECM and Spain on 31 October to begin a new chapter of our lives with GLO-Europe, based in Motherwell. Pray that the transition will be as smooth as possible and that we leave and finish well. Pray for the ECM leadership as they consider the priorities and vision for the centre in Camarma when we leave. Pray that the Lord will provide people to run it enabling that vision to be a reality. Pray for the practicalities in moving house, made more complicated by the Covid-19 situation.

WEDNESDAY 24

PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão

We are in lockdown in England. Brittany Ferries have just cancelled our booking again. Please pray we can go back to Portugal, but also, that we use this extended time with part of our family well. We are using past home-schooling experience with our grandkids. Also, thankful that no cases so far in Mourão, our town in Portugal.

THURSDAY 25

SPAIN: Chloe Wolfson in Málaga

Please pray for the new project beginning this summer in Roquetas de Mar, Almería, a town of 90,000 in the greenhouse belt in Spain with a rich mix of immigrant communities and little gospel witness. Pray for Chloë as she moves in June (hopefully) and that God would draw others to form a strong team.

FRIDAY 26

PORTUGAL: Steve and Lydia Cockram in Coimbra

Our Portuguese language course has now finished. However many of our classmates are unable to go home until July because of cancelled flights. Pray that during these final weeks we will continue to share Jesus with our friends and classmates through the time we spend together. Lydia has been reading the Bible with one of her friends Cecilia. Pray that she would continue to grow in her understanding of faith.

SATURDAY 27

SPAIN: Peter and Kate Knowlson in Azuaga

Pray for the students in the Bible seminary who graduate this month, that the churches who need pastors, teachers and evangelists would have the resources to employ them.

SUNDAY 28

GERMANY: Richard and Ali Maegraith in Berlin

Please pray for us here in Berlin as we discern our next steps forward after August when we start a new phase of ministry. Pray for our good relationships here to merge into relationships of the Kingdom and that our friends and neighbours would have hearts softened to God. Pray for our children as they come to the final years of schooling and for us as they must decide whether to return to Australia or continue on with us in Europe.

MONDAY 29

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Thanks to God for his provision during corona period. I could get in touch through personal phone calls with many supporters and send out written meditations of my paintings to many people, mainly those that have no opportunity to remain digitally in contact with the church. Pray for wisdom whilst being in contact with people in Italy especially those that have been touched personally by Covid 19. Pray for wisdom when to go back to Italy due to several changes occurred

PERSONNEL OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in Short term ministry in the future, we'd love to start the conversation with you. There are also lots of opportunities for supporting ministry in Europe from your own home.

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1	BROTHICK	12	1402
2	CHERTSIDE	5	1413
3	STRAFORD R199PT	6	1415
4	CLACTON-ON-SEA	13	1416
5	HORSHAM	9	1424
6	STRAFORD R199PT	7	1430



by corona. I should have gone back April 30. Pray for Eleisa, whose husband died of cancer and left her at the age of 43 with 4 children.

TUESDAY 30

ITALY: Co Kaptein, Retired Missionary in Lamezia Terme

In the beginning of this month (May) a donation came in of 550 masks for protection of the virus from the Chinese Evangelical church of Prato nearby Florence for distribution for people. I put tracts inside three to five masks for evangelisation giving them to my neighbours. I even handed masks with tracts in to the local police. Pray that the those who have received these masks will be touched by the message inside the tract. We have been meeting as a Church via video link, not everyone could connect with us, but the church will reopen again on 24 May but observing the social distancing rule set by the government.

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