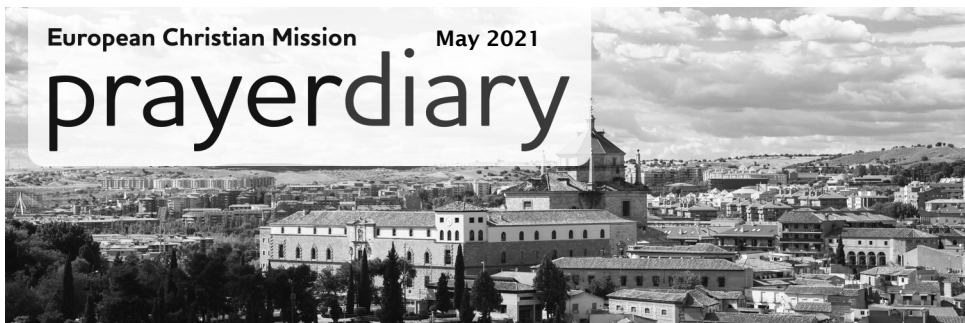


European Christian Mission

May 2021

prayerdiary



SATURDAY 1

UKRAINE: Roman and Iryna Matviyiv, New Hope Team in Lviv

We would appreciate your prayers for the current provocative and threatening situation with Russian aggression and potential full-scale war while they are bringing the armies to borders with Ukraine in the Eastern and Southern parts of the Ukrainian border. We all trust that God is in control!

The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8

SUNDAY 2

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovlica

Praise God we have distributed about 5000 booklets "Why the Cross?" during Easter time. There was no response but let us pray that God will use the seed. Also, we are praising God for His amazing care for our family in the last 15 years as we started to do full time ministry. We are more than grateful for His provision and for all the prayer and financial supporters. Pray for our church plant that God will raise new leaders and workers in His time.

MONDAY 3

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

The Life Church started hybrid services last weekend; we were among the 45 people who joined together in the Life Centre, with others joining on Zoom. Please pray for people to master the technology – especially the sound for the Zoom feed during the worship.



TUESDAY 4

SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma

Today 4 May, La Plaza, the Spain national church planting platform, is planning a gathering of church planting influencers in the Region of Castilla y Leon. The outcome desired is a firm commitment of all to make a collaborative vision of ways to strategically reach all the unreached people groups in that region. Pray for unity and determination to make a collaborative vision.

WEDNESDAY 5

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

We give thanks for the church leaflet that we were able to give out last month. We had some response and 3 enquiries to receive a Bible. We have also been encouraged by those who are listening to the Facebook videos online and have commented on the church page. Pray that we might be able to keep connected to some of these people and that we would see some of them when restrictions lift. There has been slight easing of restrictions here and it will be start of May before we hear more. Pray that we will soon be able to meet again as a church.

THURSDAY 6

GERMANY: Christian and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin

Please pray for Amy, 8 years old daughter of our worker. Her mother is a single mother of 3 children, she has many problems of her own and often pays not much attention to her children. Last week after the fight with the mother Amy just ran away, police and neighbours needed to search for her. Please pray that this girl will find in God all the love which she needs and that the whole family can worship Him.

FRIDAY 7

ECMI: Member Care Leadership Team

Please pray for our Member Care Facilitators who attended an online Consultation in late April. Pray that they will be enthusiastic and confident in their approach to Member Care and encouraged to reach out despite each one having their own lockdown struggles. Ask God to help us see opportunities to love, care and serve one another well -so much so- that it marks us out as 'Jesus' people.

SATURDAY 8

PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão

Fantastic to have some restrictions lifted and to see folk again. But the numbers are rising, and this might be temporary. Please pray for us to be able to encourage people, even when we feel a bit down ourselves.

SUNDAY 9

AUSTRALIA: Sam Boog, ECM Media and Promotions officer

Praise God for technology that enables me to serve him in all sorts of ways, please pray I would learn how to use it well and to His glory. That the profile of ECM would be raised, that more people would see the needs in Europe and want to go there to preach the gospel. For my husband, that the Lord would open doors to newer and better things.

