

# prayerdiary



## FRIDAY 1

### UKRAINE WAR AND REFUGEE CRISIS

Our ECMers in Lviv are safe, but tired. There are many sleepless nights, disrupted by air alarms, endless hours in the shelter, and bomb strikes in their streets. They also face tragedy, witness the destruction of their country, and listen to terrible stories on a daily basis. Please pray for strength, comfort and encouragement from the Spirit for them.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

**Deuteronomy**

**31:6**

## SATURDAY 2

### SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma

Pray for us as we visit supporters and family in the USA during the month of July. Pray that God will help us to reinforce long-time friendships and family relationships. Pray that we will be sensitive to those God ordained encounters and that we will be able to hear His voice speaking to us. We need to be restored in our own health as well.

## SUNDAY 3

### ECM NETHERLANDS

Please thank the Lord that our director Peter Wierenga is doing well after two heart surgeries. Pray for his recovery, which will take longer than expected. Kees van der Wilden (formerly chairman of the board of ECM Netherlands) has been appointed as interim director. Please pray for Kees and the office staff in Deventer in this challenging time.

## MONDAY 4

### ROMANIA: Adi and Jennifer Grocott in Timisoara

Pray as we go to Australia on furlough that as a family, we would be patient and encouraging to one another as we travel



and live out of suitcases and that we would prioritise quality time together. Pray that we would be a blessing to the various people that we will be staying with and meeting whilst on furlough in Australia. Pray for presentations at churches, Bible studies etc, that we would be clear, encouraging, challenging and bring praise to God for all He has done and is doing in our lives and in Romania.

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## **TUESDAY 5**

### **ECM BRITAIN: Sarah Hay, HR and Member Care Manager**

Please pray for the ECM Britain management team who are interviewing today for 2 part-time roles which are crucial in office administration and supporter relationships.

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## **WEDNESDAY 6**

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

From 11-16 July, the young people of the church are at a camp in central Spain along with David. Please pray that God uses this to help transform and disciple them. 23 July we welcome 3 mission teams from Northern Ireland to serve in 3 local churches. Pray that they will be a blessing to those churches and a tool in sharing the Gospel to many here.

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## **THURSDAY 7**

### **ROMANIA: Gary and Ioana Stoll in Piatra Neamt**

Please pray for our church youth camp taking place from today July 7-10. We will be travelling to Brasov with a group of around 30 young people and leaders. Pray for safe travel, good weather and for growing relationships between each other and with God.

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## **FRIDAY 8**

### **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris**

We give thanks for our ECM Ireland retreat last month. It was good to meet together with Colin and Ally Holmes and their kids from Ferrybank in Waterford and to meet up with a new family, Tom and Grace Campbell and their son Perran who are working with a church in West Cork in Skibbereen. We look forward to some holiday time this month.

## **SATURDAY 9**

### **NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, National Director**

Today July 9 we will be interviewing a couple who have applied to ECM NZ to go to Spain. Pray for wisdom for the interview panel. Pray for all our candidates as we work together through a support raising programme and as they begin to put into practice what they are learning. I will be sharing in two different churches in July, so please pray that I will communicate well.

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## **SUNDAY 10**

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

Please pray for Summer Camps that are a wonderful opportunity to spread Good News amongst children and young people. Camp Timok is the right place to experience the love of Christ. Please pray for the Children's camp which starts tomorrow until 17 July. Please pray for the teenagers camp which runs from 25-31 July and for the mixed aged group which runs from 14-21 August.

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## **MONDAY 11**

### **SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana**

Please pray for our youth camp happening from today 11-14 July. We will be having a student age Bible study group alongside the groups for teenagers. Please pray for safety and for a good time on the camp but most of all, please be praying that God would be working in the hearts of the young people. Pray for those who don't yet know Him, that they would hear and accept the gospel and that we would all be deepening our relationships with our great God.

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## **TUESDAY 12**

### **SPAIN: B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Meco**

Please pray for us as we will be on Home Ministry Assignment during the months of July and August. You can pray that God would protect us as we travel, that He would use us to encourage and motivate our supporters and churches and that He would refresh our hearts during our time in the U.S.

