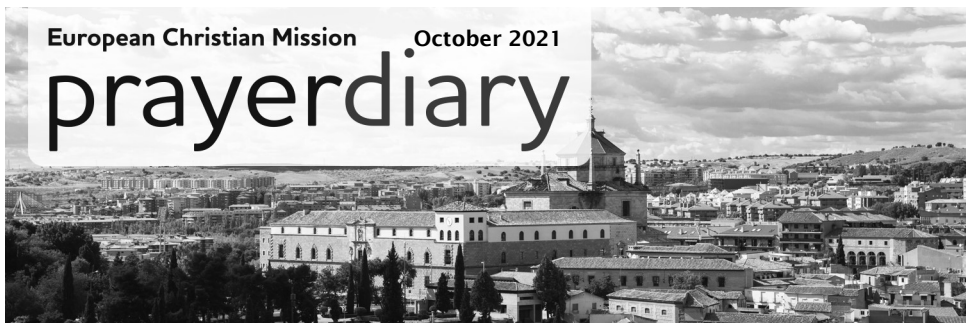


European Christian Mission

October 2021

prayerdiary



FRIDAY 1

PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão

Last month we asked you to pray for an improved relationship with the local priest. We are thrilled to report that he accepted an invitation to dinner with us, we had great conversation, and are now friends. God is good. And our thanks for anyone who prayed for this.

SATURDAY 2

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, Mobiliser and International Support

All our plans for October are unsure at the moment, and it is likely that they will all be cancelled due to recent lockdowns in New Zealand. Please pray that I will use the extra time I have wisely and that despite restrictions I will build new relationships and continue to make the needs in Europe known here in New Zealand.

SUNDAY 3

ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari

We plan to return to Italy from our home assignment in the second half of October. Please pray for protection, guidance and blessed times with our churches and supporters and a good restart back in Italy. Pray for guidance and protection for families under many pressures and that our friends would come to the Lord; we will continue our meetings around Bible topics with them.

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



MONDAY 4

ECMI: Jim and Christine Memory

Thanks for your prayers for Jim's missiological report on Europe. This has been widely distributed beyond ECM now and he will be presenting it at a number of key gatherings during October, namely the meeting of Lausanne Movement Germany which starts today October 4, and of National Church Planting Process leaders which starts on October 11. Pray for these gatherings and for a discussion guide which will be launched this month.

TUESDAY 5

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Thanks to God for the opportunity of two expositions I can be part of, and the opportunity of moving at the beginning of October to a lighter apartment. Pray for a painting I have to finish by the end of October on "charity". Pray for Helen whose cancer seems to have spread in her body.

WEDNESDAY 6

SPAIN: Peter and Kate Knowlson in Azuaga

Today 6 October is the start of the Homiletics course at the Assemblies of God Faculty in La Carlota. Pray for good communication of the materials to the students and for the evaluations of the practice sermons that are an important part of the course. Pray that they may seek peers to help them improve in their preaching throughout their ministries.

THURSDAY 7

AUSTRALIA: Sam Boog, ECM Media and Promotions officer

Please pray that the Lord would place our family where he can best use us and give us clear direction and that he would convict pastors in our nation to prioritise mission, local and overseas.

FRIDAY 8

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Rovereto

In September we started serving in our new church at Rovereto, and also started using our new apartment for ministry. We are thankful that we have enough space to invite all the church, and were able to host a combined church lunch, housewarming, birthday party for the restart of the church activities after the summer break. Since it was the first time that the church could have lunch together after a service for 18 months, the time was very appreciated for having fellowship together again.

SATURDAY 9

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Magdalena David in Montargil

We thank God for the miracles of provision performed on our lives during this period in which we are serving in the mission field. We ask you to pray for our trip to Brazil in the second half of October. May we have quality time with the family, renew alliances with supporters and churches. For the salvation of lives in the village of Montargil and revival of the church planted in this place.

SUNDAY 10

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

The Lord has been good to us, and we are grateful for having our first sabbatical after 15 years in church plant. God has refreshed our hearts with who he is and with the Gospel of Jesus. He was at work in our church while we were away where three young men decided to be more involved in the church life and maybe become future elders. Pray for Rok, Vid and Nik that God will continue to work in their hearts and build them in their faith.

MONDAY 11

SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma

There will be a gathering of the leaders of the National Church Planting Process of Europe today 11 October in Berlin. Pray that the leaders from 20 European Nations will get new insights in how to mobilize national church planting movements in their respective countries. Exponential.eu is hosting a European wide meeting in Berlin from tomorrow until 14 October. 200 delegates are meeting to discuss how to promote a culture of multiplication in churches and discipleship throughout Europe. Pray that each delegate would be motivated in ways that the Lord makes clear to him or her.