MONDAY 10

SPAIN: Jim and Christine Memory in Aguilar de la Frontera

The last year has been difficult for the small rural church we are involved with here. Due to the restrictions and a small church building, we have had to try to get most people connected virtually but that has been difficult and hard to maintain. Please pray for strength and patience for the pastoral team, that we wouldn't 'lose' folk along the way and that soon we might be able to meet together, at least outside to start with.

TUESDAY 11

BULGARIA: Dimitrie and Maria Todorov with New Hope

Pray for the launch of Lead Today – Teen Leadership Program in partnership with Bulgarian Evangelical Alliance, One Hope and John Maxwell's Equip. New Hope Bulgaria is the official partner developing the training program in Bulgaria. Pray for our upcoming mission trip to Northern Greece and Turkey in May and June. Pray for Maria and our daughter who will begin seasonal work at Burgas airport.

**Dimitrie and
Maria Todorov
In Bulgaria**



WEDNESDAY 12

SPAIN: Dan and Anna Julian in Valencia

Please pray for the Julians as they continue with their home ministry assignment. Pray for safety on the road and joyful times with partners and family.

THURSDAY 13

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

Praise God for the great Easter Service. The room was full, with Covid measures in place. Two ladies accepted Jesus publicly as their God and Saviour. Immediately after that, the meetings have been closed and we are meeting online. Pray for coming weeks to go back to meetings in the premises. We will end our short Sabbatical at the end of May. We are looking forward to going back to usual activities at the church.

FRIDAY 14

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Magdalena in Montargil

We ask you to pray for brother Luiz Alves, a member of the Montargil church, who has a liver tumour. Pray for a miraculous healing from the Lord that will be a testimony for all. Pray also for Magdalena's health. We are waiting for the new physiotherapy session. Two months ago, Eberson started with some small bites in the knee and after a medical examination, the doctor diagnosed an osteoarthritis problem. Pray that the Lord will bring deliverance and healing. We ask you to pray for the lives of our supporters, who have been going through a delicate moment in these serious crises: pandemic, political and financial.

SATURDAY 15

SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma

Today 15 May, La Plaza, the Spain national church planting platform, is planning a gathering of church planting influencers in the Region of Valencia. The outcome desired is a firm commitment of all to make a collaborative vision of ways to strategically reach all the unreached people groups in that region. Pray for unity and determination to make a collaborative vision.

Ron and Brenda
Anderson in
Spain



SUNDAY 16

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

I thank God as the therapies of Sveva are effective against her leukaemia. Please pray as the relatives believe that it is due to the intervention of her dead great grandma. May Jesus reveal himself to them. Please pray for preaching today 16 May on James 2:1-13. Until then I wish to paint a picture on the subject.

MONDAY 17

SPAIN: Milton and Patricia Sanchez in Extremadura

Please pray that God opens opportunities to speak about Jesus to Spaniards and foreigners in Extremadura. Please pray for our children's studies and our study of the language. Please pray for families, missionary health, support, and protection.

TUESDAY 18

GERMANY: Martin and Anya Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten

Please pray for our church plant. The kids who we usually meet on a monthly base long for a next children's club. they come mostly from difficult family-background and suffer under the actual situation. Please also pray that we can afford a part-time-pastor soon.

WEDNESDAY 19

SPAIN: Abel and Rafi Nuño in Cabra

As you know we have our house for sale. This situation is wearing us out a lot because people come offering exceptionally low prices. We pray that the Lord will help us to rest in Him and that He will bring a buyer who does not seek to profit. We pray that the Lord will provide Samuel our son with clients (as an IT Consultant) so that he can address the needs of his family. We thank the Lord for his love, mercy, and care for him.

THURSDAY 20

ECMI: Kate Blackwell, Human Resources

Today some of ECM's leaders will meet for a time of mutual support and encouragement. Please pray for both the presenters and the participants, that they will speak truth and be a blessing to one another as they seek to thrive in their roles as leaders and so be a blessing to those they lead.

FRIDAY 21

SPAIN: David and Samantha Gilkinson in Salou

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the summer mission team plans we had for the youth here, but praise God the Erasmus funding will still be available for next summer. Please pray for us now as we develop new plans for summer ministry, and that the youth would continue to thrive, praising God that we are now meeting together in person again.





