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DIRECTOR'S LETTER



KENT ANDERSON

A walk. A shared coffee. A listening ear. So often, love is shown not in grand gestures, but in simple acts of presence.

We see this so beautifully in Jesus. He didn't just talk about love – He embodied it. He came to be with us, healed the sick, comforted the broken, and fed the hungry. His love was practical, powerful, and personal.

Today, in a Europe that deeply needs love, ECM workers are continuing this mission by showing God's love in creative, courageous, and compassionate ways. In this issue, you'll meet:



Workers standing alongside survivors of trauma and war



University ministries in Portugal using drama to create safe spaces for the gospel



Church planters moving into unreached communities in Germany, leading to new church plants

Behind each of these stories is someone like you. Your prayers, giving, and encouragement make this ministry possible. Thank you for being part of showing Jesus' love in Europe.

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."

1 John 4:9

Your help means that we can keep showing the love of Jesus in Spain, Austria, Ukraine, Albania, and beyond.

SHARING LOVE IN SO MANY WAYS

We are hearing from our workers all the time about the ways in which they are showing God's love to those around them. Here are a few short excerpts from their update letters.*

I asked a (university) friend if he wanted to continue reading through John (we'd done one session already). My friend couldn't, but another friend happened to say: "I've been meaning to read that book!" So he and I began to look through the first bit of John. And from there, I suggested we make it a regular thing. I think we've had three sessions so far.

Jacob in Warwick, son of Andy and Andrea Warner in Spain



I am now running a support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. There is a huge need for this ministry. Sadly, abuse can happen anywhere, but I'm particularly noting the need for many of the immigrants who are coming from Latin America.

Rachel Feliciano, Spain

At our youth away day we had 24 young people from four different churches. We split them into five groups and each had to recreate at least one scene from Mark's Gospel. It was amazing to see how creative they all were. One group used Lego, another used playing cards and yet another drew a comic strip.

Sarah Deacon, Slovenia



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We will travel to Ukraine to meet and encourage the existing ECMers, and very excitingly, to interview four new couples for membership of ECM. Three of these couples lead the church plants that have grown up from the volunteer centres that ECM has been supporting for almost three years.

David and Linda James, Austria

I have linked up as a buddy to a Kurdish family from Turkey. The parents do not speak Dutch, and I do not speak Kurdish nor Turkish. I have started introducing the father to Psalms in Kurdish on YouTube. We communicate using a phone translation app. I use this method at the local asylum seekers' centre for Arabic, Turkish and Vietnamese.

**Roland Smith,
the Netherlands**



Last week we had our church plant's first ever weekend away! Pedro gave the talks, and Ana prepared a prayer time centred in Colossians, as well as a Bible study session. It was a rich time of fellowship, prayer, and feeding on God's Word.

Pedro and Ana Fonseca, Portugal



We have been accepted to be the pastoral couple of a church in Saint Briec. The church has around 95 members and has been growing in recent years. Jack will mostly focus on preaching, training preachers and leading the church councils, whilst Sarah will focus more on youth, ecumenical relations and some preaching/teaching.

Jack and Sarah Winterburn, France



As Lithuanians, we are famous for our summer pink soup festival at the end of May. We invited our neighbours and friends from around to taste the soup and meet Shalom House folk. We had over 30 people, and what a feast it was! We had some good conversations about faith.

Rita and Vidas Rimkus, UK

Our recent trip to Spain included:

Three days of journeying in the car to get there / Two days in a hotel near Valencia where Lausanne Europe will hold a gathering for over 200 people from around Europe this October / Three days of meetings with key European leaders in our local town / Jim preaching in our local church / Catching up with a few friends (but not as many as we would have liked) / More sorting and packing up things in our house / Early arrival in Roquetas de Mar, Almeria, for ECM leadership meetings and conference preparation / A week at ECM's international conference with over 500 ECM missionaries, staff, and supporters / 24 hours back in our house to pack the car / Two intense travel days back to Northampton.

Jim and Christine Memory, UK

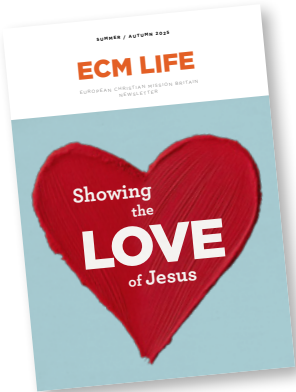


We had our Spiritual Transformation Retreat in English with people flying in from Norway and the Netherlands to attend. It was an amazing privilege to see God move in the lives of these people and we all left the week transformed in one way or another.