B.J. and Rachel  
Whitaker  
In Meco



Colin and Ally  
Holmes



in Ferrybank

### **WEDNESDAY 13**

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

Today 13 July we will be taking two weeks of holiday then two weeks of home assignment time. Pray for refreshment at New Wine conference, outdoors camping with family and recovery of rich relationships with supporters. We are encouraged by a number of new families in church, finding their feet and eager to serve. Please pray for church family over these four weeks to listen, encourage and serve well together. Pray also for opportunities around food and in the outdoors to 'get social' and mix Christian and non-Christian friends.

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### **THURSDAY 14**

#### **SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid**

Please pray for our dear friend and architect student R who is in an internship in Barcelona at the moment. Pray for her and her family as they navigate work and family plans this summer. Another dear friend K had news from an MRI scan that one of her tumours has shrunk and another hasn't grown in 4 months. Please keep her and her family in your prayers for God to bless.

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### **FRIDAY 15**

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

Give thanks for the time we can spend in Australia, on home assignment and seeing family and friends. Pray for the visits to churches every Sunday and the various meetings during the week, that we can explain well what God has been doing through and in the past four years, and that we can raise interest in mission and also more support for us.

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### **SATURDAY 16**

#### **GERMANY: Christiaan and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin**

Sven has a big desire to learn from the Bible and wants to read together with Christiaan through the whole book. Please pray that they will be able to read the whole Bible and that God would speak through His word.

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### **SUNDAY 17**

#### **ECM AUSTRALIA: Rod Bishop, Business Manager**

We have had significant damage to a part of our office due to

heavy storms in March. We are currently working through the repairs and other matters with our insurer. Please pray for wisdom as I handle this, for a favourable outcome and for it to be sorted in a timely manner so that we can get back to working normally.

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## **MONDAY 18**

### **ROMANIA: Gary and Ioana Stoll in Piatra Neamt**

Please pray for our children's camp taking place from today 18-21 July. 25 children together with leaders will spend 4 days in Brasov. The theme for the camp is 'the seven signs in John's Gospel'. Please pray for safety and protection, for the Gospel to be shared and received and for the children to enjoy the experience of being away.

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## **TUESDAY 19**

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

We thank the Lord that May has been a productive month for our son Samuel's work. We continue to pray that the Lord will provide for the sustenance of his family. We pray that the Lord will guide us in the development of the missional church in the Baix Penedés area. For the health of Abel's parents. May the Lord keep them. We continue to pray for provision to renew the car.

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## **WEDNESDAY 20**

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

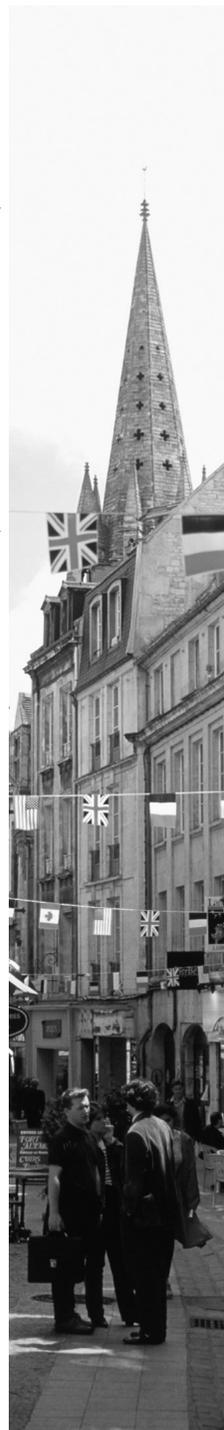
Please thank God for the enthusiasm that our Brazilian colleagues, who are now a majority in Portugal, bring to everything. And pray for them to have enough support since the Brazilian real has lost value against the Euro, and to be encouraged in their work.

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## **THURSDAY 21**

### **PORTUGAL: Eberson and Madalena David in Montargil**

We ask for prayer for Madalena's health. The problem in her lumbar spine due to two herniated discs has evolved, causing a lot of pain in the sciaticum nerve. The doctor said the problem is surgical. Pray that the Lord will heal her or open doors for this surgery to take place in Brazil, where she will be better able to





have the care of her family. Please also pray for the English language immersion mission trip that we will make to England in August. May we have an excellent time of linguistic, ministerial, and family growth.

