

# European Christian Mission



## Prayer Diary June 2023

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. *Philippians 4:6*

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### THURSDAY 1

#### ROMANIA: Gary and Ioana Stoll in Piatra Neamt

We will be celebrating Children's Day today, 1 June, with a special evening church service. Children will be singing and playing musical instruments they have learned. We hope that parents will come along and hear the gospel. Following the service, we will be eating together and having time for fun and games. Please pray for the event, for all the organisation, the singing, the preaching, and that in all, the name of the Lord Jesus will be lifted high.

### FRIDAY 2

#### CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Varaždin

From today, June 2-4, please pray for our evangelism of the Varaždin city centre as 3 churches combine with Brazilian, Hungarian and American evangelists.

### SATURDAY 3

#### AUSTRIA: Tobias and Esther Giersch in Arriach

Our baby was due on 21 May, but he came on 14 May! What a Mother's Day present! Silas was born at 0.34 am, weighing in at 3.155kg (6lb 9oz) and 51cm long. Esther and the baby are well. We are super happy and thankful that he is now with us and we thank God for all his goodness.

### SUNDAY 4

#### N IRELAND: Geoff and Rosaliene Donaldson in Lisburn

CHURCH FOR ALL: Please pray for Charlie and Miriam Anderson on 5 June as, with their children Caroline and Daniel, they share about living with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Pray their story will help other missionaries as they care for their families or families in their churches and communities.

### MONDAY 5

#### SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid

Thanks for prayers for our family. Our youngest, Asier(17), has graduated and is studying for his obligatory National University entrance exams starting on 5 June for 3 days. He, like many post-Brexit students, are keeping all their options open. Pray for God to guide and be gracious. Gabriel our oldest is also doing University exams and looking to finalise internship details.

### TUESDAY 6

#### ECMI: International Leadership Team

Please pray for the International Leadership Team as they meet this evening. Pray for wisdom in decision-making and the courageous faith needed to take those decisions.

### **WEDNESDAY 7**

#### **GERMANY: Christiaan and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin**

Sebastian Braun goes every Thursday to one of the most problematic places of our city part to give coffee to the people and be open for conversations. It is not always safe there. Please pray that God would bless this ministry and open the hearts of people.

### **THURSDAY 8**

#### **ECM AUSTRALIA: Sam Boog, Media and Promotions Officer**

Please pray for creativity and the right words to say to convey clearly the gospel needs of Europe and the work of ECM for our supporters.

### **FRIDAY 9**

#### **PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão**

Like most of the Iberian Peninsula, we plead for God's mercy – to send us rain – to water the hard, dry ground, for food for the animals and ourselves. Would be great if you joined us!

### **SATURDAY 10**

#### **PORTUGAL: Ebersson and Madalena David in Alentejo**

Pray for wisdom and discernment to make relevant decisions in the mission field. Pray thanking God for the people and churches that committed themselves to being supporters of this work. Pray for Beatriz and Isabela who will be taking entrance exams for the music conservatory in June. Pray that young Portuguese Christians will accept the pastoral ministerial call.

### **SUNDAY 11**

#### **ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio**

Please pray for our annual exposition of the artists group I am part of from June 3-18. I have painted on the contribution of Martin Luther's life for the translation of the Bible. Thank you to God that Eleisa's son Noah is making progress in working through the loss of his father. Continue to pray for a personal encounter with Jesus. Pray for Leandra who is severely ill.

### **MONDAY 12**

#### **FRANCE Jack and Sarah Winterburn in Tours**

Praise God for an encouraging time with a group from the UK coming for a mission week, and for a youth weekend away for churches in our denomination in the region (with two other church youth groups also participating). Over 50 young people came, hosted at the campsite of a Christian couple. Really precious times of teaching, worship, and fun together. Do pray for long term fruit in the lives of the youth and for God to remind them of what he wants them to remember of the weekend.

### **TUESDAY 13**

#### **BRITAIN: Vidas and Rita Rimkiene in Gloucester**

This new journey of being a disciple-making community isn't easy and we are taking baby steps. We praise God for bringing a stranger to our home because, one Saturday, there was a knock at the door and a lady from the far side of the street just turned up while we were having a Bible study and she stayed and joined in. Please pray for God's faithfulness and miracles to keep happening.

### **WEDNESDAY 14**

#### **New Zealand: Féy Cotter, National Director**

Today, 14-15 June, I will be spending time with other mission organisation leaders at events organised by Missions Interlink New Zealand. Please pray for deepening relationships amongst the leaders and wisdom as we seek to collaborate.

**THURSDAY 15****REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris**

Our Brazilian friends are still attending Church in Claremorris. With numbers increasing we value your prayers as we look for God's guidance on plans for a bigger venue. Pray too for the young people as they soon finish up their school year and head into the summer months.

