

European Christian Mission JULY/AUGUST 2021

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JULY

THURSDAY 1

ECMI: International Board of Trustees

We are meeting this evening via Zoom. Please pray that we may each be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be constructive in our discussions and wise in our decisions for good governance. Give thanks for each trustee, for the different skills and expertise they contribute to the effectiveness of the Board. At this meeting we will be approving the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for 2020 as we report on the ministry of ECMI over the past year. In spite of a very difficult year due to the impact of Covid-19 we have much to give thanks for; God's financial provision, the growth in new workers and the exciting ministry reflection reports.

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge... Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Psalm 71:1,3

FRIDAY 2

GREECE: Peter and Anna Crawford in Athens

Please pray for wisdom for us from God, as we work through the possibility of extensive treatment needed for Peter's freshly diagnosed melanoma. It takes us by surprise at a time when fresh ministry opportunities have been opening up in amazing ways, and also as we hope to welcome the Macinnes family from the UK to join us in Greece later this summer. We know that God's plans are always higher than ours. He sees the bigger picture, but we cannot help but feel more than a little puzzled that this should come right now.

SATURDAY 3

ECMI: Biennial Planning Team

Please pray for the Biennial planning team as we think about how to keep everyone safe at the conference in this time of Covid and as we work with the hotel and others on the practical arrangements for our meetings and accommodation. With our strong desire to meet together again, we also want to make sure that we enjoy each other's company in a safe way. May God continue to bring healing and protection to our nations so that we can do that.



SUNDAY 4

ECMI: Mobilisation Teams

The Mobilisation Teams are encouraged that there are still enquiries from people wanting to do short term placements in different ministries. ECM members across Europe are also keen to receive help from such folk and at the same time invest in their lives. Covid restrictions, Brexit and other issues however sometimes complicate plans so please pray for wisdom, perseverance and the smooth running of visa applications, paperwork and logistics to get these people with passion and skills into the right places, particularly for this summer and autumn.

MONDAY 5

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Trento

Today July 5 we plan to move to our new house at Rovereto, with new ministries as well. We are thankful that the process of selling and buying has gone well so far, with everything working out just right for us. Pray that there would be no last minute problems. Pray also as we settle into a new church, that we can find ways of helping the church to grow and serve God without creating dependency on us missionaries.

TUESDAY 6

AUSTRALIA: Sam Boog, ECM Media and Promotions officer

We would love prayer for an ECM podcast idea, that the Lord would bless the planning and preparation phase and that it would get off the ground. Please pray the Lord would use it to convince many of the needs in Europe.

WEDNESDAY 7

SPAIN: Abel and Rafi Nuno in Cabra

The Lord has answered our prayers and OUR HOUSE HAS BEEN SOLD! So now we are able to move to our new location, Vilafranca del Penedés, in Barcelona.

THURSDAY 8

SPAIN: Hans and Jennifer Anderson in Málaga

We are grateful for the many new volunteers who will help the ministry centre in Málaga to stay open while many are away on home assignments. We are praying in particular for B and F who have been asking questions about Jesus and taking literature from our table. Our son, Jack, has finished his IGCSE exams and will go on to A-levels in the fall. Please pray with us as we travel to the US to visit supporters and family. Pray for good health, safe travel (lots of driving!), and great meetings. Pray that those working at Diez42 over June and July would find the work easy and stress-free as they distribute food, give classes, pray and share the Gospel in the neighbourhood.

FRIDAY 9

FRANCE: Marc and Jody Van Eijden in Tours

My unbelieving friend has a good friend who just became a believer! This person's bubbling over sharing her newfound faith. The two of them come originally from the same country and speak the same mother tongue. Pray God will use this person's influence for good in my friend's life. You've been praying for her and now God has sent one more person to be a witness!

SATURDAY 10

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Praise the Lord: After 24 years, God has very quickly opened an opportunity to live in a different apartment. This is on the 4th floor I will have plenty of light which I have missed so much in my current apartment. Pray for the restructuring of the new apartment and for the selling of my apartment. Pray for Emanuela, whose family is giving her a lot of opposition since she decided to follow Jesus.



*Susanne Stoehr
in Macherio*

SUNDAY 11

GERMANY: Martin and Anya Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten

We are very happy to have the opportunity to meet with our kids group once before summer break. There are still some restrictions, but we are glad for everything that is allowed. During summer break Martin plans to meet with some boys and do some woodwork in order to get to know them and to connect to them. The plan is to start a Boys-scout-group very soon. Unfortunately there is no woman who is able and willing to join him and help so he can only start with a small Group of boys for the moment.