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### **FRIDAY 22**

#### **GERMANY: Richard and Ali Maegraith in Berlin**

Please pray as we really need a room for our church to meet in.

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### **SATURDAY 23**

#### **SPAIN: Mauricio and Karina Aldana in Güeñes, Bizkaia**

Please pray as we continue taking steps for the "Camino Antiguo Guest House" project, with the purpose of being a hostel for pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago; a meeting point for our local church; a place for pastry and cooking workshops; an office for family counselling; a prayer retreat centre for churches in the Basque Country and perhaps for ECM formation meetings. All with the purpose of sharing the love in Jesus and being Light and Salt in these towns in the north of Spain. Please pray for the Webb family and the Aldana family, that the Lord will continue guiding and providing so that together with the small local church, we can complete this project.

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### **SUNDAY 24**

#### **ECMI: Biennial Planning Team**

The planning team for the 2023 Biennial in Umag is now in full swing. We have just announced the theme and focus of the conference "...but God". There may be problems, disasters and even wars all around us ...but God! He changes our reality entirely. His presence and his actions shape a new perspective before our eyes. We have had some changes in the team with three experienced members stepping away. However, we have recruited 3 new members and we may add a fourth. Please pray as we build a new team, that we would make all the adjustments necessary. Please pray too as we search for leaders for the children's ministry, the worship group and the seminar group.

## MONDAY 25

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

From today, 25-29 July, we run our 'English Bible School' for 50+ children from the area of Salou with the help of one of the teams. Pray for the organisation, teamwork and for God to move within the young people serving and the kids coming.

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## TUESDAY 26

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

Please be praying that the Lord would give us wisdom in terms of promotion and raising awareness of ECM on a local level. Please pray that the Lord would open doors into churches, that we might have the opportunity to present the gospel needs of Europe.

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## WEDNESDAY 27

### **SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid**

K, one of Jane's colleagues, has life changing health issues that mean very limited mobility and unpredictable changes in energy levels and pain. She feels lonely as sporty friends have fallen away. Pray for God's grace and wisdom as we spend time together over lunches. Prayers for dear friend T who is in chemo for breast cancer at the moment and for healing would be wonderful too. After two long years we have finally planned a short Home Assignment visit. This time we are going to be based in Glasgow with our home church.

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## THURSDAY 28

### **ECMI: David James, Operations Director**

Please pray as David and his colleagues in the Discipleship and Development Department prepare updates and organise the courses planned for the summer and autumn. The *Foundations Course* in August will be run by David and a new team of facilitators. *Personality Types* and *Team Roles* seminars are being run online for the first time in July and September and new *Lead, Develop, Care* book clubs are starting in the summer. The *Equip: Team* course is being rewritten to complement the LDC book clubs and will take place in October.

## 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.

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for details.**

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	Wrabness
	Harwich Int
	Dovercourt
	Harwich Town

## FRIDAY 29

### GERMANY: Martin and Anja Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten

Please pray for our second daughter, who has to make some significant decisions concerning her future.



## SATURDAY 30

### ECM BRITAIN: Sarah Hay, HR and Member Care Manager

Please pray for Toyin Olukayo, a student at All Nations Christian College, UK, who is heading to Kosovo to spend her 5-week placement with Primrose and Dan Avila. Pray that it will be a useful time for her and that she will be a support to the Avilas over the summer period.

## SUNDAY 31

### PRAY FOR UKRAINE

David James continues to lead the Crisis Management Team; currently things are quieter. He and a colleague speak to Roman in Lviv twice a week. There are far fewer people staying in the transit camps each day which makes life much easier. There is a great testimony from Liliya, the mother of one of the families staying in the centre, of how she is experiencing the love of God for the first time from the team. The kids' programme is now only two sessions a week, with summer (day) camps planned in July. Stanislav (Co-pastor in Irpin and ECM Associate) and his wife Alina are moving back to Irpin. Please continue to pray.



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