



WEDNESDAY 1

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojevic in Zajecar

Please pray that we will get the Christmas parcels in time for Christmas, as last year we got parcels late in February, because of problems with transportation and distribution. We usually give parcels to the school for children with disabilities. The distribution of parcels was really blessed, because children were happy to get parcels anytime and for us it was unusual to tell the Christmas story in February. Pray for children who will hear for the first time about the birth of Jesus and meaning of Christmas, because every school year new children are coming.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3: 16

THURSDAY 2

AUSTRIA: Tobias and Esther Giersch in Arriach

The Teabus ministry started again at the end of October. However, fresh Covid measures that were introduced in November only allow people who are vaccinated or recovered into the bus. Disappointingly, many of the key members of the bus team are not vaccinated and we might not get a viable team together for the rest of the year, which is very frustrating. Please pray for this situation and for new team members.

FRIDAY 3

SPAIN: Colin and Jillian Bakon in Malaga

Tomorrow December 4, I will be running an "Unfinished Story" course with leaders and church members from churches around Tenerife. Pray for God to use this time to challenge them and encourage them to look at how they can be on mission with God both within their congregations as well as together.

SATURDAY 4

SPAIN: Peter and Kate Knowlson in Azuaga

Today December 4, the children in the church in Peñarroya are celebrating Christmas. Pray for some new friends to join us and a great focus on Jesus our king.



SUNDAY 5

BULGARIA: Charlie Anderson, Bulgaria Prayer Days

Praise God for the first Bulgaria Team prayer days! Please pray for the three families along with some visiting ECMers that God will make his presence known as we hope to meet together to share and pray in Sofia. Pray that we will have many blessings and challenges to take back into daily life after this opportunity draws to a close. Please ask God to work through the different ministry efforts, that He will raise up more well rooted, faithful and mature believers who will take on the leadership roles within churches and that they will strongly desire to live out and share the gospel with those around them.

MONDAY 6

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Magdalena David in Montargil

Thanks to God for our trip to Brazil and all the blessings of supply received so far! God has been faithful in everything! Please Pray for our daughters, Beatriz and Isabela, that they will be able to recover the lost classes at school and the school rhythm after our missionary trip to Brazil. Pray also for their feelings, for true friendships.

TUESDAY 7

ECMI: David James, Human Resources Director

Training continues to be a central part of Human Resources activities at the moment. Please pray for the Equip:Project course running at the moment and for the 20 people who are signed up for Posture Shift (helping the church engage with the LGBT community) from today until 10 December. David and Sharon are also rewriting the Equip:Team course and hope to deliver this next Spring.

WEDNESDAY 8

ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari

Please pray for our participation to the yearly crib exposition which will start today December 8; we still need to have a good creative idea. Please pray that the Lord would strengthen his church. Pray also for M and S, that they might experience salvation and help from God in difficult times

THURSDAY 9

BRITAIN: Vidas and Rita Rimkiene in Gloucester

World Cafe is in a new season to find a new venue, partnerships and reach out to new people as well as keeping old friendships. Please pray for this new venture yet again as nothing seems the same, things have changed and consequently we need to look at it with the fresh set of eyes.

FRIDAY 10

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, National Director

December and January is our quieter 'summer season', so a great time to connect with people more informally, and to plan and strategise for the coming year. Please pray for good connections and wise planning!

SATURDAY 11

SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma

Pray for the Camarma Church as we seek to fill several positions for Elders and Deacons. This is planned to be done at the Annual General Meeting which is tomorrow, 12 December. Pray that those whom God wants to fill these respective ministries would be obedient to his calling them into service in this way.

Ron and Brenda
Anderson



In Spain

SUNDAY 12

NETHERLANDS: Roland and Carolien Smith in Maastricht

Please pray for today, 12 December: All Saints International Anglican Church and Damascus Road International Church are joining together for 9 Bible readings and carols in the city centre. We pray for the conversations following and relationships growing that people will love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ wholeheartedly. Hopefully it will all be permitted. Praying for wisdom as some restrictions are beginning again.

MONDAY 13

NETHERLANDS: Bert and Jenny de Ruiter in Amsterdam

From today December 13 to 18, I hope to have 'a writing retreat' to continue working on a book about "Wisdom for Dummies: navigating our lives with the truth of the book of Proverbs". Pray for God's guidance and inspiration.