MONDAY 12

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihovević in Zaječar

Please pray for our Childrens camp from today 12-18 July. We are thankful to the Lord that the coronavirus restrictions are lifted. Pray for the protection of children and especially for leaders needing wisdom how to organize camps, teach children and direct them on the way to the Lord Jesus. Pray for local officials who are interested in children's camps and will come see our camps, especially previous one for children with disabilities. Praise the Lord for the funds provided for the camps.

TUESDAY 13

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Trento

The whole Italian field will be meeting together today July 13 at Jakob and Janneke van den Bogerd's property at Verona. It has been a long time since we have been able see each other live! Pray for a fruitful day of fellowship, encouragement, and edification.

WEDNESDAY 14

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank

We give thanks for a number of different nationwide gospel partnerships

which have formed or strengthened over the past year. Please pray for “What’s the Story?” which is an evangelistic campaign over 6 weeks in Spring 2022. It is based on research on people’s questions in Ireland and seeks to connect seekers to local churches. There are streams of testimony, gospel and apologetics. Pray especially for Isabel, from Ferrybank church, who is part of the organizing team.

THURSDAY 15

PORTUGAL: Marcus and Kellen Benicio in Vila Real

We are a family that came from ECM Brasil in February 2020 to Portugal. We spent the Covid year in Sesimbra and now we are moving north to live in Vila Real and work with two churches in the northern Portugal region and with their new church planting, discipleship and theological teaching activities, we would value your prayers at this time.

FRIDAY 16

ROMANIA: Gary and Ioana Stoll in Piatra Neamt

We have been overwhelmed by the response of God's people in helping a family in Bodesti rebuild their house after it was burned down in December. Please pray for the family that they will be able to move back in this summer and that they will see all that God has done and turn to him in praise.

SATURDAY 17

GERMANY: Christian and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin

In July we are planning to take some children to the kids and teens summer camp. Please pray for these children; many of them have already experienced very bad things in their lives.

SUNDAY 18

ROMANIA: Adi and Jennifer Grocott in Timisoara

Please pray that we would have open eyes to see opportunities around us to love and serve God’s people and the community around us and that we would be able to find time to rest and be refreshed individually and as a family over the summer. Pray that we would be able to support and partner with other children’s ministry organisations and the plans they have for summer in Romania. Please pray that we would grow in patience, understanding, compassion and wisdom as we seek to serve and encourage others around us.

MONDAY 19

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, Mobiliser and International Support

I have been working with Bishopdale College to create the opportunity for students studying at the College to do an ECM missions’ internship. My prayer is for three interns in 2022, but this feels very ambitious and also daunting! So please pray for the right students to hear about the internship and to apply, and for the details of placements to come together in both NZ and Europe.

*Gary and Ioana
Stoll
in Piatra Neamt*



TUESDAY 20

IRELAND: Colin Holmes for the Irish team

Join us giving thanks for Karen Laird as she says farewell to Ireland after 16 years. She has helped build up churches in Tramore, Ferrybank and Waterford across this time, with a particular passion for children's work. She has also worked in the wider community as an Occupational Therapist. She hopes to return to Australia today, 20 July. Please pray for safe travels and journey on to what God may have in store for her next.

WEDNESDAY 21

PORTUGAL: New Candidates Aldeir and Nicéia Lopes

We are the Lopes family (Aldeir, Nicéia, Daniel e Filipe) from São Luís, Brazil, going to Ponte de Sor -Portugal. We thank the Lord that we have been granted our visa for Portugal and that he has raised up sponsors that are already faithfully contributing to our support in Ponte de Sor.

THURSDAY 22

SPAIN: David and Samantha Gilkinson in Salou

There are still exciting opportunities for the young people with a Word of Life camp in July and a 3 week summer youth program running at the church in August. They also have an opportunity to serve the kids ministry with our English Bible school week with 50 children signed up. Please pray for all three ministries, for the leaders and for the participants, that they might all learn and experience more of God this summer.

FRIDAY 23

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid

Give thanks for both having the full vaccine. Cases gone down in schools but wearing masks from age 5 all day is hard work. Give thanks for Christ-centred conversations with Jane's primary teaching colleagues K and V unexpectedly this week. Pray for opportunities to start to read the Bible together.

