

prayerdiary



WEDNESDAY 1 VIRTUAL BIENNIAL

Praise God for technological wonders which allow ECMers, and supporters a 'virtual' experience of Bible teaching, prayer, seminars and ministry reports. Pray that Dirk-Bart and Tobias can make this work successfully. Pray for Simon Marshall, our new International Director, as we get to know him better at the virtual biennial. Pray also for people concerned about the effects of the coronavirus in daily life. Ask God to help his people live out and trust in Him.

THURSDAY 2 VIRTUAL BIENNIAL

Pray for Bible teachers, seminar leaders, ministry reports, Question and Answer hosts, to be anointed with the freedom to share God's message. Ask for the experience of the Holy Spirit applying God's word to refresh, nourish, bless and protect His people, strengthening all who will take the gospel to the people of Europe. Pray for 'virtual' opportunities to be used to honour and glorify God.

FRIDAY 3 VIRTUAL BIENNIAL

Opportunities for fellowship (especially for the ECM youth) aren't as plentiful at a virtual conference. Please pray for those who feel this loss, that God will meet them in His own special way, through connections online and beyond. Ask that prayer ministry/ counselling appointments will be of great spiritual benefit. Praise God for Chris Wigram's leadership of the ECM family, and as he shares with us today. Ask God to bless and encourage him and Susanne in the way ahead.

**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

SATURDAY 4

VIRTUAL BIENNIAL

Let's celebrate the goodness and faithfulness of God, through praise and thanks, for what He has chosen to permit over these last few days. Pray for ECM gatherings, at local or field levels in coming days, to build up, bless and encourage people. Take time to reflect on what God is saying to us through the virtual conference and the circumstances of life surrounding the coronavirus.

SUNDAY 5

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Trento

At the time I write this (March 11), the situation in Italy is critical, and will only get worse in the next couple of weeks. I don't know how it will be in Italy (and the rest of Europe) when you read this, and what will be best to pray then. But continue to pray for the country and the church here, that it will continue to trust in God and be a witness to the rest of the country.

Erwin and Almut
Buschlen



Working in Italy

MONDAY 6

ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Lombardy

We want to ask your prayers for Italy. We live in Lombardy where we have the biggest corona infection rate. We do not know what the situation will be by the time you read this, but please pray for God to speak in this extremely difficult situation. That God will use his children and that we can look with trust up to him. Pray for the medical personnel who are doing an extremely hard job at this moment.

TUESDAY 7

FRANCE: Jack and Sarah Winterburn, accepted candidates for France

Praise God for the safe arrival of our son Benjamin (born in late 2019). We also give thanks to God for providing a job for Jack in this interim period before the move to France. Please pray for us as we begin our support-raising journey – that God would provide for our needs. Please also pray that we prepare well for the transition of leaving our home and church in Durham.

WEDNESDAY 8

ECMI: Chris Wigram, International Director

This is my final day as International Director. At midnight I step down from the role. I had hoped to say farewell to you all in Umag but that has not been possible. Give thanks with me for the truly inspirational time I have had leading ECM. It has been a privilege and I am thankful

to the Lord for working out so many mysteries in ways that showed that He is in control of it all. I give thanks for every one of you who have worked so cooperatively over the years and made my position a joy. Pray that the Lord would open up new opportunities in cross-cultural mission alongside the teaching that I am doing at All Nations and the London School of Theology and that God will bless Simon Marshall as he takes over completely.

THURSDAY 9

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

Please pray for the Easter Service to be held at our church premises on Easter Sunday. We are inviting our friends and neighbours the whole week previous to the Service with visits to their homes. People know about us, but we want them to come to the church and see how we celebrate our Saviour's Resurrection and all that it means to the World. Pray for our son's wedding on 14 April. A lot of unbelievers will be at the church for this ceremony. They will see first hand how we pray for the young couple.

FRIDAY 10

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

Remember some of our special Easter events with the church: Today our Good Friday Service at 7pm, the Kids Easter Club on tomorrow, Saturday 11 April and our Easter Sunday Service on 12 April. Pray for Jonathan as he prepares a short "Reflections" programme each week for the local Community Radio.

