

European Christian Mission

Prayer Diary October 2022



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*

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SATURDAY 1

NETHERLANDS: Roland and Carolien Smith in Renkum

Praise the Lord for providing a house to rent in Renkum. The move was 8 September. We pray for wisdom as we start to discover the ministry opportunities and needs here. It is wonderful to be near to Carolien's mother, to care for her. What a blessing. Thank you for praying!

SUNDAY 2

ECM INTERNATIONAL: UK Ukraine Tour

From October 7-16, we hope to have 2 Ukrainian ECM members visit various UK churches to give thanks to those who have given to the ECM Ukraine relief fund, to inform about the situation among ECM workers in and around Ukraine, as well as to encourage prayer for all that ECM is involved in. Please pray that Kostya and Viktoria can obtain the necessary visas so that plans can go ahead for these visits to Guildford, High Wycombe, Gloucester, Taunton, Northampton, Oxford, Birmingham and Northern Ireland.

MONDAY 3

SLOVENIA: Bostjan and Lidija Cifer in Maribor

Please pray that in the new academic year more and more students will come to know the Lord and that they will become faithful witnesses of the gospel at the University. Please also pray for Bostjan and three Slovene students (Marko, Anže and Laura) who will attend the IFES FEUER conference in Thessaloniki at the end of October.

TUESDAY 4

SPAIN: David and Samantha Gilkinson in Salou

A new ministry of a young adults small group, meeting in our home every other week, is starting today 4 October. Please pray that this provides community for many young adults who are on the fringes and seeking friendship and a place within the church and that it provides a place for discipleship of these young believers.

WEDNESDAY 5

NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, National Director

We will be hosting an on-line information evening for our Missions Internship Programme on 6 October, so please pray for the right people to come along and that we will clearly represent the programme to everyone. Pray for more people to join the Missions Internship Programme in 2023.

THURSDAY 6

IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Waterford

Please pray for Colin's surgery, with hopeful admission tomorrow 7 October, that a bed might be available and for surgery to go well. We are encouraged by hope stirring in the Ferrybank church at the beginning of this new term. Please pray with us as we step out and share Christ in various ways, as part of the 6 weeks 'What's the

Story?’ evangelistic initiative: Zoom seeker Bible study, church talks and life story videos, blogs on Waterford themes, a nature walk with guided spiritual reflection.

FRIDAY 7

BRITAIN: Chris Wigram

This is the first day of teaching the course on ‘Global Christianity’ at the London School of Theology (LST). This will be every Friday until December and includes presentations from the students on their chosen subject. LST, like many other theological seminaries have struggled to recruit enough students for this academic year. Pray for those who have to make decisions about budgets, available courses and future planning. It is a really enjoyable course to teach with the main aim of showing that, from the beginning, Christianity has been a global faith and endured the most dramatic oppositions and survived!

SATURDAY 8

AUSTRALIA: Liz Mahanidis, ECM Mobiliser in Melbourne

My name is Liz Mahanidis and I started working with Prepare the Way and seconded to ECM and AIM to work as a Missions Mentor, based in Melbourne. I will be meeting with two potential candidates for ECM over the next couple of weeks and would appreciate prayer for God’s wisdom and guidance as I meet with them.

SUNDAY 9

SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana

Please pray for me as I take over the youth work in the church. Thank God that he has opened doors for new work and that the transition from intern to student, to youth worker over the past few years seems to have gone well. Please pray for the young people as they get stuck into the new school year and for me as I seek to meet with some of them regularly one to one.

MONDAY 10

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid

Thank you for your prayers for Edgar since his dad passed away in July. Reconnecting with friends, family and colleagues continues in this process. Give thanks for our older son Gabriel’s student placement in Glasgow and Birmingham this month before University starts at Lancaster in October. Pray that he will find God to be close to him and he will grow. Also, for Asier writing his personal statement/applying for University 2023 this month.

TUESDAY 11

NETHERLANDS: Kees and Wieteke Postma in Burgum

After 7 years of pastoring, Wieteke and I will be joining ECM again. I will replace Ellis Kabbani as recruiter for ECM Netherlands and hope to be involved in an ECM International capacity as well next to continuing a church plant in our own hometown. Please pray for a smooth transition in my new role.

WEDNESDAY 12

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Rovereto

We rejoice in the baptism in September of our two eldest children, Stefania and Daniele. Pray that they will continue to live a life that honours and glorifies God through Jesus. It was part of a week of celebrations, with the 30th anniversary of Richard’s arrival in Italy and some other special events in the family to thank God for.

THURSDAY 13

NETHERLANDS: Bert and Jenny de Ruiter

During the month of October, Jenny and I are in Bosnia to attend the EEA HOPE conference and to have meetings with Christian and Muslim leaders. Please pray for fruitful conversations.

FRIDAY 14**SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma**

Pray for the Evangelistic outreach which is being planned by all the Christian churches in Camarma and Meco. We have invited the help of the IMPACT team from YWAM to help us. The big days for the public announcements of the Gospel are today October 14 in Meco and October 15 in Camarma. The whole week the team will be going to do smaller presentations in all the schools of the area. Thank God for the unity we are sensing in working together and that together the Gospel message will penetrate many hungry hearts.

SATURDAY 15**ROMANIA: Gary and Ioana Stoll in Piatra Neamt**

Please pray for today 15 October where 12 young people will be undertaking leadership and Bible teaching training once a month. Pray for God to open their minds and hearts to see the wonder of the Gospel, the privilege we have to be God's entrusted servants, and the urgency of the Great Commission.