TUESDAY 14

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Villalba

We are thankful that Jane was able to travel with Asier to Edinburgh to see her dad after over two years!! All went well – we are also thankful Gabriel is settling well into University life. We also continue to pray so that he can make connection with some Christian fellowship.

WEDNESDAY 15

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

Please pray for our special Christmas Club for kids today 15 December at 7.30 pm and pray that some adults and children will come along. Pray that we would see church people disciplined and grow in their faith as we continue to think about church membership. A couple of people are thinking about baptism which is great.

THURSDAY 16

ECM BRITAIN: Annette Ball in Northampton

ECM Britain is publishing its Winter Magazine and sending it out to donors this week. It has a different 'flavour' than usual with ideas about gathering around food to think, pray or share about ECM's work. Please pray that supporters will be inspired to take action and partner with us even more in 2022! Please thank God for all our wonderful supporters and Christ's love they show through us.

FRIDAY 17

ROMANIA: Gary and Ioana Stoll in Piatra Neamt

Please pray for Gary's learning and preparation for his New Testament theological exam on today December 17. Please pray as well for the gospel to be clearly proclaimed through Children's Nativity Play outreaches taking place on 20 December in Bodești, 21 December in Bargauani, and 25 December in Piatra Neamt. Pray for parents to attend and to be receptive to God's word.



David and Samantha
Gilkinson
in Salou

SATURDAY 18

SPAIN: David and Samantha Gilkinson in Salou

This weekend before Christmas is a special one for Salou Evangelical with the return of 'Viaje de Belén.' This is an evangelical interactive re-enactment of the Christmas story with props, actors and music that will run Saturday and Sunday. Please pray that many from the area would come and hear the Gospel through this.

SUNDAY 19

GERMANY: Martin and Anja Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten

During the last 18 months we have lost most of our families, so it is difficult to offer children's ministry with so few kids and youth. A young family is thinking about moving to Ribnitz, find a job and support us, and they are in town for one month to find out if this is God's plan for them. We are looking for a part-time-pastor for autumn 2022. One of our team members have their regular jobs in addition to our church plant – that is very difficult for them. We plan to have a service on December 24 for people from the neighbourhood.

MONDAY 20

PORTUGAL: Daveen and Mike Wilson in Mourão

We are thankful for a visit to England after a long time for our daughter's graduation. After even longer they are booking to come in May; would you pray it happens? (We've had several cancellations.) This will be our third Christmas alone.

TUESDAY 21

GERMANY: Gerard and Janneke de Wit in Schwerin

We want to organise a one day Christmas market, a place where people from Schwerin-Lankow can meet each other and hear the (true) Christmas story, played by the children of our kids club. Pray that it can take place and pray that a lot of people of our neighbourhood want to be involved in organising this fest. Also pray that people get to know the love of Jesus through the Christmas story. We want to buy a building to take following steps in our missionary work here in Schwerin. Thank the Lord for giving us ideas and pray that we find the right building. Pray that God shows us how and where exactly we may serve Him.

WEDNESDAY 22

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank

We are encouraged by a focus on discipleship currently with church. We have sensed God's challenge and encouragement to grow as disciples who make disciples. To not only come and follow, but to be changed to be fishers of people. Please pray for fruit in us and through us as a church family.

THURSDAY 23

ROMANIA: Adi and Jennifer Grocott in Timisoara

Please pray for wisdom and creativity as we continue to seek to serve and encourage our local church during ongoing uncertainty due to Covid. Please pray for unity within the families at our local church especially when it comes to children's ministry under Covid restrictions and concerns. Please pray for us as a family, that we would love, serve, encourage and forgive one another and that we would always be seeking to point one another to Christ. Please pray that the Christmas season would open doors for the gospel to be shared in our community.

FRIDAY 24

PORTUGAL: Steve and Lydia Cockram in Coimbra

We've started an English Conversation Group, and have been becoming good friends with another couple that is coming. We praise God for these opportunities. Please pray for fruit from this friendship. Please pray for our mentoring/discipling relationships, that God will give us more patience and love for them, and that He will break through any barriers that stop them from enjoying a rich relationship with God.

