

European Christian Mission

July 2020

# prayerdiary



## WEDNESDAY 1

### **SPAIN: Delyth Sutton in Pozoblanco and Pedroches Valley**

Due to COVID19 we have had to change our outreach plans. Pray for a small team from "Decision" who will be with us from today until 10 July. We have opportunities to share the gospel in 3 different towns, on the local radio stations and possibilities for activities with other groups etc. Pray for the church that they would be encouraged to intentionally be witnesses to Christ. Praise God for His provision in times of lockdown. As a church we have been able to provide food through the Good Samaritan Association and the local Council to many families. The new minibus has been used to deliver much needed medical supplies to an old people's home in the North of the province.

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## THURSDAY 2

### **SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica**

At the beginning of July, we will have an English camp for teenagers that our youth is organizing. Pray for open hearts for the Gospel, protection from the enemy and especially that the team will have energy for the whole week. Also, we are organizing different youth festivals in Slovenia. Pray for the youth to sign up, for good teamwork and especially that we will build good relationships that we could keep investing in them through the year.

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## FRIDAY 3

### **SPAIN: Jim and Christine Memory in Aguilar de la Frontera**

We are planning on driving back to the UK through France and Spain 1-3 July. Once there, we will have two weeks in quarantine before we can see our family. Please pray for safety in travel, for the borders to all be open by then, and for Jim's teaching on the Redcliffe Summer School which will all be done virtually whilst we are in quarantine (13-17 July).

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

**Deuteronomy 31:6**



#### **SATURDAY 4**

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

At the start of July, we had hoped to be doing English Camp and a 5-day Club with Radovan and the believers in Bugojno, Bosnia. Please pray for the Christians there who have little fellowship and whose neighbours are often hostile. Ask God for strength, boldness, faithfulness, and His protection over them. Pray God will soften hearts that the Christians may be encouraged by the joy of speaking to others about Jesus. We continue to work on Policies and Projects and although these are very much 'behind the scenes' we feel a big responsibility to prepare well so that when they are used they are good, thought through, and prayed through, plans/guides to advance ministry in a God honouring, practical way.

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#### **SUNDAY 5**

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

By the first week of July, God willing, we should have arrived in Greece. Praise God for the provision of a temporary place in the outskirts of Athens for us to stay during July and part of August. Please pray that the Lord would guide us in regard to finding the right apartment in the right location at the right price and that the cloud of His Presence would already hover over this place and fill it with His glory.

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#### **MONDAY 6**

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

Since March we were not able to have our monthly kids' event. During the month of July, we plan to contact each child with a personal letter and a Christian journal. We hope to restart in August. Most children come from a difficult background. 30% have a Muslim background.

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#### **TUESDAY 7**

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

Praise God that we could complete the translation, editing and graphic design on two resources for discipleship with children and youth in Bulgaria! Our partners in reaching children, youth and families are the ministry of One Hope Int'l based in the US. We greatly appreciate their love and passion for reaching children, youth and families with the saving power of the Gospel! Pray for the upcoming printing of the first 70k copies of the literature we will use with the local churches in Bulgaria. Pray for the training and mobilization work we will engage in in the next 6-12 months.

## **WEDNESDAY 8**

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

Please pray as the MOCLAM Spain team prepares to teach new groups in the fall, and as we seek national workers to help with the teaching effort. Pray also as Dan prepares to serve on the new Field Leadership Team in Spain, that God would give clarity and wisdom to all involved. And pray for our family as we go into the summer, that God would continue to provide for our spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

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## **THURSDAY 9**

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

Please pray for racial justice and equality which has been keenly felt recently among our church. We have several key families from Nigerian backgrounds. Pray especially for students and youth who are sharing their stories of racism in Ireland and speaking out against injustice. Pray for us as we mentor them to be a prophetic voice in this. Pray we may remain united in Christ and grow in love and grace toward one another.

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## **FRIDAY 10**

### **ALBANIA: Chris and Sarah Downing in Tirana**

We return to the UK at the beginning of the month and will be living in Southampton where Chris has a twelve-month locum contract at the hospital. The move places us closer to parents, who need extra support at this time, provides an extended experience of British culture for our younger three kids and puts us within easier reach of our oldest as he begins university. Please pray for smooth transitions for each of us, but especially for Amy, Rebekah and Sam who have some big adjustments ahead of them.