SATURDAY 22

POLAND: Szczepan and Kamila Cackowski in Mikołów

Today 22-23 May we are having a church weekend away, where we plan to baptise 2-4 new people. They invited their families and friends to join them on this occasion. This is a great way of introducing outsiders to the church and the gospel. Pray that restrictions allow us to materialize the plan, for the baptized, their guests, good weather and God to move tangibly. Also, we need God's guidance about the building situation if we should start renting. May the building owner give green light. Preparation process for summer camp. Pray for our youth working on the contents of the camp's program.

SUNDAY 23

BRITAIN: Stephen and Tabita Bell, Capernwray Bible School

We continue to praise God and be joyful in this Capernwray study atmosphere and in the presence of God's wonderful people (mostly dynamic 20–30-year-olds). Thanks for praying for God's Spirit to reveal himself to us. Pray we develop and retain great spiritual habits: Regular systematic daily Bible reading; intercessory prayer and relational prayer; understanding the main thrust of bible books; trusting God in all circumstances. Finally, please hand us over to the Lord for future ministry and outbreaks of the Gospel.

MONDAY 24

SPAIN: Roland and Sabine Weinmann in Pozoblanco

Please pray for our preparation for furlough in July, August, and September with Covid restrictions. Ideas how to reconnect with our supporters and church. Due to our absence at the Good Samaritan Centre, we need somebody to help during this period of time.

TUESDAY 25

PORTUGAL: Alex Kowalenko in Lisboa

Please pray for the Portuguese field, we are expecting 5 new missionary 'units' (2 families + 2 individuals + 1 couple) in the next 9 months. Pray for wisdom for the field to receive them well, and God would work in their lives in preparing them to come to Portugal.

WEDNESDAY 26

ECMI: Field Ministries Executive Team

The Field Ministries Executive Team normally meets the fourth Tuesday of the month and the current team is Alen Kercmar, Jim Memory, Christine Miller, Simon Marshall, and Charlie Anderson. Together we are responsible for overseeing all of ECM's field ministries and especially developing good leadership structures. Pray for wisdom, unity of purpose, and the ability to align ourselves with what God's Spirit's is doing.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

THURSDAY 27

GERMANY: R in Berlin

We are asking the Lord to provide a room for us to meet in as a church in our neighbourhood on a Sunday morning. Covid-19 has made people wearisome of online meetings. Some people seem to be really struggling in walking with Jesus. Wisdom for our eldest child contemplating what to do after final school exams. Expectant and courageous faith to proclaim the gospel!

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.

FRIDAY 28

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid

We appreciate your prayers for our son G as he waits for 2 universities to reply and then he makes the subsequent decision about where to study in the UK. For God to guide as we make decisions around that.

SATURDAY 29

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Trento

We are planning to move in July to Rovereto, 35km south of Trento, to be involved in new ministries. We are thankful that we have found a buyer for our apartment and have found a new apartment that is excellent for the needs of our family, for hospitality, and for ministry. Pray for the preparations in the next couple of months for the move, and for a fruitful ministry at Rovereto for the next years.

**Please
Contact your
nearest ECM
office for details.**

SUNDAY 30

SPAIN: Shane and Ruth Sparks in Gijón

We are aiming a prayer gathering locally across denominational and church barriers. We just had someone join us this past week which makes a grand total of three churches represented. Does not sound much but it is very exciting for us. Prayer would be that more people desire to join in prayer across these divides and that we grow into a strong group interceding for our city and community.



MONDAY 31

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojević in Zaječar

Pray for this year's summer camps. Because of coronavirus last year we had to cancel all camps and the children were sad. Trusting the Lord in faith we already set the dates: First two camps for children with disability from 23-27 June and 30 June - 4 July. The Camp is adjusted and now there are wheelchair accesses to all facilities including the kitchen, bedrooms, and bathrooms with showers. Then children's camp 12-18 July and teenager's camp 26 July - 1 August. Pray for funds needed for all four camps. Praise the Lord there are funds promised.



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