SATURDAY 25

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

We are planning to visit our neighbours to talk to them about Christmas, and to invite them to the lunch we are having today, Christmas day. Pray for their response and for them to be more interested about Our Saviour Jesus. The children of the church are





preparing a Christmas programme for the Service. Pray for their parents to come to listen to them. As part of Christmas activities, we will distribute some food parcels for the poor. The children will receive the shoe boxes.

SUNDAY 26

PORTUGAL: Shane McGloin in Vila Real

One October day, I was at a small shop and was able to speak with the owner and explained to her that I was a Christian connected with the orphanage. Please pray that I will be able to speak with her again to explain more about why I am here and the truth of the gospel. Please also pray for fruitful ministry, wise leadership and for more workers in the orphanage. In this new academic year, GBU has begun again but with only about five or six students. Please pray that the ministry will have a strong impact in Vila Real's university and that the Christian students will be faithful in attending and encouraging one another.

MONDAY 27

GERMANY: Christian and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin

We live in a deprived area with lots of social problems and bored youth. From time to time things are broken or vandalised in Patchwork Center. Sometimes it might be even done by the people we know. Please pray for protection of our building. But what is more important is that God would touch the hearts of people who are doing this.

TUESDAY 28

PORTUGAL: Alex Kowalenko in Lisbon

Pray for the arrival of the Nunes family into Vila Real, Portugal. Pray that they adjust to Portugal, and start well in a new culture. Pray that the European winter will be not such a big shock to the system.

WEDNESDAY 29

ECM AUSTRALIA: Sam Boog, ECM Media and Promotions officer

Please pray for the Lord's continued blessing upon all my promotional work with ECM, for creativity and opportunities to promote the gospel in Europe. Please keep praying for my husband who has been struggling with a lack of direction about work for some time. Please pray we can settle soon.

THURSDAY 30

AUSTRIA: Tobias and Esther Giersch in Arriach

Today marks exactly one year since we got the diagnosis that the kidneys of our son Kaleb had stopped working and as a result no amniotic liquor was left. Please keep us in your prayers in this new phase of grief as we approach these one-year date marks. Especially his birth and passing coming up in February.

FRIDAY 31

ECMI: George and Cathy Brown, Global Ministry Consultants

Cathy and I would appreciate prayer for direction in the year ahead. The ministry plans and desires we had at the end of 2019 were altered as they were for so many. Pray that we would rest in the rhythms of God's grace and have a clear vision for how we can come along side and help our colleagues with ECMI in 2022 and beyond.

January 2022

SATURDAY 1

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolicas in Peja

In January, we plan to visit and talk to those who joined us for the Christmas Service and other activities. Pray for the church people to be ready for these activities.

SUNDAY 2

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

Pray for the "What's the Story" initiative, a national evangelistic outreach that will be taking place in the churches throughout Ireland, around Easter time this year. Pray as the plans come together and that the vision will continue to be shared effectively with local churches so that we can all avail of the outreach ideas and materials that will be produced.

MONDAY 3

SPAIN: Kate Campbell in Roquetas de Mar

Give thanks for this period of transition and that I am feeling increasingly settled here in Roquetas. Please pray that I will continue to adjust well and for some friends of my own age. Please pray for the work in the centre with the Moroccan women, that my relationships with them would deepen and that God would work in their hearts.

TUESDAY 4

PORTUGAL: Alex Kowalenko in Lisbon

Pray for a time of rest in January, when I return to Australia. Pray also for partnership development from February onwards.

WEDNESDAY 5

NETHERLANDS: Bert and Jenny de Ruiter in Amsterdam

From January 3 to 14, I will be co-teaching a course on Urban Ministry at Tyndale Theological Seminary in Amsterdam. Pray that the students will be challenged and motivated to seek the good of the cities God has placed them in.

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.

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

THURSDAY 6

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Please continue to thank the Lord for a wonderful group of friends and ask that he would pour out his Spirit on them. May he use us and give us the right words to say. We will host our annual brunch for around 25 people today, 6 January. Andrea, who used to be one of our neighbours, has been brought to the church service by a friend a number of times recently. Please pray that she would meet Jesus and find healing.