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Chris and Sarah  
Downing  
and family  
in Tirana



## **SATURDAY 11**

### **SPAIN: Peter and Kate Knowlson in Azuaga**

Please pray for the women's Bible study that began during the lockdown. There are 4 of us now! A small group of believers and interested others had started to meet every two weeks in Azuaga. We have not met since March so pray for the interest to grow again now that we can get together.

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## **SUNDAY 12**

### **SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana**

Please be praying for our youth camp which is planned from today until July 17. We will be looking at the book of Colossians. Please

be praying for the young people that they would be learning more about God and applying that to their lives. Please also be praying for me as I am now preparing to transition back to the UK at the end of August, that I would end my time here in Slovenia well and that I would be prepared for life back in the UK.

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### **MONDAY 13**

#### **GERMANY: Gerard and Janneke de Wit in Schwerin**

In Schwerin-Lankow we are a lot outside and live with our neighbours. We have cleaned a little garden/playground with them, and we meet a lot there to drink coffee together. Thank God that every time we are there, more people and children come to have a look, what is going on or drink coffee with us. That is great! God's Spirit works! Pray that more people come into this small community and get to learn Jesus. Please pray for the families who live here. In the summer holidays a lot of them cannot afford to go out. Pray that there is peace in these families, and that God blesses them with love for each other and people around them.

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BJ and Rachel  
Whitaker  
and family in  
Alcora



### **TUESDAY 14**

#### **SPAIN: BJ and Rachel Whitaker in Alcora**

After 10 years of serving in Alcora, we will be moving to the town of Meco in the province of Madrid, sometime in the second or third week of July. So please pray for us as a family in this transition, that God would help us with all the goodbyes and hellos that come with moving, that God would provide the right home for us in Meco, and that all the seeds we've planted in Alcora would grow to fruition in God's timing.

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### **WEDNESDAY 15**

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

Praise God for the possibility to give away more than a hundred food boxes to poor people from our church and others from all over the town during the pandemic lockdown – many of them non-believers and so a great chance to let them know that Jesus loves them and cares for them. We had the first meeting back on our premises on June 7 with more than 30 people, which was a great blessing, as people were "hungry" to praise God together. Pray for safety and for us as we visit the families we gave food to and talk to them about the need to know the Saviour Jesus Christ. Pray for the children and youth of our church as we cannot have meetings for them until the school starts.

## **THURSDAY 16**

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

Praise the Lord with us that our kids survived finishing out the academic year with on-line schooling! We are all relieved that it is done, and so grateful to have a little more freedom to meet with friends and youth group again. Pray for them that summer would be a good opportunity for spiritual growth and deepening friendships. Diez42 is open in a limited capacity. We long to make a deep impact for the Lord on the immigrant community through this.

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## **FRIDAY 17**

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

Pray for two people who have started regularly attending the Zoom meetings of the church. Nino is the patient of a church member who is a physiotherapist. Alice is a university student who contacted the church through its website, and who is looking for a different way to experience God after previous experiences did not last. It would have been better for them to meet other church members personally, but of course it was not possible.

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## **SATURDAY 18**

### **IRELAND: Lindsay Moorhead, ECM Ireland Director**

Give thanks that lock-down restrictions have lifted in many countries across Europe. Pray for wisdom and discernment for our workers as they start planning services and connecting with people face to face again. In the office, we have just been trained on how to use our new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system and Accountancy Package. Pray for us, that we would use these new programmes to their full capacity and that in doing so, more people would become involved in what God is doing across Europe.

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## **SUNDAY 19**

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

From today until 26 July we will be at a kid's camp. Esther, who has never been at a camp like this before, will cook and manage the kitchen for the whole group. Please pray that she can adapt quickly to the camp-kitchen and can manage the work/challenge well. Tobias will be mainly looking after Enya and, as some of the workers at the camp are part of his teenager group, he wants to use the time to connect further with them, so please pray for him as well.





## **MONDAY 20**

### **SPAIN: David and Samantha Gilkinson in Salou**

Thank God that despite all summer ministry plans changing we still have the opportunity to run 3 youth meetings per week in July. Pray that this is a significant time for us getting to know the 15 to 20 young people and that it is a significant time of spiritual growth for them. Please also pray for continued growth in our language ability as we seek to build relationships and serve the church here.

