

# prayerdiary



## THURSDAY 1

### **SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojevic Zajecar**

We are thankful to the Lord for all discouragements and encouragements. The virus pandemic has disabled most activities, stopped church meetings, postponed summer camps and conferences; we were in lockdown for months. But we trust sovereign God, knowing that His Word cannot be locked. Encouraged to go out in the town square in Zajecar on Wednesdays and Saturdays giving New Testaments, Christian literature and preaching. Great response, people joyfully take the Words of Hope and are willing to talk. One day we gave out 100 pieces of New Testaments, then next day 70, 18, 34. Please pray for us to be effective witnesses at present when the Gospel is the only answer of hope in times of hopelessness.

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## FRIDAY 2

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

Please pray for our daughter, who is pregnant, but the baby is unlikely to live and could even endanger her life. Please pray for peace for us all, and wisdom. Also, for E, a friend in Mourão, who uncovered huge sums being siphoned off the town council and is now being threatened by the perpetrator.

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## SATURDAY 3

### **BULGARIA: Dimitrie and Maria Todorov in Burgas**

During lockdown, we have been producing 2 new books (linked to a Bible App) which focus on the needs of kids and teens relating to God, spiritual life and human nature. Pray that 70,000 of these may be printed successfully and delivered during October so that churches can distribute them. Ask that the Holy Spirit may be preparing hearts to receive this message and that it will help children and youth grow in the knowledge of God.

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*



#### **SUNDAY 4**

##### **GREECE: Peter and Anna Crawford in Athens**

Please pray for us as we learn the Greek language, and as we seek a church home with which to be based here in Athens. We have visited a number of churches, but it is difficult to practically connect due to the Coronavirus restrictions, and we are still looking for a community where we can begin to contribute and to be part of, ideally a smaller, newer church plant.

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#### **MONDAY 5**

##### **ECMI: Charlie and Miriam Anderson**

Like many we carry on work through zoom, email and WhatsApp. While we are thankful for this technology and for your prayers, please pray as we try to encourage and support those whose ministries are continuing but also others who feel the stresses and strains as Covid restrictions make church and getting together different from what we are used to. Please ask God to make us gracious, patient, wise, willing to trust Him and careful to learn what He is showing us, as we find a new normal.

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#### **TUESDAY 6**

##### **Field Ministries Team**

The Ministry Development and Vision and Strategy Groups are meeting from today until 8 October. They will be talking about a strategic review, the Ministry Reflections of all the teams, first culture workers, current projects and how they can be supported better in the future, the mission statement, and more. Instead of meeting face-to-face, they will be on Zoom. Pray for good discussions despite the limitations of Zoom, and that what will be decided will be a help for the missionaries on the field.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 7**

##### **ECM Australia: Ray and Cathy Busuttill in Sydney**

After many prayers and pondering, we sense now is the time for us to finish our ministry with ECM. We praise the Lord for the 27 years from when we were fresh green missionaries in Ukraine through to serving in mission leadership for Australia and New Zealand. What a privilege it has been to serve alongside many faithful followers of Jesus and praise to our heavenly Father. It is a sad time of change and yet one in which we know His abiding peace. Thank you all for your support and encouragement - it has been an honour. We will have a break of sorts and see what open doors come in the new year. And as always, blessings to you.

## **THURSDAY 8**

### **NETHERLANDS: Roland and Carolien Smith in Maastricht**

From today until 10 October Roland and another church member will be representing All Saints International Anglican Church at the yearly North West Europe Archdeaconry Synod. Our chaplain is moving back to New Zealand. We are thankful for really good relationships in the church council and have confidence that the Archdeacon will supervise and help until a new chaplain is appointed. We pray particularly that international students in the churches would manage to cope, with all the uncertainties of the pandemic and being separated from family overseas.

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## **FRIDAY 9**

### **GREECE: Peter and Anna Crawford in Athens**

While we were on Kea, we got the news about the tragic fire on the island of Lesbos, when the entire Moria Refugee camp burnt down, leaving up to 12,000 people homeless once again. As the story unfolded through the week, we felt deeply not just for the desperate plight of those involved, but also for the complex dynamics at play between the NGO's who are hard at work, the local residents on the Island, the Greek authorities, and the wider European political context. Please pray!