FRIDAY 7

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Villalba

Please pray for a meaningful and focused beginning of the year in our local church in Madrid. We have new plans and hopes for 2022 with a new vision statement that can guide us in our next steps of development. I (Edgar) hope to retake some mentoring time with a small number of young youth leaders in Madrid.

Eberson and
Magdalena
David



In Portugal

SATURDAY 8

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Magdalena David in Montargil

We ask for prayer for the new missionary Project to start in 2022, which is to help the church in Mora and preach the Gospel in this city. May the Lord give us strategies for this great challenge. Please pray for the renewal of partnerships with sponsoring churches and also individual partners for the year 2022.

SUNDAY 9

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

God is faithful and hasn't changed. Praise God He still cares for us and provides for our needs through our supporters. Pray for 4 kids from our neighbourhood that likes to spend time with our boys in our home. Pray for open hearts, that we will be an example to them, love them and share Christ love with them. Pray for our church that we will continue to dig deeper in the Gospel of Jesus and be daily on fire for the Lord.

MONDAY 10

SWEDEN: Gerald and Gerdien Willemsen in Stockholm

Today until 13 January Ekumeniakyrkan invites pastors/deacons and youth workers in congregations all over Sweden. Topic for prayer and study will be "share belief with the next generation ". It should be great to bring this gathering in our prayer diary.

TUESDAY 11

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Thank God for the second prize I won at an open-air watercolour competition. Thanks for the good feedback on an exposition on charity/ loving others. Pray for a painting on the theme of the Mediterranean sea where I want to paint the refugees crossing over from Africa.

WEDNESDAY 12

SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana

Praise God for a good, if busy start to the academic year. Praise God that I have been able to lead youth group purely in Slovene for the first time. Please pray for my language study this year and that I would be able to put it into practice. Please also pray for my residency application because until it comes through I am not allowed to leave the country. Please also pray for M, one of the girls I used to meet with regularly, as she is going through a very difficult time.

THURSDAY 13

ECMI: Phil Jolley, Advisory Group Meeting

Please pray for the Advisory Group as they meet to review documents that guide the life of the mission. In particular, in the light of the Covid crisis, a team has been updating our Crisis Management processes and they need wisdom as they introduce it to the mission family so that we can help each other stay safe in the big and small incidents of our daily lives. Please pray!

FRIDAY 14

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojevic in Zajecar

Pray for perseverance to persist in the ministry when we encounter many obstacles and challenges. Since the problem with coronavirus started, we live in times when lot of things are changing unexpectedly and care for people is increasing. We need to depend on the Lord daily for guidance especially when helping church members ill with Covid or in need; for instance, a nearby church in Negotin, where three family members passed away in nine months: the brother who was an elder in the Church, his son and grandson.

SATURDAY 15

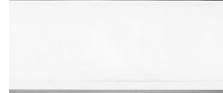
ECM BRITAIN: Kent Anderson, British Director

Trustees/board members provide wise guidance and vital oversight to ECM organisations. ECM Britain is looking for new trustees, in particular with financial, legal and fundraising experience. Please pray that the Lord will provide the perfect people at the right time. Pray that any other ECM organisation also seeking key leaders will be successful in their search.

Wivenhoe	Colchester
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	Wratness
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12	STARTED ALPHAT	7 1400
12	BRANTREE	12 1403
12	CHERTSIDE	12 1413
12	STARTED ALPHAT	6 1418
12	CLACTON-ON-SEA	13 1415
12	HORSHAM	9 1424
12	STARTED ALPHAT	7 1430





SUNDAY 16

SPAIN: Abel and Rafi Nuño in Bañeras

Please continue to pray that the Lord will give us wisdom to make relationships in the village. We pray that the Lord will give our son Samuel work. His situation is still very difficult and we are very concerned. Also for Abel's parents. They already need more direct care. We share the care together with Abel's brother and sister. May the Lord help us in this task and keep them from falls that limit their movements

MONDAY 17

BRITAIN: Chris Wigram in London

Today I am co-teaching an MA course at All Nations Christian College this term. The subject is the Missional Basis of the Bible. I will be assessing presentations on a variety of appropriate subjects. I continue teaching Global Christianity at the London School of Theology until the end of February.