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## **TUESDAY 21**

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

Please pray that we would have the wisdom and creativity to know how to minister to children (and their leaders) this summer. For Children's ministry organisations here in Romanian that are trying new ways to reach kids. That we could find more ways to love and serve our neighbours and friends. That we can be supportive to our local church during constant changing restrictions. That we can be a witness to our families.

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## **WEDNESDAY 22**

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

Thanks to God for all his provision and strength and blessings during furlough. Pray for a good start back in Italy in July Pray for inspiration for a painting regarding one of Federico Fellini's films. Pray for Elisa and her 4 children whose husband died and left her a widow at 43 years old.

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## **THURSDAY 23**

### **PORTUGAL: Eberson and Madalena David da Silva in Alentejo**

Prayer for the church of Montargil so that when we return to services, we can live a new time in Jesus in which souls will be reached; and that we can acquire a sound system and musical instruments for the church. Thanks to the Lord for the miracles of provision during this period of quarantine and financial crisis.

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## **FRIDAY 24**

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

Thank God the children are settling well into their new school in Brisbane. Please pray that my husband (Arend) will find his feet in his new job here and settle in well. Please continue to pray for my role as mobiliser for ECM up here, that I would think creatively about how to use media for God's glory and the blessing of ECM.

## **SATURDAY 25**

### **SPAIN: Chloe Wolfson in Málaga**

This month we are starting a new project in Roquetas de Mar, Almeria. The area is home to a large and migrant community of people from Romania, North and West Africa, many from Muslim majority countries who have come looking for work in the kilometres of greenhouses. Pray for wisdom as to how to start this ministry. Pray for good connections with Christians in the area, and for God to provide friendships and open ways into the community.

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## **SUNDAY 26**

### **CROATIA: Frank and Angelika Bosch in Umag**

We are thankful for the first small women breakfast in June in Umag, with guests from 2 other churches in Istra. Please pray for guidance for women breakfast in Umag and Istra: that brothers and sisters from our church and the nearest churches in Porec and Rovinje would like to work together for this service, for all practical needs, specially for a convenient hotel or restaurant. For wisdom and possibilities for groups (Bible study, Alpha course, women's meetings) and for work with children and music for the holiday guests in our apartment: possibilities and ways to talk about faith and Jesus.

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## **MONDAY 27**

### **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris**

We look forward as a church to be able to meet again. Pray for wisdom and safety as the country opens and we get used to doing some things differently. Many of the summer camps and clubs have been cancelled. Pray for ways for the church to reach out to friends and neighbours.

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## **TUESDAY 28**

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

Please pray that we would have wisdom in re-starting activities with children and youth following the Covid-19 lockdown. There is great eagerness for a re-start, but we must be careful to respect the authorities and represent Christ responsibly. Pray that Ioana and I would have minds that are daily renewed and filled by the Spirit so that we can continue advancing with the gospel positively at home and on the mission field. Pray also that we would be disciplined in continuing a time of worship at home each evening with our own children.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

If you are interested in Short term ministry in the future, we'd love to start the conversation with you.

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10	STRATED AIRPT	7	1400
9	BREITHEE	12	1400
8	ONBETHGE	5	1410
7	STRATED AIRPT	6	1410
6	CLACTON-ON-SEA	13	1415
5	HORSHAM	8	1424
4	STRATED AIRPT	7	1430



## WEDNESDAY 29

### ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari

We would like to offer some creative events for children in July and August outside. We must evaluate the hygienic rules for this event and if we can cope with them. Please pray for our friend A. She moved in January after an accident in an old people home, but immediately she did not like it. She got the corona virus and is suffering very much in this whole isolated situation.

## THURSDAY 30

### SPAIN: Lemuel and Rachel Feliciano in Galicia

Since December, we have had a pregnant 19-year-old living with us. She is due to give birth in mid-August. Due to a government grant that would help cover the rent, she is looking for a flat. The three of us agree that we would like her to find somewhere near to our flat, as we are currently her main support. Her violent ex-partner has also just been released from prison. Please pray for wisdom as we support her through all this process and into the future.

## FRIDAY 31

### AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Table spacing in the Teebus prevents us from starting again before August at the earliest. Please pray that it would be possible then. The new owners of the firm where the bus is parked have said we cannot park there any longer. We are now urgently seeking a new parking place, so please pray (as before, a covered place would be preferable.)

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