**FRIDAY 16****ECMI: Mobilisation Leadership Team Meeting**

Please pray for the Mobilisation Leadership Team meeting this evening. Give thanks for those on the various Mobilisation teams and for the work they do in encouraging and preparing people for the field. Pray that we may be able to continue to move forward in our mobilisation of both First and Cross-Cultural Workers.

**SATURDAY 17****AUSTRIA: Günther and Mallory Fugger in Wien**

Please pray for an outreach at the Vienna Pride Parade today, 17 June. Pray for those handing out buttons and flyers and for the hearts of the thousands to find their identity in Christ.

**SUNDAY 18****GERMANY: Martin and Anja Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten**

Please pray for our daughter Jenny who is in her final exams in her training to be a nurse. She has plans to serve in Nigeria for a couple of months starting in September, but she has to pass her exams first. We are meeting for the last children's club called the "Brückekids". Please pray that many children will come.

**MONDAY 19****ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Rovereto**

In mid-May there was a baptism at Rovereto of a couple who had been wonderfully converted. He started coming to church in September, she was (initially reluctantly) brought to church a couple of months later. They are very active in the church now. Give thanks for the transformation in their lives, and pray also for their four sons, who are a lot less enthusiastic about Christianity, although the younger two do come to church.

**TUESDAY 20****SPAIN: Lydia Evans in Madrid**

Please pray for the practicalities of starting life in a new country (particularly accommodation but also residency paperwork, church, language improvement and building relationships) and for good conversations about how the next few months might look.

**WEDNESDAY 21****REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank**

We give thanks for a growing gospel culture of caring for one another outside of Sunday meetings, especially through women and men meeting separately and socially. Please pray this might continue to develop and for us to include others alongside. We recently farewelled friends who return to Brazil thankful, as they 'didn't expect to find family in Ireland'. Please also pray with us for a key need of new mission team members to come and grow with this growing church.

**THURSDAY 22****GERMANY: R and A in Berlin**

We are continuing to see God's blessing with the church here in Berlin. Please pray for a young mum who is seeking truth after being disillusioned with the New Age. Pray for the organisation of our first church weekend away in a few weeks.

**FRIDAY 23****CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Varaždin**

From today, 23-30 June, please pray for our Varaždin church discipleship and evangelistic camp on a Croatian island as some 80 of us participate. Please pray also for our own spiritual lives and ministry – that we would always be God-focussed and a blessing to others.

**SATURDAY 24****ECMI: Simon Marshall, International Director**

Please pray for Simon and Dorit Marshall who are travelling to Australia and New Zealand today. They will be there for five weeks, and Simon will have a number of opportunities to speak about ECMI and mission in Europe.

**SUNDAY 25****ROMANIA: Alexia C in Timisoara**

We continue our ministry for people with cancer and their families at Timisoara. Pray that God can use us, that we can be available each time He wants to connect with them. Pray that this disease will be for God's glory, that He will change it in a special blessing for them and their families! Pray that we can be sensitive to God's voice and that we can speak exactly what they need to hear. God bless you all!

**MONDAY 26****SPAIN: Hans and Jennifer Anderson in Málaga**

Please pray for our Youth in Action Lake Campout over June 26-28. We expect to have nearly 25 teens spending time together in John 15, worshiping under the stars, and enjoying a refreshing break. Pray God moves in the lives of our young people! We are grateful for C. and N., two young women interning at the Diez42 ministry centre. Pray that they would be blessed, and that they would be a blessing among our immigrant community.

**TUESDAY 27****SPAIN: B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Meco**

We praise God for the 67 men we had in our first Wild at Heart men's retreat at the end of April. The men were challenged and encouraged, and many experienced God's Father heart in deep and powerful ways. Please pray with us as we are in the middle of hosting a team of Americans putting on a baseball camp for children in Meco until 30 June as well as some other evangelistic activities in the evenings. Pray for safety, good teamwork (between the Americans and our church) and open hearts to Jesus.

**WEDNESDAY 28****PORTUGAL: Steve and Lydia Cockram in Vila Nova de Gaia**

Pray for our new 1-1 discipleship initiative that we have started with our teens and young adults. That through these intentional meetings with adults further along in their walks with Christ, these young people may grow in Christlikeness and confidence in their faith, and that the adults who are discipling will also be blessed through these conversations.

**THURSDAY 29****BELGIUM: Johan and Lilli Lukasse in Hasselt**

We, Lilli and Johan, were not at the biennial conference due to health, or rather the lack of it. Now things are much better again. I have to say goodbye to ECMI after all. I am too little involved and have cancelled many activities at the age 86. I wish ECMI God's richest blessing. Keep up with faith and expectation.

**FRIDAY 30****PORTUGAL: Shane McGloin in Vila Real**

Please continue to pray for the preparation for summer ministry here in the north of Portugal. We are hoping to have a team from America and a team from Northern Ireland with us for camps and evangelism. We are also hoping to run a five-day club at the beginning of July.