TUESDAY 18

ECMI: Charlie Anderson, FMT Meeting

Pray for the Field Ministries Team which starts today. Around 20 leaders gather on Zoom to encourage and update one another and consider the business in hand. Pray that although on Zoom we will still enjoy the good fellowship of meeting together.

WEDNESDAY 19

GERMANY: Martin and Anja Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten

We praise God for 2 couples who are interested in moving to Ribnitz-Damgarten and possibly support us with our church plant. Please pray for them in all the needed decisions.

THURSDAY 20

SPAIN: Dan and Anna Julian in Valencia

Please pray as Dan prepares for and teaches a class on the Gospels in Gran Canarias from today, January 20 to 24, and again in Barcelona on January 29 and 30. Pray that the students grow in their love for Jesus as they grow in understanding God's Word. Pray for continued good health for the family and join us in praising God for the recent encouraging visit from family.

FRIDAY 21

PORTUGAL: Marcus and Kellen Benicio in Vila Real

We praise God that a great opportunity for evangelization has opened up in the two main public schools in the city. We ask for support in intercession for this. It is a volunteer and missionary work that Kellen is starting with about 15 teenage students. Also for our financial

supporters in Brazil, that they remain faithful and that others join as well. Please pray for opportunities to reach the immigrant and refugee communities whose presence has been increasing in recent weeks. We are starting a Bible group in Bragança, the district capital with very little Protestant presence.

SATURDAY 22

ECM Field in Ireland

Please pray for What's the Story an Irish nationwide evangelistic initiative planned for 6 weeks in Spring 2022. Pray for the churches with ECM workers in Ferrybank, Claremorris and Skibbereen and how they will take part.

SUNDAY 23

SPAIN: Colin and Jillian Bakon in Málaga

Please pray as we start running Kairos in the Málaga Baptist online seminary over 9 weeks. Pray for open hearts and minds ready to be challenged. Pray for our facilitators who will help in this course.

MONDAY 24

GERMANY: Christian and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin

We will start a baptism preparation course with 6 people. Please pray that God would open the hearts of these people and guide them in an amazing journey of faith.

TUESDAY 25

NETHERLANDS: Roland and Carolien Smith in Maastricht

This month we'll be continuing to gather information about possible housing in the centre of the country. We have the opportunity to relocate there this summer, when our youngest will have completed secondary school education. Please join with us in praying that we'd follow God's direction and for wisdom to plan how to finish and pass on what we can here in Maastricht.

WEDNESDAY 26

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

In January we will celebrate 10th anniversary of our church plant and we will officially establish leadership team. After that we will start training three candidates to become deacons/elders in our church. Pray for our training of new leaders that they will be open to learn and serve God wholeheartedly.

THURSDAY 27

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Rovereto

We give thanks for how God has been working in the church at Rovereto in the 10 years since it was planted, and pray that it would





continue to grow in maturity and witness. Pray that we would find new ways to serve the church, and that the churches at Rovereto and at Trento will be able to help each other in planting new churches in the province.

FRIDAY 28

SPAIN: David and Samantha Gilkinson in Salou

Please pray for The Mum and Baby Club in Salou Church on Friday mornings. We had a great start in October with 7 or 8 children. From January we are going to teach our way through the Bible with stories and songs. Please pray for the leaders and pray for great community and connection between the mums. And that ultimately we can share the love of Jesus through this group.

SATURDAY 29

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Please pray for the group of internationals that we pastor in the local church. We shared our concerns about the differences in commitment, expectations and wishes with the group. It was tricky knowing how to approach this with so many different cultures to consider. Thankfully, everyone in the group seems to have responded well. Please pray that we can continue to develop strong relationships in the group and to pastor them well.

SUNDAY 30

GERMANY: R in Berlin

Please keep praying for our church to find a building in our area to meet in.

MONDAY 31

GREECE: Al and Rachel MacInnes in Athens

Four months into life here, please pray for our Greek language learning, particularly for confidence to practice speaking! Pray for Al's growing connections with Greek church leaders and conversations about church -planting. Pray for the Refugee Highway Partnership Round table taking place from today, 31 January to February 4, in Athens, bringing together those reaching refugees in Europe, including many refugee leaders from Middle Eastern backgrounds. Pray for encouragement and equipping for all, and for Rachel's part in the practical arrangements.

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