

European Christian Mission August 2020

# prayerdiary



## **SATURDAY 1**

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

On 11 July, while on holiday in Belfast, Colin was admitted to Hospital with a small bleed around his cerebellum, the part of the brain responsible for balance and coordination amongst other things. He spent a few days in Hospital and is now recovering at home. Please continue to pray for Colin and Ally and their children, especially that Colin would fully recover.

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## **SUNDAY 2**

### **SPAIN: Francis and Nathalie Arjona in Pozoblanco**

On 15 July Nathalie's mother went to be with the Lord. She was 94 years old and had been married to Nathalie's father for 73 years. Please pray for Francis and Nathalie and the wider family that they would know the Lord's peace at this sad time.

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## **MONDAY 3**

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

We are grateful to have sailed on the first ferry back to Spain, after getting on the last ferry out for our youngest's wedding in England, and then spending an unexpected 3 ½ months in lockdown there. Also, grateful to find our building and land in generally good condition. Please pray for wisdom as to how to get back into life here, in these changed circumstances. After very low numbers in this part of Portugal, there has been a severe outbreak of Covid in the neighbouring town, where we usually go to shop.

I waited patiently  
for the Lord; he  
turned to me and  
heard my cry. He  
lifted me out of the  
slimy pit, out of the  
mud and mire; he  
set my feet on a  
rock and gave me a  
firm place to  
stand.

**Psalm 40:1,2**



#### **TUESDAY 4**

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

Praise God for July's summer ministry with the youth, for the 3 sessions of teaching, discussions and worship per week and the weeklong camp run by 'Word of Life.' Pray that they will continue to grow in their desire for God during the rest of the summer. We will be back in Northern Ireland for a few weeks in August, so also pray that we have an enjoyable and fruitful but restful time connecting with supporters, meeting with ECM Ireland and spending time with family and friends.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 5**

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

Please pray for the restart of our children's ministry "Brücke-Kids". We are looking forward to meeting them again after 6 months. Unfortunately, a lot of our foreign kids have moved away because the city has moved a lot of refugees to another city.

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#### **THURSDAY 6**

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

Our arrival here to Athens went smoothly, and we are at present living in temporary accommodation, on the outskirts of Athens. We are thankful to the Lord for this house but we need to move out before the end of August. Please pray that we would find the right accommodation.

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#### **FRIDAY 7**

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

The virus is back, and we need to go online again. The church premises can't be used, but we are in contact with each other by Viber and other means. Pray for the pandemic to go and for people to be more careful and obey the rules of distancing. Pray for peace of mind and for revelation from God as to what to do next to help all those in need of food and spiritual support.

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#### **SATURDAY 8**

##### **SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Collado Villalba**

Please pray for our Madrid church as several members are not able to be with family members who have suddenly taken seriously ill in the UK. Pray too for wisdom as we make decisions about how best to spend the summer months to include a time of rest.

## **SUNDAY 9**

### **UKRAINE: Roman and Iryna Matviyiv in Lviv**

Being unable to have personal communication with children, teens, and young adults during the quarantine, we have launched several new online Bible courses for kids and teens. We plan to add 4 new courses at the online platforms that are parts of the Internet Evangelism ministry by New Hope Ukraine. As a result, we have had 22 new students and 8 of them have made decisions for Christ recently. Praise the Lord!

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## **MONDAY 10**

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

Today August 10, we will have an amazing opportunity to serve with our youth activities at the local youth centre. Please pray for kids to sign up for daily workshops and that we will build new relationships where we will, in the future, be able to share the gospel. Also, pray for our church youth group called Kairos that they will grow in the Lord and will continue to serve in our church.

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## **TUESDAY 11**

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

Please pray that I would settle in well to my new role as editor of ECM News and that I would do this job well. Please pray that we can find a church soon and we thank the Lord that my husband loves his new job here in Brisbane.

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## **WEDNESDAY 12**

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

Pray that we would use this time wisely and find ways to serve those in our community. That we would have wisdom and creativity as to how to serve our local church in this season of transition and uncertainty. That we can be good role models to our children of repentance and dependence on God. That we would seek to be faithful servants, rooted in God's word and dependent on prayer.