SATURDAY 11

SPAIN: Andy and Andrea Warner in Castellón

Please pray for The Bridge as we think about doing an Alpha course, firstly as a community and then a bit further down the line as we invite our neighbours, work colleagues, friends, etc. Pray that we might have confidence and wisdom as we invite people and that lots of lives will be changed by the grace of God. Please also pray that we might know how to reach out to the people in our city and that The Bridge might grow in every sense of the word – in spiritual maturity, in numbers, etc. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide us and open hearts to receive and respond to the good news.





SUNDAY 12

ROMANIA: Alexia Coleman, Mitspa House in Timisoara

Please pray for two new mums: they are sisters, one is 12 years old and 6 months pregnant, and the other one is 14 years old and has a baby girl 18 months old. Pray for easy integration at Mitspa and wisdom for the team as they want to support those very young mothers. Pray also for the needs of two new members in the team and a short termer to help with the babysitting when the mothers are at school or work.

MONDAY 13

SWEDEN: Gerard and Gerdien Willemssen in Hässelby

Today, 13 April we will invite people in Rotebro for a walk from the Graveyard to church. Our Bible theme is from Luke 24 – Emmaus. We will talk about Jesus and his death and resurrection. Then we will enter the church where we celebrate God's victory over death and darkness. We will also invite people from the Swedish church, as we did last year. We had more than 40 people join us for that event, and hope for the same sort of number or more this year! We pray that we will be an encouragement and a blessing to all that come.

TUESDAY 14

GERMANY: Martin and Anya Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten

Please pray for our monthly children's activities in Ribnitz-Damgarten. We have had up to 45 kids, mainly from German families with a difficult background and with migration. After one year we see how they start to trust us and learn more and more about God and His love for them.

WEDNESDAY 15

FRANCE: Marc and Jody van Eijden in Tours

Ask the Lord to touch my friend's heart and mind. Pray for boldness and sensitivity for me, Jody, to share my faith as we continue our long walks with each other. She does not see her need for Jesus.

THURSDAY 16

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

Because of the spread of COVID-19 in Slovenia, all the events had to be cancelled and our outreach event with Nicky Cruz that was planned for 17 March. Pray for a new date and all the preparation that will go with it. Please also pray for our church that we will

grow in the truth of the Gospel and be empowered by the Holy Spirit daily. Also that God will raise workers within our church. Pray for protection against the enemy.

FRIDAY 17

SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma de Esteruelas

The National Church Planting Platform in Spain, "La Plaza" is promoting the planting of churches by connecting with Evangelical Councils of Pastors in every region of Spain. Pray that these councils will be open to host a consultation aiming for a collaborative vision taking responsibility to plant churches in the strategic areas close to them. We have done consultations in Bilbao, Asturias, Castellon and Catalunya. Pray for the 37 church plants which are part of the M4 church planting training system in Spain. Pray that we will be able to identify at least 15 church planters and their teams to join in the third cycle of 24 months of training.

SATURDAY 18

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

The Teabus evening in February had 160 visitors, by far the largest number we have ever had. It was Carnival Saturday and the town was full of people in fancy dress. David tried to witness to a guy dressed as Jesus, but he did not accept the Gospel but he came back later for a coffee with his friend Super Mario! It was exciting afterwards to hear the team members ask for prayer for so many people following deep discussions and wanting to talk some more. The next date for the Teabus evening is today 18 April. Please pray for ongoing opportunities we have with this ministry and for a good solution for a garage.

David and Linda
James
Working in Austria



SUNDAY 19

SPAIN: Dan and Anna Julian in Valencia

Please pray for our ongoing classes in Biblical theology. Several students are writing final essays and taking their exams in April; pray they do a good job and more importantly, that what they have studied will help them to grow in faith, love, and hope.

MONDAY 20

FRANCE: Peter and Silje Lilly in Montpellier

Praise God that we've started settling into our new home. Please pray for our new neighbours and the relationships we are starting



to build. Please also pray as we start up some of our outreach activities, especially for a music event we are starting to plan for this summer.

TUESDAY 21

ECMI USA: George Brown, Global Ministry Consultant

Praise the Lord for a successful handoff to Doug Gotcher as ECMI-USA's new Director. Praise the Lord for the team that has come together. Praise the Lord for the students in Uganda who completed the Master's program course on March 2 in Ethics for Living and Leading. Pray that the Lord will continue to lead us into new opportunities for consulting and teaching.