Jules Mercer-Wilson, Spain

Getting regular updates from an ECM field worker provides a window into how God is working in Europe today. If you'd like to receive one, sign up on page 7.

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ANOTHER NEW WORKER FOR PORTUGAL!

Meet Rui Cadima and his family, who will be heading back to Portugal to minister in their hometown.

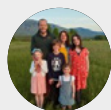
“I dream of a future where people all over Coimbra call upon the name of the Lord Jesus and are saved.”

Rui is from Coimbra, a city in the central region of Portugal. It was there that, at the age of 23, he turned from atheism to Christ during his nursing degree. He is married to Raquel and they have two daughters: Miriam (3) and Ester (1). Rui and Raquel moved to the UK in 2019 where Rui attended the Cornhill Training Course, receiving ministry training to serve the Lord in Portugal. During this time, Raquel started her career as a nurse at St. George's Hospital. They were at Emmanuel Church Wimbledon where Rui first served as a ministry trainee and later as the youth worker. In September 2025, they return to Coimbra to join the church they were originally attending where Rui will serve as a church worker while Raquel continues her nursing career.

As a whole, Portugal is a Roman Catholic country with many people not knowing what the actual gospel is. Many hold to a belief that God exists but can't articulate their views from the Bible due to a widespread biblical illiteracy. When it comes to evangelical churches, there aren't many of them and they tend to be small and lacking in people trained to teach and preach the Bible. This is why there is a big need for full-time gospel workers who can also train others to do Bible-based ministry. To that end, Rui will seek to serve the local church through word ministry and discipleship, while also looking to cooperate with others in Coimbra and further afield to offer training on how to handle and teach the Bible.

Rui is looking for people to join his ministry in prayer or by providing financial support. Tell us now if you would like to know more.

PREPARING TO SHOW LOVE TO HER OWN PEOPLE



By Josh Reeve

"It's my desire to serve among my own people. Considering the lack of gospel workers among the Albanian people, especially in Kosovo, it's my desire to come back from theological study equipped to do gospel work there."

Donike

For the past four years, Ali and I have been involved in the ministry of Torchbearers Albania (some of you may know Torchbearers by its British name "Capernwray"). At first, our involvement was limited to teaching once or twice a year at the Crossroads Bible School in the

south of Albania, and this was consistently a highlight of our ministry year. In God's goodness, last year we moved to the south to become permanent members of staff at Crossroads. It has been a real joy to be part of this ministry and to play a small part in discipling the next generation.

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Over the years that we have been involved at Crossroads, one particular joy has been getting to know Donike Hoti, a young woman from the city of Malisheva – across the border in Kosovo. Donike first heard the gospel and became a believer through a Christian kids' club in her city. Later, as a young adult, she came as a student to Crossroads to be discipled and grow in her understanding of the Scriptures. Following Bible School, Donike returned to Kosovo to study English at university level. Since 2021, she has been working full time at Crossroads as the Bible School translator.

It's been incredible to watch the Lord grow Donike and use her in ministry. As the school translator, she has been involved in Bible and theology classes for the past four years and she has been a huge blessing to the community here. She has faithfully taught, discipled, and pastorally cared for students and has had a fruitful ministry both here on campus and in our local church.

A few years ago Donike began to express her desire to undertake more theological training so that she could be more equipped for ministry among her own people in Kosovo. In God's kindness, last year we were able to help Donike connect to Sydney Missionary and Bible College, where Ali and I also trained for ministry. We're absolutely delighted that Donike has been awarded a scholarship to study



at SMBC and, as I write this, she is already in Australia training for long term gospel work in Kosovo.

For Donike, the purpose of heading to Australia to study the Bible is clear: that she might return to speak words of gospel love and life to the people of Kosovo. In her own words: ***“It’s my desire to serve among my own people. Considering the lack of gospel workers among the Albanian people, especially in Kosovo, it’s my desire to come back from theological study equipped to do gospel work there.”***

As missionaries, one of our main prayers has always been that the Lord would raise up the next generation of workers in the harvest field, and it's been wonderful to see the Lord raise up Donike to go and speak the gospel to her own people.