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## **THURSDAY 13**

### **GERMANY: Caren Laubscher, Short Termer in Freiburg**

I am returning to Australia after a year in Germany at the end of July. I will be in quarantine for 2 weeks when I arrive. Please pray for God's keeping in this transition time: to keep me sane in quarantine, to help me readjust to life in Australia and for His guidance going forward.



**Adi and Jennifer  
Grocott  
in Timisoara**

## **FRIDAY 14**

### **PORTUGAL: Ebersson and Maria Madalena David in Montargil**

We ask for prayer that we will have opportunities to witness the love of God at the coffee shop we go to regularly, and at the Choir of Montargil in which we were invited to participate. We ask for prayer for the sale of our car in Brazil and that we will be able to continue Maria Madalena's dental treatment. We thank God for the faithfulness of our supporters during this period of world pandemic.

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## **SATURDAY 15**

### **SPAIN: Andy and Andrea Warner in Castellón**

We give thanks for the people on the edges of The Bridge who are experiencing more of the presence and power of Jesus in their lives. Pray that we can share the good news with them and invite them to our Alpha Course in a few months' time. Also, for wisdom in how to run it under whatever circumstances prevail at the time. We ask that the Holy Spirit will continue transforming us into the likeness of Jesus, especially through our discipleship groups that will continue meeting during the summer as many people will stay here in the province, and also for rest and relaxation for us.

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## **SUNDAY 16**

### **SPAIN: Cícero and Vera Costa in Cabra**

We thank God for His care in this time of crisis and for the opportunities that are opening up for us to share His love in the city of Cabra. Please pray for us as we read the Bible one-on-one (and two-on-one) and particularly for those who are preparing for baptism this summer. Pray for our 3 small groups that have returned to meeting face-to-face and for 2 more which will commence in August. We thank God for our son, Hugo's first year. He continues to grow, both healthy and active.

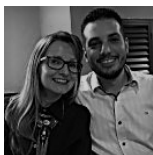
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## **MONDAY 17**

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

So much has changed in a short period with the coronavirus pandemic and we were not sure when to take a step forward to organize summer camps. In the beginning, we were thinking to postpone all the camps for this year. Praise the Lord because most of the restrictions were lifted, so we decided to organize all the camps in the second part of August from today until August 30. Please pray that we can talk with the parents of the children we are expecting to come to the camps.

**Cícero and Vera  
Costa  
In Cabra**



## **TUESDAY 18**

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

Please pray that Spain does not have a new COVID outbreak in our area and that we are able to take a week of rest in August. Please also pray for the upcoming fall, that the classes we organize for MOCLAM students would prove fruitful and helpful to the Spanish church. And please pray for continued good health for our family.

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## **WEDNESDAY 19**

### **PORTUGAL: Jan and Elisabeth Anema in Lavre**

The guests for retreats are coming again to find rest on our multi-functional farm. Also the persons with problems to resolve (they were restricted to phone the last months) are coming for help. We are thankful that we still can handle it but pray for us that we can go on until we find the right persons to help us.

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## **THURSDAY 20**

### **SPAIN: Abel and Rafi Nuño in Cabra**

We give thanks for Jordi our grandson's arrival, and for protection of the whole family in these difficult times of the pandemic. We give thanks for the health of the whole family, especially Rafi's joints. Specifically, we're praying that she can regain quality of life with this treatment. Pray for new challenges for Abel's ministry. Pray for the sale of our house in Cabra and for God to lead us to a new location in Catalonia. Please pray specifically for patience for us in the process.

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## **FRIDAY 21**

### **BELGIUM: Johan and Lilli Lukasse in Hasselt**

Please pray for Lilli my wife. She is in a rehabilitation program, but because of all the medical suffering she has gone through the last 18 months that I shared for her. She feels depressed although the progress is according to her physiotherapist's satisfaction. Include me in your prayers as well. We know God is in control.