SUNDAY 16**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris**

Please continue to pray for the "What's the Story?" campaign which will run until the end of this month. Pray as we look at six questions related to the Christian faith over our Wednesday nights' open Bible discussion time and on Sunday mornings. We also had a film night on "The Case for Christ".

MONDAY 17**GERMANY: Martin and Anja Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten**

After 3 years it is possible again to have ADONIA in Ribnitz. It is an organisation that performs a kind of musical about different biblical stories with 70 children. So, we are happy to have them in Ribnitz and hope that people come to see it. It was very well attended in 2019.

TUESDAY 18**GERMANY: Christiaan and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin**

Praise the Lord for a group of Ukrainian mothers with small children who celebrate at our place every week at the church services. Please pray that they would be able to reach a lot of Ukrainians in our city. Please pray also for their husbands back in Ukraine.

WEDNESDAY 19**KOSOVO: Dan and Primrose Avila in Kamenica**

The ECM Albania-Kosova Prayer Days are from today 19 - 22 October in Peja, and we are delighted that Simon and Dorit Marshall will be joining with us. Pray that as we meet together, we will know the joyful fellowship and unity that comes when God's people are together. Pray that we will be greatly encouraged as we learn from God's Word, pray for one another and have time to enjoy one another's company.

THURSDAY 20**SPAIN: Spain Prayer Days**

Please pray for the Spanish Prayer Days which start today until 23 October. Pray that God would help us understand the times we live in and what He is doing in Spain. May we hear his voice, be encouraged, be guided and be renewed over this time.

FRIDAY 21**KOSOVO: Gani and Adile in Smolica in Peja**

We praise the Lord that weekly activities have restarted, and that people are coming more regularly to Prayer meetings and Bible study. Let's pray for the children/youth activities to start fully as the school year started. We are trying to help poor families with wood for winter.

SATURDAY 22**PORTUGAL: Marcus and Kellen Benicio in Sesimbra**

Please pray for our boys' new year at school, we pray God's blessing, that they learn the material, make good friends and be protected from bullying. Please also pray for us as we will soon have a great challenge of changing ministry, city and country. May the Lord prepare us for this: for the physical, emotional and spiritual health of the whole family.

SUNDAY 23**SPAIN: Hans and Jennifer Anderson in Málaga**

We want to praise the Lord for the many local volunteers who have come to help us at Diez42 ministry centre and food bank. We would never be able to do all the work we do without the extra hands to pack bags and distribute food while we chat and pray with people who come. We have also been blessed by extra donations, which have helped cover costs of additional kits for Ukrainian Refugees who have arrived in Málaga. Please pray that our classes, food distribution and family-friendly activities would give us many opportunities to plant and water seeds of faith in our community!

MONDAY 24**ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio**

Praise God for his protection and great blessings during furlough time. Pray for wisdom in big bureaucracy handling succession of my father. Pray for Emanuela standing firm in her faith with all family problems, increasing from day to day.

TUESDAY 25**PORTUGAL: Eberson and Magdalena David in Alentejo**

We thank God for the period of summer missionary and ministerial activities, which ended in September. Thank God for the 8 years of the Mission in Montargil in October. Pray for the growth of this little church. Continue to pray for Madalena's health, so that she has continuous improvements in the sciatic nerve and that she gets the proper medical treatment. Pray for missionary strategies in Montargil and Mora that reach the Portuguese.

WEDNESDAY 26**SPAIN: Abel and Rafi Nuño in Bañeras**

Please pray as our car is getting very old and needs to be replaced. Please pray that God will provide us with the right solution at the right time. Also, for Abel and his family. Abel's mother is in a bad way and the father is afraid of losing his wife. We also pray that the Lord will give me opportunity to share about His love with the women I will be walking with.

THURSDAY 27**PORTUGAL: Carlos and Ana Freitas in Coimbra**

Please pray for God's wisdom in my new role of cluster leader with ECM Portugal, that missionaries thrive in their ministries, that churches grow spiritually and numerically, and gospel is faithfully proclaimed. Please pray for opportunities with our children's schools. Daniel's teacher is open to have parents organizing activities for the class. So, we will offer to do a Christmas and Easter activity with the children. Please pray for the start of a new gospel work in Coimbra which we hope will grow into a church. Hopefully we'll start in October with a small group and some evangelistic events.

FRIDAY 28**SPAIN: B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Meco**

Please pray for our first Wild at Heart men's retreat that will take place today 28-31 October. Pray that men would sign up (at the time of writing they're starting to do so), that through this retreat God would work deeply to restore and strengthen the hearts of the men who participate and that God would protect our team of four men (and our families) from any attack of the enemy as we battle for men's hearts here in Spain.

SATURDAY 29**SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica**

Our church plant is part of an evangelical union of 8 churches. This month we will have a three-day retreat for pastors and their wives. Pray for all of us that we will deepen our friendships and that the Lord will strengthen our hearts through prayer for one another as we will also share some of the challenges that we are facing. Pray for special God's presence and work among all of us through the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY 30**GERMANY: Rich and Ali in Berlin**

Praise God for a fruitful and encouraging home assignment. Praise God that 'kiez church wedding' continued to meet while we were away and that we just celebrated 2 years as a church. Praise God that believers who are joining us are hungry for the word of God. Pray that we continue with 'getting back to basics' here in Berlin. Preaching the gospel, teaching God's word and having a dependence on prayer. Prayer for us to source a room for our church to meet in. We can only meet in the park for a few more weeks before winter hits.

MONDAY 31**AUSTRIA: Mallory and Günther Fugger in Wien**

Please pray for the Biennial Conference and all of the practical preparations now under way. Please pray for the teachers preparing their seminars, children's programs and main sessions for the Biennial conference.