

prayerdiary



SATURDAY 1

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank, Waterford

We are thankful for encouragements over the Christmas period – including a team from church taking part in community Christmas party and turning Christmas lights on, plus 200 crafts were done with children, 100 Christian children's books given away and good conversations. We also had 400 extra children's books which we were able to give to 4 other churches in Waterford and Kilkenny. Our Christmas Day meeting saw the majority of people come along and felt like a real "family forming" moment.

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

SUNDAY 2

SWEDEN: Gerard and Gerdien Willemsen in Hässelby

We are developing relationship with a nearby congregation in Rotebro church. Today, 2 February, we have a Christian concert in our church and two choirs will participate. Pray for good fellowship and new people in the church!

MONDAY 3

SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson, Church Planting Consultant

Praise the Lord that the 2 Gospel Choir presentations given just before Christmas at the local Camarma municipal auditorium were both sold out. Many new contacts were made and the message of hope was sung even by the many non-Christians who were participating. Ron will lead an initial conversation of several Christian leaders from Madrid tomorrow, February 4, to talk about the suitability of organizing Movement Day Madrid. Pray for unity and spiritual discernment as we bring together several pastors, business people, and Christian NGO leaders.

TUESDAY 4

ECMI: International Leadership Team

The International Leadership Team is meeting in Gloucester, UK, from 4-6 February, and we would welcome prayer for God's wisdom, help and inspiration as we look to him to guide the mission in this new year. It will be Simon Marshall's first time working with the dynamic of an ILT meeting. Please pray for him as he takes up his responsibilities and begins to lead the mission and for Chris Wigram during the handover process, for clarity in communication and for God's grace to be over every interaction.

WEDNESDAY 5

FINLAND: K in Finland

Two days before my scheduled departure back to Finland, my dear father died unexpectedly. Though it came as a great shock, I'm glad it happened before I left (and not after I had already returned). My mother is in a wheelchair and needs help. I stayed in the Netherlands longer. I'm part of my class over Zoom. Beginning February, I'll travel back to Finland. Please pray for energy to help mom, study from a distance, as well as help, arrange lots of admin stuff for mom, together with my siblings.

*Marc and Jody
Van Eijden
working in
Tours, France*



THURSDAY 6

FRANCE: Marc and Jody van Eijden in Tours

Please pray my Buddhist friend's children find Jesus as they explore the Bible. At Christmas, we gave the teenager a real Bible and the little brother the Manga gospels. Now they've checked out more Manga Bible books from the school library!

FRIDAY 7

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Linda's dad, Luna, had a small procedure to relieve some of the fluid pressure in his eye. He was hoping for a significant improvement to his eyesight, but it was only ever going to stop things getting worse. The care that he receives is fantastic, and we are certain that he is in the best possible place. However, Luna still struggles to come to terms with his situation. It was great to see David's parents at Christmas but when we arrived his dad was exhausted, trying to cope with his mum's poor health (especially her Alzheimer's). David will be back in the UK in February and will be able to spend time with them, again to give respite to his dad and to ease the burden on his brother and sister.

SATURDAY 8

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojevic in Zajecar

We praise the Lord for the New Year as opportunity for New Beginnings. Not knowing what the future holds, yet one thing we know having faith in the One who holds future days in His hand. When looking behind things of last year, like disappointments, victories, defeats, successes, failures and challenges, we are catching new vision. Thanking God for your faithfulness and steadfastness praying for us and supporting our ministry.

SUNDAY 9

AUSTRIA: Günther and Mallory Fugger in Vienna

I will be leading a series of small group discussions looking at the relationship between our faith and sexuality and gender over the course of 5-weeks, starting in early February. Please pray for deep, open, loving and respectful conversations.

MONDAY 10

SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson, Church Planting Consultant

Ron will lead a consultation with hundreds of key leaders in Ethiopia today until 14 February. Pray for safety, ability to contextualize the concepts and for the outcome of clear collaborative visions. Ron will lead the first La Plaza consultation with many of the pastors from the Bilbao area in northern Spain at the end of February. Pray for a good representation of the Body of Christ, unity, and for clear next steps towards a collaborative church planting vision for the province. Brenda ministers to the ladies in the nearby prison each Monday afternoon. Pray for the ministry team to be effective as well as for the ladies to stand firm in their faith which they have embraced.

TUESDAY 11

UKRAINE: Roman and Iryna Matviyiv, New Hope team in Ukraine

On December 7, in Rivne city, we had the biggest training session (100+ participants) we have had for more than 15 years of the existence of the Public School Ministry program. In December, in Uzhgorod city, a young girl named Nastia made a decision for Christ through this program. In late February, we plan to do the next training session for those who already serve students to introduce them to new, updated materials and curriculums.





WEDNESDAY 12

ECM BRITAIN: Kent Anderson British Director

Jesus said to ask the Father to raise up workers for the harvest field. Today British Director Kent Anderson will be at a Missions Day at All Nations College, just north of London, England. Pray that he will have the right conversations with the right people that will lead to the right decisions being made as All Nations students consider their future ministry possibilities. Praise God for Christian institutions such as All Nations who continue to promote and prepare people to serve on the mission field.

THURSDAY 13

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

Beginning of January has seen a decrease of attendance in Sunday Services, but things got better. This is because of the weather conditions. January is a long and cold month for us. We are very grateful to all those who prayed and donated money to the Wood for Widows fund. We were able to bless twelve poor families from our church and some of our neighbours who do not come to church. Pray for the meetings we are having as church leaders about the future developments of the church. We will have some changes in different areas. We are in desperate need of missionaries to continue where Rik and Machteld started, but they have moved back to the Netherlands.