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## **SATURDAY 22**

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

Like many we are doing so many meetings by zoom and have so much less face to face contact so please pray that we will not become 'weary in well-doing.' Pray that God will give encouragement and reassurance that He is still working, caring for His people, moving in the lives of the lost to draw them to Himself, and bringing Hope of the gospel and of Jesus Christ to our world.





## **SUNDAY 23**

### **PORTUGAL: Steve and Lydia Cockram in Coimbra**

We are moving this month to Vila Nova de Gaia to work with a church there “CRC Gaia”. Please pray for all the logistics to go smoothly and for us as we settle into a new home and city.

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## **MONDAY 24**

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

Thank you for praying for my apprenticeship in June, which was starting to check the Inari-Saami draft translation of the book of Acts. I managed to make all hours required for my studies and in that time checked the first 14 chapters. It was encouraging and fun to do. In autumn I will continue this work as part of my assignment. Please pray for the Inari-Saami speaking people that they will be drawn towards God’s Word.

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## **TUESDAY 25**

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

Towards the end of the month, the church leadership will be making some big decisions about how we will be a church together in a changing society. How much should Zoom, and YouTube streaming be a part of a church that is very dispersed geographically, and with family and work commitments that make finding common times to be together difficult? With the current restrictions, what activities (maybe modified) will be possible or best? Pray for wisdom for them and for my input.

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## **WEDNESDAY 26**

### **SPAIN: Chloe Wolfson, Short Term Coordinator in Roquetas de Mar**

Please pray for us as we reimagine Short-term ministry for this summer and for the future. Limitations to travel and less structured events mean that we have less opportunities to involve short termers in summer ministries. Pray for creativity and ingenuity, so we can make a way to help these willing young people capture a vision for world mission and God’s heart for Europe. Thank God that two of our current short termers finish up with plans to return long term.

## **THURSDAY 27**

### **ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, Mobiliser and International Support**

Some of my plans for August have been disrupted again, so please pray for energy and enthusiasm as I seek new direction and initiatives. Pray for my plans to meet with different pastors in my district will happen and that from those meetings I will have opportunities to share about the needs of Europe to churches and small groups. Semester 2 has begun at Bishopdale College and I am again teaching the NT Introduction course. Please pray that the students and me will continue to grow, learn and deepen our relationships with each other and in our relationship with the Lord.

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**PERSONNEL  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**SERVICE  
OPPORTUNITIES**

## **FRIDAY 28**

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

Today 28 August our oldest son Stephen is getting married to Channah. We praise God for them and thank God for His goodness. Thank you to ECM family for praying for our children over the years!

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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.

## **SATURDAY 29**

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

British volunteer Cristina has been serving at the Patchwork Center for several months. We are thankful that she was able to take a break in July, spending a few weeks in Britain without a lengthy quarantine. Please pray for Cristina as she returns to Germany and continues to support the ministry in Schwerin. May the Lord guide and encourage her during this time. Please pray for the long-term team at the Patchwork Center as well.

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contact your  
nearest ECM  
office for more  
details.**

## **SUNDAY 30**

### **AUSTRALIA: Steve Beeby, Ministry to Seafarers in Melbourne**

My prayer request is for God's people to continue to recognize and seize every opportunity to share His love with all conviction to those the Lord places in our life. To encourage them in the right behaviour in thought, word and deed reminding each other that we are considered by Almighty God to be His prized possession and Holy nation.

Wivenhoe	Colchester
Thorpe-le-Soken	Manningtree
Clacton	Mistley
	Wrabness
	Harwich East
	Dovercourt
	Harwich Town

## MONDAY 31

### AUSTRIA: David and Linda James In Villach

The contact and depth of friendship with many of our neighbours is blossoming. Please pray with us for opportunities to witness and specifically that at least one becomes a Christian this year. Wolfgang has asked to meet with David to talk through his problems. Please pray for wisdom when that conversation happens.



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5	STRAFORD AIRPT	6 1413
6	CLACTON-ON-SEA	13 1415
4	NORWICH	8 1424
0	STRAFORD AIRPT	7 1430



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