SATURDAY 24

PORTUGAL: Alex Kowalenko in Lisbon

Pray for the new candidates for Portugal: we have 5 new families/couple/individual due to arrive in the next 9 months. Pray for their documentation and entry process as it is more difficult than usual to enter the country due to Covid. Pray for my church as we restart meeting together. Pray for wisdom in leading in the mission as many are restarting activities for summer, not knowing if they would have to be shutdown if there is another confinement. Pray for the roll out of the vaccination program. It seems so slow, but people are starting to be called up for their first shot.

SUNDAY 25

GERMANY: R in Berlin

Praise God that we are having our fourth meeting in our own church space (Kiez church wedding) Berlin. It's a wonderful blessing to meet finally in





person. Pray for us as curious friends and neighbours visit us for church. Pray for R as he straddles preaching in German and English. Pray for a new believer Anna who will be baptized soon, that she will grow in maturity and love for the Lord.

MONDAY 26

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihovević in Zaječar

Today 26-30 July, we start our teenagers camp. We are thankful to the Lord that the coronavirus restrictions are lifted. Pray for the protection of the teenagers and especially for leaders needing wisdom how to organize camps, teach children and direct them on the way to the Lord Jesus.

TUESDAY 27

ECMI: Member Care Leadership Team

God is all knowing in times of uncertainty. Pray for His leading and guiding as we make plans for the coming new season of work. Ask for sensitivity to the Spirit's leading, for creativity and flexibility. Ask for wisdom to make any necessary changes and not to be fearful of doing things differently if that is where God leads. Pray for the ability to persevere and not be weary in well doing. Pray for confidence to step out in trust in the goodness of God.

WEDNESDAY 28

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Supporting our parents is challenging. Linda's dad in Spain often puts her under emotional pressure to allow him to leave the care home and live in his own apartment (where he would be a danger to himself and others). Please pray about this and that the process to have him declared mentally incapacitated would be concluded quickly. Please pray for David's mum also in a care home, and his dad as he moves into a warden assisted flat: a new phase of life for them both.

THURSDAY 29

REPUBLIC OR IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

We have been encouraged since meeting up again in church that we have seen new people visit who had been in contact with us during the lockdown and a South African couple who have moved into the area. Pray for the people in Claremorris who are aware of the church and who are wondering what it is we believe.

FRIDAY 30

SPAIN: Milton and Patrícia Sanchez in Extremadura

Pray for our family vacations. We have plans to travel to another EU country. We ask for health, support and protection. In August I have to do missionary mobilization in Germany. Pray for the churches that I will visit and for the missionary awakening of the youth.

SATURDAY 31

ECM IRELAND: Lindsey Moorhead, Director

Give thanks for Kate Campbell who will be serving in Spain for one year, alongside Chloe Wolfson in [Roquetas De Mar](#), and for Shane McGloin, who will be serving at Vila Real Baptist Church in Portugal for the next eighteen months. Pray for Kate and Shane as they prepare to go and as they seek to raise financial and prayerful support.



*ECM IRELAND
Lindsey Moorhead
Director*

AUGUST

SUNDAY 1

SPAIN: Colin and Jill Bakon SIM workers partnering with ECM in Málaga

Jill and I are SIM workers now partnering with ECM and will be arriving in Spain today 1 August. Please pray as we settle in and complete all the things one needs to do when entering into Spain.

MONDAY 2

ECMI: Biennial Planning Team

We thank God that Detlef Blöcher of DMG has kindly agreed to be our speaker for the conference. Please pray for him and Simon Marshall as they work through our theme of 'The Vine and the Branches', that God the Holy Spirit will inspire them and apply the Word of God in a powerful way to our lives and ministries.

TUESDAY 3

ECMI: Field Ministries Development Group

Each year the ECM Ministry Development Group sends out Ministry Plan forms to all ECM teams and field members. The aim of this form is to provide a tool for us to reflect back on the challenges and highlights of the previous year, as well as to look forward and plan for the year to come. After another challenging year in ministry, please pray for us all as we seek God's guidance for the year ahead, to plan accordingly in our ministries while being open to the constant uncertainties and changes that might come our way.

WEDNESDAY 4

GERMANY: Martin and Anya Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten

Please pray for families with children to join our church plant. We lost most of our families during the pandemic.

THURSDAY 5

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank

We give thanks for a planning team who have guided the church in the past year, especially when Colin was away for health reasons. We are encouraging this group to develop shared leadership for the church going forward. Give thanks for eager hearts and pray that we might overcome challenges of limited time due to busy work schedules. May God increase the space and capacity for ministry and leadership.