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## **SATURDAY 10**

### **SPAIN: Hans and Jennifer Anderson in Málaga**

Praise the Lord that we are able to serve a large number of immigrants and neighbours dealing with food scarcity. Donors have contributed to over 500 extra emergency food packs, which have been distributed to newly arrived refugees and immigrants arriving from areas like Western Sahara, Venezuela and Russia and Syria. Pray for P who was given a Bible, which he has been reading live on Instagram. He is seeking and so interested in genuine faith!

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Hans and  
Jennifer  
Anderson

## **SUNDAY 11**

### **NETHERLANDS: Bert and Jenny de Ruiter in Amsterdam**

Together with a Muslim couple we are preparing a marriage enrichment weekend this month. Pray that we will have 8 couples joining us and that the Lord will use this weekend to strengthen each marriage. I am working on making one of my training courses into an online tool. This means making 30 videos. Pray for wisdom and guidance and that it will be finished before the deadline of November 15! I am preparing to speak at a conference in the UK for believers of Muslim background. The topic is about how to

in Málaga

disciple former Muslims that are increasingly being influenced by secular European values. This is a new topic for me. Pray for guidance in preparing well.

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### **MONDAY 12**

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

Please pray for wisdom in my new role as editor of the ECM magazine. On a personal note, that my husband would find a new job soon. That we would be patient and trust in the Lord's provision for us. That our children would adjust well into another new location!

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### **TUESDAY 13**

#### **SPAIN: Dan and Anna Julian in Valencia**

Please pray for us as several MOCLAM Spain students study courses on the Gospels and the Pentateuch. Pray their studies help them grow in faith and joy. Pray also for the young adults' study at our church over the origin and nature of the Bible, that those in the small group would grow in their confidence in and obedience to Scriptures. Please also pray for our family's continued good health.

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### **WEDNESDAY 14**

#### **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Waterford**

We give thanks that Colin is recovering well and feeling stronger and steadier. He is able to do more, whilst taking time to rest and also to enjoy recreating with cooking, poetry and guitar. He had an MRI of the brain on 22 September. This will detect any causes of bleed and determine the need for any further investigation or interventions. He has a neurosurgery appointment in Dublin today 14 October. Pray for continued renewing in the waiting and for wisdom on next steps.

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### **THURSDAY 15**

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

Please Pray that God might heal Elena. Thanks to God as my painting for the Fellini exposition is developing well. May God open up possibility to do this exposition. Pray for Emanuela's family as she is battling in her home as the only Christian. Pray also for Eleisa whose husband died of cancer a few months ago and left her at the age of 43 with 4 children.

Susanne Stoehr



in Macherio

## **FRIDAY 16**

### **SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma**

I have been working toward helping the Spanish Church become more involved in International Missions by joining with a Tanzanian Maasai NGO which we personally know and support. Please pray that more Spaniards and other Europeans will take part.

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## **SATURDAY 17**

### **AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach**

The team went out a few Saturdays ago, only using tables set up outside the bus. It worked well and some young people stopped to chat. Please pray about a longer-term solution, as this only works when the weather is OK. Our next date is today, 17 October. We have a good permanent parking space for the bus! Praise the Lord for this! However, it is not under cover, so please continue to pray for a place in a garage.

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## **SUNDAY 18**

### **ROMANIA: Adi and Jennifer Grocott in Timisoara**

Praise God that both children are now able to attend preschool. Pray that Luca will adjust well to his first year of preschool. Pray that we, as parents adjust to this new rhythm and are able to use the extra uninterrupted time for God's glory and his service. Pray that we will make the most of the days given to us and that we will be able to be understanding, accepting and flexible with any changes that may happen due to COVID.

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## **MONDAY 19**

### **GERMANY: Richard and Ali Maegraith in Berlin**

Pray for us as we start a small new church plant as an offshoot from Batik church (our original church in Berlin). Pray for us as we embark upon language refresher courses in the next few months, to pastor more confidently in German. Pray for the three local women the Lord has brought into our lives. One who is coming alive in faith, one who is going through a personal crisis and is open to talking about Jesus, and one single mum who we long to introduce to Jesus but is very hardened. Pray for us as we seek to connect to local musicians, despite Covid restrictions. Pray for our boys (18, 17, 15 and 7) as they navigate growing up with very few Christian friends.





## **TUESDAY 20**

### **SPAIN: Edgar & Jane Álvarez in Madrid**

During October, the church development project that we are involved in will be going through an "in-visioning" process. Please pray that this will be a time of renewal and relaunching of hopes and expectations for the church's mission. Our local ECM team in Madrid has gone through some changes during the Summer, we have seen beloved members leave and new ones arrive. Pray for a smooth transition.

