

Encourage & Equip

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Please pray...

Praise for:

- God's faithful provision in our lives.
- Encouraging time at the ECM Biennial in Spain.
- The power that is in the seed of the gospel to transform lives.
- That our baby boy is developing well.
- End of school year & transition to holiday routines.
- Hardworking & professional tradesman making progress.
- Generosity of support towards the house.
- Opportunities to serve alongside AMEC colleagues.

Prayer for:

- Trusting in God's provision for our future.
- Being faithful sowers of the gospel, relying on God for growth.
- Wisdom in decisions regarding the delivery of our baby.
- Provision of funds & workers to get the house ready before September.
- Opportunities to share with pastors about AMEC & summer evangelistic opportunities.

Dear Friends and Family,

Like many Christian parents of young children, Adi and I seek to read the Bible with our kids each night before bed. Most recently, I have been reading through the Psalms with Anna using 'Wonderful: Ancient Psalms Ever New', by Marty Machowski. As we have been reading, we have discovered many that recall God's faithfulness throughout Israel's history. Anna and I have been discussing what a helpful practise this is for us also. Recently, it has been all too easy for us to worry or become overwhelmed with all the unknowns in our future, the baby, the house, church, ministry, health, kid's education etc. But we need to stop and look back at God's faithful provision in every area of our lives, relational, material and spiritual, trusting and resting in the knowledge that He is faithful and does not change. He will continue to provide all that we need, no matter what lies ahead.

Wind and Worship...

We were warned that the weather may be wildly windy- and they weren't wrong. But whilst the weather may have not been optimal for spending time on the beach, the fellowship and encouragement that we experienced at the ECM Biennial conference in Roquetas de Mar, Spain from the 9-16 April was beyond compare. We were so thankful for the time spent together with our ECM colleagues, being spurred on by God's word and encouraged through times of fellowship, worship and prayer. The theme was "In God's garden" and I was personally encouraged by the reminder that as we minister and serve others, the power is in the seed, not the sower. The power to transform people's lives does not come through our proficiency or abilities as God's workers, but comes through the life changing power of the seed – the gospel itself. We need to be faithful in sowing and watering the seed, but God will bring the transforming growth and fruit.

Growing Grocott's...

Thank you to all of you who have passed on their congratulations for our surprise little bub. Thankfully I am over the worst stage and apart from overall tiredness and needing to keep an eye on my blood pressure, I am feeling abundantly better. From all the check-ups, scan etc everything looks to be on track. And we have more news to share- it is a little boy, which Luca is very excited about! Please pray with us for wisdom as we consider our options for delivery here in Romania and also for peace in the unknown to come. Also, please keep Anna and Luca in your prayers as school year ends on 20 June, and from past experience, we know that the change from school to holiday routine can be a rough one for us. Please also pray for a correct diagnosis and appropriate treatment for issues that Luca is having with his eyesight.



One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

PSALM 145:4

Home development...

God has certainly answered our prayers for reliable tradesmen! In the past weeks, we have had tradesmen finish plastering the walls upstairs, lay tiles through the whole house and also install interior doors. It is so encouraging seeing so much progress in such a short time, but having tradesmen do the work (rather than Adi) means that you also have to pay them, so this has used up a considerable amount of our budget. Also, there is still much more to be done, including plastering the ceilings, interior painting, fitting out our kitchen, bathroom and laundry (amongst other things), but we are trusting that God will provide the funds and the workers to get enough of the house completed for us to be able to move in before the baby is due at the end of September. Deepest thanks to each of you who reached out and offered a once off gift to go towards the finalisation of the house. It was never our original intention to seek extra donations for the house, but we have received encouragement to do so, considering our current situation. If there are others of you who would like to make a contribution to the house feel free to either get in touch with us, the ECM office (02 9747 5446 or finance@ecmaustralia.org). Please make note that it is for the house, so that the office knows how to allocate your support. Thank you again for your understanding and generosity during this time, it means a lot.

AMEC Adventures...

Our partnership with AMEC (Child Evangelism Fellowship) continues to flourish and God has given us more opportunities to serve with them. One of our fellow volunteers asked if we could help with an evangelistic children's program on Easter Monday in a village called Mănăstire. It was exciting and encouraging to have new children attend that were visiting their grandparents for Easter. We pray that the seeds planted in their hearts will grow and be watered by others where they come from. Recently, we also had the chance to meet together with the core team of volunteers in our county for a time of fellowship, food and encouragement. It is rare for us to all be able to come together at the same time, so it was a real joy to be able to fellowship together face to face. Two major projects that are on the horizon are assisting our team leader, Ionuț, with meeting local pastors in the surrounding area to share about AMEC and how we may be able to collaborate, initiate or resource their children's ministry. Please pray that pastors will be open to meeting, will understand the value of children's ministry, and be willing to invest in the children in their communities. Secondly, God willing, our family is planning to be a part of the AMEC Summer VBR (5 day evangelistic event) in the county of Satu Mare during 19-26 July. I will be 30 weeks pregnant by then, but we are praying that I will be well enough to participate.



Deepest thanks once again for your partnership, prayers and encouragement. Our prayer for you is that being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. (Eph 3:16-18)

In His Strength, Adi, Jennifer, Anna and Luca

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