FRIDAY 6

UKRAINE: New Hope Ukraine

All our workers and volunteers thank you for praying for the latest threatening situation on the Eastern borders of Ukraine, where we neighbour Russia. God is so good to us! Please, pray for all summer activities for kids, teens, and young adults the New Hope Ukraine workers are involved in so that God will be proclaimed and many of them will come to know Him personally! Please, continue to pray for the health situation of Nazar (Public school ministry director). His Crohn's disease seems to be progressing negatively.

SATURDAY 7

ECM Australia & New Zealand: Michael Walsh, Missions Engagement Intern

Today 7 July to 11 July I am organising and facilitating a camp for missionary kids in NSW, Australia. MK Camp is our big annual event as the NSW MK Network to link missionary kids from different organisations with each other so they can share each other's experiences both on the field and during re-entry.

SUNDAY 8

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid

Thank you for praying in the past for opportunities for Jane to share Christ with colleagues. This week Jane was able to give testimony of God's grace in our lives to V struggling to find direction after a big relationship breakup and K coming to terms with accepting a life changing condition similar to ME.

MONDAY 9

SPAIN: Honor Perfect, retired Missionary in Castellón

Just over 3 months after my hip operation, recovering well, I tripped over a bollard at the police station and broke my tibia. I was 10 days in hospital during which time I had 3 different companions, each of whom asked for my telephone number – most unusual here! In these past 3 months since the operation, I have been in contact several times with all 3. I didn't much like the method the Lord used, to give me these contacts, but I believe it was His plan. Please pray for Fabiola, Elena and Mari José.

TUESDAY 10

FINLAND: K in Finland

Praise the Lord for developing contacts in the Inari area, despite Covid. Pray that through my behaviour and words God may draw people to Him. Also: this summer I'll be on the road a lot, as I need to be out of my temporary lodging (a holiday house, where the owners will spend the summer). I'll use the time to speak at churches and meet supporters in West, Central, Southeast Finland. Pray for safety.

K in Finland



WEDNESDAY 11

PORTUGAL: Carlos and Ana Freitas in Coimbra

Please pray that God will guide us as we plan to start a church plant in Coimbra in the coming year. Please pray for Paulo, Clarisse and Helena, as we read the Bible with them, that God will save them and that they will grow in the knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour. Please pray for our family, that God may continue to strengthen our marriage; that our children will grow in the knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour. We thank God that through these uncertain times our friends and partners in the gospel work in Coimbra have continued to support us in prayer.

THURSDAY 12

SPAIN: Chloe Wolfson in Roquetas De Mar

People from churches around Spain will join to form a mission team here for two weeks in August. Pray for good connections and impact, and for Spanish churches to capture the vision and heart for reaching African immigrant communities.

FRIDAY 13

GERMANY: R in Berlin

Please pray for us here in Berlin, for our little church to grow and have better connections in the community and specifically among the people group that we hope to reach with the gospel.

SATURDAY 14

REPUBLIC OR IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

Pray for the church here as we seek to reach out in the town and community. The annual Agricultural show which is usually held in August has been cancelled. Pray for other ways of outreach during the summer with kids or young people. It has been hard not being able to plan with Covid restrictions but thankfully things are opening up again.

SUNDAY 15

ECMI: Charlie and Miriam Anderson in Sixmilecross

Our diary for the year should be filling up with plans to: visit and encourage workers, be together with everyone involved in Leadership meetings, planning, and review but much is uncertain. Please pray for us (and others) to receive grace and confidence from our loving, all powerful Father, and for faithfulness in 'whatever our hands find to do, to do it well'.

MONDAY 16

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

We praise God that we are almost back to normality. We are meeting at our premises for Sunday Services, women's meetings, and children/youth meetings. We are praying that in August those who were not coming regularly to the meetings, will be more courageous to join us in the church. Pray for children to come in bigger numbers to the One Day Bible

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camps that we are planning for August. Adile and I are grateful to God and to friends in the US for being with us during our three-month Sabbatical. It was a restful and a blessed time. We are happy to be back to church activities.

TUESDAY 17

SPAIN: Guillermo and Marisa Kampjes in Alcora and Onda

In Alcora and Onda we are working alone. For different reasons different families have left the team and/or the churches. All the work falls to us, and we urgently need support. Pray for new workers and missionaries. We would like to restart the work after summer with a team.