FRIDAY 14

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Thank God for his help in completing the painting for our annual exposition of the group of local artists. I really praise God for getting it ready before starting my 4 months furlough. Thanks to God for all his help in finishing all preparations for my furlough. Pray for new supporters. Pray for God's spirit to use me to encourage and challenge churches in Germany during my time there.

SATURDAY 15

GERMANY: Christian and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin

One man told us that on Christmas day, he prayed for the first time in his life. He prayed that he will always be coming to Patchwork Centre. Please pray that this small seed of faith will grow and bring big fruits.

SUNDAY 16

ECM Biennial Conference

We have more than 400 people registered and are expecting a final number of around 450. The large number of bookings mean that our needs might go beyond the room allocation that the hotel was holding for us. Please pray as we work with the hotel to manage this situation. Please pray for the team as we move into the final planning stages.

MONDAY 17

ECMI: Simon Marshall, International Director

Please pray for my first trip to the Netherlands this week. Pray for the building of good relationships, and a real sense of partnership in the gospel.

TUESDAY 18

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Charis Tully in Waterford

After 7 years in Waterford, I am moving on at the end of March, and I would really appreciate your prayer support. Pray that I will finish up well and for God to show me what to do next - I need to move closer to my mum so that I can support her more. There are so many unknowns at present but thankfully we serve a God who knows the future and we can trust Him to lead us along the right path.

WEDNESDAY 19

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Trento

We are thankful for the Youth Rally held at the church at Trento in mid-January, to which young people came from three other towns in the region. We cannot expect large numbers at such an event, but it was encouraging to see relationships growing between the various churches, the importance of reading and putting the Bible into practice, and some energetic praising of God.

THURSDAY 20

SPAIN: Peter and Kate Knowlson in Azuaga

Pray for the new group of believers who have started to meet together on Saturday evening in Azuaga. Pray that we will grow together in our faith and be a light to others in the town.

*Peter and Kate
Knowlson
working in
Azuaga, Spain*





FRIDAY 21

SPAIN: B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Alcora, Castellón

Please pray for the this weekend men's camp that B.J. is organizing for the men of the churches in our province (plus others, some of whom aren't believers). Pray for men to sign up, for the preparations to go well, and that the men would have a real, deep, life-changing encounter with God during this weekend that would naturally flow into their day-to-day lives.

SATURDAY 22

ROMANIA: Adi and Jennifer Grocott in Timisoara

Praise God that we survived a tough Christmas season with all four of us being ill at various times and thus missing 5 church services over the course of an 11-day period around Christmas and New Year. Pray for the beginning of a new calendar year and for wisdom to know what to 'sign up' for. Pray that we would be supportive and encouraging to our church leadership and that we may find ways to build up our local church.

SUNDAY 23

ECM Biennial Conference

Most of the website information for seminars, travel advice, excursions, etc. is now on the website. Pray that attendees will go through these carefully and prayerfully so that they can follow the advice, and make wise travel plans which fit with planned conference transfers etc. Pray for God to burden folk about seminars where He will speak into their lives, and prepare people for present and future challenges.

MONDAY 24

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, Mobiliser and International Support

We give praise for our new granddaughter born on 26 December to our son Patrick and his wife, Elise. Lucy Jayne Cotter is healthy, and she and her mum are doing very well. Today, 24 February, I begin teaching Old Testament Introduction at Bishopdale Theological College. This is very daunting and I have a lot of preparation to do before beginning. Please pray for me. Pray for a successful first meeting of the ECM NZ Trustees in February.

TUESDAY 25

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

On 17 March, we are organizing an evangelistic event with Nicky Cruz. Pray for good preparation and organizing many details. Also, pray that we will cover all financial cost regarding the event. Pray for open hearts of listeners that the seed of the Gospel of Jesus will be planted well and bear fruit, for volunteers that they would be willing to step in and help and especially that God will be glorified.

WEDNESDAY 26

GERMANY: Gerard and Janneke de Wit in Schwerin

Please pray for one of our neighbours: she does not open up to us because she knows we are Christians. She doesn't want to be influenced by any religion. Please pray that we find each other and that she experiences that Christians are 'normal' people. In the last few months since we moved here, in Schwerin-Lankow, we have settled very well. We thank God for that. Now we have to get our days structured and that's not always easy. Please pray that we find the right people to work with, that we become, a vision of what to do here and that God opens our eyes for this vision.

THURSDAY 27

GERMANY: Jorine and Gerrit van Dijk in Rostock

We are thankful for a few people who seem to open up themselves towards God, who are interested in prayer, in reading the Bible, in getting to know more about what this Christianity is. It's very encouraging to see how God is at work, at his own way, in a context where God is so far away from the imagination of people. Thank God for these processes and pray for his guidance for us as 'Haltepunkt E' to join them on their new journey.

FRIDAY 28

SPAIN: Dan and Anna Julian in Valencia

Please pray as we visit potential schools for our son, that God gives wisdom and guides us to the right school for him (and likely for his younger sister as well). And please also pray as Dan and the other members of ECM-Spain's new executive team meet and prepare for the transition in field leadership. Please pray that God gives unity, clarity, and energy to the team.

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6	STRAFORD AIRPORT	7	1400



SATURDAY 29

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Maria David da Silva in Alentejo

Give thanks for a good arrival in Portugal, and for all the doors opened by the Lord in the year 2019 so that we could be here in Portugal. Pray for our adaptation on the local evangelical community. For the adaptation of our children in Portuguese school. For the sale of our car in Brazil. And the rent of our house in Brazil.

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