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## **WEDNESDAY 21**

### **KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja**

We thank God for keeping our church together for 20 years. We celebrated the 20 Anniversary of the Rruga Paqes Church on September 27. Pray for the people who took part at the Service to get more interested in Jesus. We thank God for safe Services in the last four weeks meeting at our church premises. Pray for God's guidance about children/youth meetings. We hope to restart the meetings in October. Adile and I are praying and thinking about having a Sabbatical starting February 2021. We have had no rest from our ministry for more than ten years.

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## **THURSDAY 22**

### **ECM BRITAIN: Rachel Gurney, HR Assistant**

Please pray for Roselynn who is on a short mission trip in Bulgaria from today until 24 October. She is spending time with the Blackwells in Sofia and getting a feel for ministry in other parts of the country. May this be a helpful and blessed experience for Roselynn and those she interacts with. Please pray for a safe and smooth return to the UK afterwards. She expects to quarantine upon return and will work from home during that time.

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## **FRIDAY 23**

### **ECM AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND: Rod Bishop, Business Manager**

There is much work to do in up-keeping and developing our properties here in Sydney, that we might steward these resources well to use them effectively for Kingdom work. Please pray that I might have great wisdom in managing this well.

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## **SATURDAY 24**

### **ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Trento**

The church at Trento has resumed its activities after the summer break, although they have all been changed or reduced. A bigger

issue is that church life – the relationships, the fellowship, the commitment – is a lot weaker, not because of legal restrictions but because people are afraid to go out, or that during lockdown they got used to meeting only on Internet or not at all. Pray for a renewal in the church.

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### **SUNDAY 25**

#### **AUSTRIA: Stephan and Cludia Pohn in Dornbirn**

Please pray for wisdom and unity as we relaunch some of our face-to-face church activities. We have a wide range of opinions within our church family regarding the validity of the government imposed Covid restrictions that can easily create tension. Praise God that His love has been poured out into our hearts (Rom 5:5) and please pray for his enabling to love one another sacrificially and unconditionally. Pray for creative and Christ-honouring ways to be church in these strange times.

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### **MONDAY 26**

#### **FINLAND: K in Finland**

Praise God for a good time in the Netherlands, even though it was very busy and also a tough time. I hope to get back to the far North of Finland today or tomorrow and will need to be in quarantine two weeks. It will be a much-needed holiday. After that, October will be picking up my work again: check the book of Acts in the Inari-Saami language, as well as child and youth work through scouting. Please pray I'll be a blessing to others and a good witness of God's love.

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### **TUESDAY 27**

#### **GERMANY: Martin and Anya Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten**

We are so happy that a new missionary will join our team in November. She has a heart for youth and wants to invest herself in this special area. Please pray for our older kids who have to make important decisions in the next couple of years.

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### **WEDNESDAY 28**

#### **AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach**

Our relationship with our neighbours just continues to blossom. David is often called the neighbourhood pastor (sometimes even the Pope). When playing games comments like "that is not in the Bible" are often made if we stretch the rules. Where is this going Lord? Please pray as the autumn sets in that we would find Covid-appropriate ways of meeting together. It might lead to smaller groups and a different dynamic.

### **SERVICE 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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| STANSTED (HEPPY) | 6      | 1410     |
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## THURSDAY 29

### SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

For this month we are asking you to pray for our church that we will all have passion for God and His kingdom. Pray with us that we will be all on fire for Christ by his gospel and through the Spirit that dwells in us. Also pray that God will raise mature and faithful workers that will seek His Kingdom first and reach local community with the gospel.

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## FRIDAY 30

### SPAIN: Cicero and Vera da Costa in Cabra

We give thanks for the recent baptisms of 6 people (5 Spaniards and 1 from Honduras). We are thankful to the Lord for each opportunity to share the gospel by means of physical services, online events, discipleship, bible studies and our theology course. We praise God for two new small groups which makes a total of 6 (4 in Cabra and 2 in Lucena). We ask you to pray for our physical, spiritual, and emotional energy that we may keep working in this great ministry!

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## SATURDAY 31

### PORTUGAL: Steve and Lydia Cockram in Vila Nova de Gaia

Praise God for our move to Vila Nova de Gaia and that the work has started well. The move has been quite stressful as there have been a number of small things go wrong, but praise God that most of these things are resolved and that these situations have allowed us to meet our neighbours. Pray for us to settle in quickly and to build some good friendships both with members of the church and those outside it.

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