WEDNESDAY 18

PORTUGAL: Marcus and Kellen Benicio in Vila Real

Please pray for the development of our missionary ministry and clear guidance from the Holy Spirit; We are grateful that the Lord has led us to a new, larger and heated house in Vila Real, praise the Lord with us; We still have some Portuguese documents to obtain so please pray that these would come through. For our boys at school. For our financial support partners and intercessors, may the Lord bless and protect them, especially during this time of pandemic.

THURSDAY 19

BRITIAN: Vidas and Rita Rimkiene in Gloucester

We do not know where we are with all this pandemic and what kind of way will re-emerge, but God has been amazing in providing a new way of seeing and plodding along in prayer and conversation with people. Please, continue to pray for World Cafe handover, ministerial training and our family to see God's hand in our lives and ministry.

FRIDAY 20

ROMANIA: Alexia C in Timisoara

After a 9-month period in France because of a burn-out from September 2020 to May 2021, I came back to Romania in June to finish my involvement at the maternal centre Mitspa House. During the next 3 months, I am looking for what God has for me during this next period of my life. Please pray for discernment of His will and wisdom in the decisions I need to make.

SATURDAY 21

SPAIN: B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Meco

We thank God for His faithfulness to us during this past year of transition for our family. Our daughters, Miriam, and Laura have adjusted well to their new school and have found friends in Meco. We are also thanking God for His deep work in and among B.J.'s band of brothers discipleship group as they've journeyed through the material of Wild at Heart together. Please pray that God would guide B.J. in determining the next steps for this deeper discipleship ministry, at both a local and wider level.

SUNDAY 22

PORTUGAL: Ebersson and Madalena David in Montargil

We thank God for the health of our entire family here in the mission field. Pray for missionary projects with the youth of the Church of Montargil. May we reach new young people with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for all that we will need to be able to stay on the mission field in the year 2022.

*Sam
Boog*

MONDAY 23

AUSTRALIA: Sam Boog, ECM Media and Promotions officer

Please pray for God's guidance and inspiration as I produce publication material for ECM and for my husband to find peace and stability in a job that he enjoys.



*ECM Media
and
Promotions
officer*

TUESDAY 24

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid

Give thanks that our elder son Gabriel has accepted a wonderful offer to study a dual degree - 2 years in the uk this autumn and 2 years back in Madrid. Pray for God to really draw Gabriel to his heart as he moves into preparing for this next phase of life. And for us to help him in this transitional phase of life.

WEDNESDAY 25

ECMI: David James, Training Coordinator

Please pray that strong discipleship and continuous learning would shape each of us in ECM; may our training events be enlightening and practical for the participants. In particular, pray that we would develop good leadership skills, and that the Lead Develop Care book clubs starting in September (peer groups learning together) would support this.

THURSDAY 26

PORTUGAL: Ebersson and Magdalena David in Montargil

We thank God for all the victories achieved so far, when we complete 1 and a half years of missionary field in Portugal, in Vila de Montargil with less than 0.3% of Evangelical Christians. We ask you to pray for our daughters Beatriz and Isabela, so that the longing for Brazil is filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit of God and for the joys and learning in the new culture. Pray for future projects to be initiated in the Montargil Mission.

FRIDAY 27

PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão

Please pray for a French/Ethiopian family who have been camped near us for a couple of weeks. Lovely story of how a Brazilian colleague “happened” to have a French Bible they could give us for them. Pray they read and fall in love with Jesus.



SATURDAY 28

NETHERLANDS: Roland and Carolien Smith in Maastricht

Along with most people, the churches in Maastricht are also praying and thinking at this time about how to start activities again safely and appropriately. We are thankful for everyone who has kept engaging online and pray for perseverance and inspiration to continue to serve and encourage as summer ends and the new season starts.

SUNDAY 29

ECMI: Member Care Leadership Team

As lockdown restrictions relax, praise God for all He has done for His people as He has carried us through, during these days. Worship the Father who loves perfectly and blesses beyond what we could ever deserve. Pray for the ability to show joy, perseverance, patience and love to colleagues, neighbours, and the family of Christ as we worship.

MONDAY 30

ECMI: Biennial Planning Team

Please pray for good choices in topics for the seminar programme for the Biennial conference and for the group that are thinking about all the good ideas and suggestions that they have received. Pray that God will guide them in choosing and that the results will benefit the mission and grow us as disciples and people of God.

TUESDAY 31

SPAIN: Chloe Wolfson in Roquetas De Mar

Pray for our planning for the new school year and which projects to start. Thank God for a short termer, Kate, who will come in September making a team of 2!

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