The evangelical Church in Kosovo is very small. There are only a little over 2,000 believers.
— From *Operation World*

GOD'S OWN WORDS OF LOVE



By Carlos and
Ana Freitas, Portugal

It was love at first sight for Ana; it was ...interesting for me! I'm not talking about the day we met – that was love at first sight for me. I'm referring to The Mark Drama. If you're not familiar, The Mark Drama is the Gospel of Mark performed using 'theatre in the round,' with all the events registered by Mark and all of Jesus' words in 90 minutes, "no props, no costumes, no professionals, just Gospel."



The Mark Drama is an evangelistic tool that churches and other Christian ministries can use and it is used a lot throughout Europe in a Christian Union environment at universities. It has a lot of advantages as it drives the group (church or GBU/IFES/CU) to have conversations with institutions to try and get a more neutral space. Of course, the performances can happen in a church, but it might be easier to invite someone to a public school, to a university canteen or a city council space. It's also an easier invite when you ask a friend to come and see a play for free and one where you're taking part!

The Mark Drama is also a discipleship tool. The team that performs it must memorise the order of events in Mark's Gospel. It takes Christians to the Bible to wrestle with memorising events, but also thinking more profoundly about the Jesus that Mark wanted us to see; the Son of God. We had a team of 14 young Christians and today, two are in ministry and most of the others are committed Christians serving their local churches.

In 2013, Portugal had the first set of performances in Coimbra, with GBU (IFES, Christian university students). At the time Matt George was the GBU secretary and he

invited Andrew Page, the author of The Mark Drama, to Coimbra to direct a performance.

Also in 2013, Ana and I were in our first year in full time ministry with the church in Eiras, Coimbra and with the GBU in partnership with Matt and Louise. Ana translated Andrew Page whilst he directed the first team of Christians in Coimbra performing The Mark Drama.

Ana has coordinated a few more performances, always with GBU students. That is until 2023 when our church, Eiras Coimbra, went ahead to start a church plant in the city. In March 2024 we had the first performance of The Mark Drama by a church group, the mother church Eiras and the church plant, Comunidade da Graça Coimbra.

“ECM has provided the network and the missionaries for the work of the gospel in Coimbra...”

Tina Turner sang “what’s love got to do with it?” and you’re reading an ECM magazine and might think what part did ECM have? Well, Matt and Louise George were ECM Australia missionaries in Coimbra. Matt had attended the ECM Biennial where Andrew Page was invited to come and share The Mark Drama. Ana and I are now ECM Ireland missionaries in Coimbra. ECM has provided the network and the missionaries for the work of the gospel in Coimbra. It’s amazing to think that all who support ECM and its missionaries through prayer and giving are part of what God is doing through His people for His glory.

SHOWING LOVE WHERE WE LIVE

By Gerrit van Dijk, Germany



In northeast Germany, we regularly meet people who have never seen a Bible or even met a Christian. Christianity isn't rejected here – it's simply unknown.

This is what we call a post-atheist context: generations growing up without any exposure to faith, church or Scripture. Religion has disappeared from everyday life, and people have simply stopped asking the big questions.

Especially among the poorer population, this has created a deep sense of disconnection – not just from the church, but from hope itself. Many people struggle with literacy, isolation and long-term unemployment. In this context, traditional forms of evangelism don't work. Flyers, events, even preaching often miss the mark – they feel disconnected from daily life. That's why we take a different approach.

We live in the neighbourhoods we serve. Some of our church plants meet in small buildings, others meet wherever space is available. But the real community happens in everyday life – on the street, between apartment blocks, in conversations at the bus stop or over a shared meal. Our approach is incarnational and contextual: we try to be present in people's lives, to

understand their world, and to let the gospel speak in ways that make sense in their reality. And slowly, something is happening.

People are beginning to discover faith – many for the very first time. In our four existing church plants, we celebrate baptisms every year. These are not people coming back to church – they are people encountering Jesus for the first time in their lives.

What we see is incredibly encouraging: a faith that is warm, generous and deeply practical. It's not shaped by religious tradition or theological jargon, but by real-life experience. This kind of faith – simple, honest, close to life – has something to teach us as mission workers. We are learning alongside the people we serve.

We're looking for people who want to be part of this – through prayer, through encouragement, or maybe even by coming and joining the work. And we love to share stories of what God is doing here. Even in the most secular corners of Europe, the gospel is alive. And that gives us hope.



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