WEDNESDAY 22

SPAIN: Chloe Wolfson in Málaga

Pray for me Chloë and other workers in Southern Spain as we explore the possibility of starting something new in the area near Almería where hundreds of thousands of migrant workers live – an opportunity to support the few churches working in the area and meet this immense need. Pray for wisdom as to how to get involved and with whom to partner. Pray also for young people thinking about how to use their summer. Many will consider spending this time in mission and growing in God. Pray for God's help as our missionaries work out how to offer opportunities that develop short-termers in their faith as well as the people and ministries we are involved in.

THURSDAY 23

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

We are thankful for how God has brought together a church family here who are from a diversity of backgrounds yet joined together in Jesus. Pray as we seek to be a 'team on a mission' in the community – that we might be rooted in Jesus and put down roots here. May those who are not 'from here' be 'for here' seeking to bless and serve our community.

FRIDAY 24

SPAIN: Francis and Nathalie Arjona in Pozoblanco

We celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Centro el Buen Samaritano a few weeks ago, on 28 February, Andalucía Day. It was a wonderful time, shared with about 160 friends, colleagues, staff, families and rehabilitated former residents, and we are so thankful for God's

faithfulness and provision for this work that He began more than a quarter-century ago and which has allowed us to serve almost 600 men during that time. To God be the praise and glory!

SATURDAY 25

SLOVENIA: Goran Macura in Ljubljana

Every month in the town called Domžale we have a stand with Christian literature. It is right by the local street market on Saturdays, so there are a lot of people going by the stand to buy food. Geoff McIlrath has donated a lot of copies of 'Why Jesus?' in the Slovene language. Please pray that we will be able to share the good news of Christ with them.

SUNDAY 26

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihoevic in Zajecar

Praise the Lord for providing miraculously funds for 25 bunk beds. We will use them next summer camps at the Camp Timok. By the providence of God since we bought the camp property in 2004, the Camp has grown and been used for youth and children gathering, especially for children with disabilities, spiritual formation and recreation, training workers for church planting, family and marriage conferences, retreats for pastors and other ministries.

MONDAY 27

SWEDEN: Jesse and Krista Ashmen in Visby

The Ashmens must once again wrestle with housing issues on the island. We were grateful to sign a 3-year contract with the owners of a more-than-adequate house in a town near the churches; however, the owners suddenly wish to sell the house, so after a few months of living here, we begin the hunt again. We ask for prayer as we consider the very few options available to us.

TUESDAY 28

SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana

Thank God for fruitful meetings with teenage girls within the church. I am especially thankful for the studies I have with a woman who became a Christian recently. Please pray for the coronavirus situation here: as we border Italy there is a real danger of a large outbreak. A youth conference was due to happen in March but was cancelled due to restrictions against gatherings of over 100 people. Please pray that the work would continue and that we would keep trusting God.

PERSONNEL OPPORTUNITIES

UMAG MISSION TRIP

The mission trip to Umag is a journey of personal growth in faith, to develop your gifts and talents and to learn new strategies to share the Gospel, and also an opportunity to support the local church in Croatia in outreach, especially to young people.

The mission trip is in August and for anyone between the ages of 16 and 30 who believes in the Bible and wants to fulfil the great commission of Jesus Christ; sharing the Good News of the kingdom. For more information please click on this [link](#)

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	Harwich East
	Dovercourt
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WEDNESDAY 29

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Collado Villalba

We would appreciate your prayers for UK Mission partners BGS whose dad suffered an unexpected heart attack and young friend K, whose dad died after an unexpected heart attack. K and husband are expecting their first baby in May. Also please pray for safekeeping during the Coronavirus pandemic.



FR & LAFELIS	FROM	PLAT	EXPECTED
0	STRAFORD REPORT	7	1400
9	BROTHWELL	12	1402
3	CHERTSIDE	5	1413
9	STRAFORD REPORT	6	1416
6	CLACTON-ON-SEA	13	1416
4	HORSHAM	8	1424
0	STRAFORD REPORT	7	1430

THURSDAY 30

FRANCE: Marc and Jody van Eijden in Tours

God has provided the church in Tours, France, with a building for at least 20 years, and also the finances to do the necessary renovation. But we are short on available hands to help us with all kinds of jobs, inside and outside. Even professionals are not easy to "lay hands on". We don't need big teams, but 3 or 4 people at the time would be wonderful. So pray that God sends us the necessary workers. Pray for MCE France, for its future and its development. At the moment we are still without a Field Leader and National Director. Pray that God will provide.



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