TUESDAY 12

BULGARIA: Andrew and Kate Blackwell in Sofia

Kate Blackwell and Charlie Anderson will travel to Vienna on 15 October for ongoing training in Leader Development. Please pray for all the leaders within ECM to be empowered to lead, develop and care for their teams well. Pray too for travelling mercies for Kate and Charlie and that they will be able to apply what they learn for the benefit of the whole mission.

**Andrew and Kate
Blackwell
in Sofia**



**Simon and
Dorit
Marshall,
International
Director**



WEDNESDAY 13

ECMI: Simon Marshall, International Leadership Team

The International Leadership Team is meeting today by Zoom. Please pray for wisdom and grace as we deal with the limitations of not being able to meet face to face and as we consider the stewardship of the mission's finances for the coming year as well as issues of mobilising God's people for mission in Europe. We are hoping to meet face to face towards the end of November and would welcome prayer to plan the best use of our time together.

THURSDAY 14

CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Varaždin

Praise God for great study leave and wonderful wedding of Sheona Bell and Jason Balzar. Pray we find rented accommodation in Varaždin and settle down with the new ministry in 3 towns. Stephen is also representing the Croatian evangelical community at 2 conferences in Berlin to encourage national church planting movements across Europe which finish today. Our children, Joshua, Benjamin and Sheona, with new husband Jason, are all studying in Germany.

FRIDAY 15

ECMI: Chris Wigram

I am teaching Global Christianity at the London School of Theology for this semester. The course begins today. This is a good opportunity to bring new students up to date with the reality of the results of mission as we look at the way the church expanded from the New Testament onwards. There are usually about 20 students. Please pray.

SATURDAY 16

SPAIN: B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Meco

Yesterday and today, 15-16 October, we will be helping fellow ECMers Jonathan Donker and Gemma Gisbert to lead a seminar called "Discovering Who You are in Christ," which is designed for believers in our area to discover (for the first time or at a deeper level) their identity as Christians, with all that truly means for us. Please pray that people will sign up and come, and that they will be deeply impacted by God through the seminar.

SUNDAY 17

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

Pray as we plan to give out a church leaflet this month in conjunction with a special service of Thanksgiving today 17 October. Calvary Church Claremorris will be 5 years since we started meeting in the Town Hall. Pray for this leaflet which has details of the church and an invitation to receive a free Bible.

MONDAY 18

GERMANY: Gerard and Janneke de Wit in Schwerin-Lankow

Thank God for our neighbour. She was baptised last August. She loves Jesus very much and wants to follow Him. Please pray for her, that she feels the love of our God each day and that she grows in her belief and when she feels attacked by Satan. We want to buy a building, where neighbours can come and meet each other and discover Jesus. Please pray that God will open doors.

TUESDAY 19

SPAIN: David and Samantha Gilkinson in Salou

October sees the start of a new year and a new series for the 35-40 young people of the Iglesia Protestante Salou. We are starting off with a theology series entitled "We believe that..." Pray for those leading the teaching and small groups and pray that each young person really grasps the foundations of the Christian faith.

WEDNESDAY 20

SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana

Give thanks to God for a safe arrival back in Slovenia and that I am settling in well. Thank God especially for the provision of a flat that is perfectly suited to my needs. Please pray for me as I start to work out how to balance my time. Pray that I would be able to focus on learning the language but also have time to build relationships with people in the church.

THURSDAY 21

ECM AUSTRALIA: Rod Bishop, Business Manager

Pray for wisdom – for me and for the ECM Australia Council – that ECM's 2022 budget may reflect the plans and purposes God has for us and shows us as reliant on a God who will meet all our needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.





FRIDAY 22

KOSOVA: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

We praise God that we had no Covid related deaths in our church family. There were some people who got Covid, but they are feeling better now. We are back to live worship at our church building, but with half capacity, because of the Covid measures. The numbers are growing lately, so pray for caution. Pray for children and youth ministry, which we are hoping will start soon.

SATURDAY 23

PORTUGAL: Steve and Lydia Cockram in Coimbra

Pray for unity amongst our teens and young adults. Also, we are doing 3 weeks of prayer and fasting with your young adults as part of a city-wide initiative which starts today, 23 October. Pray that we would connect with God and deepen our relationship with him, as well as with other churches in the Porto district.

SUNDAY 24

SPAIN: Francis and Nathalie Arjona in Pozoblanco

We thank God that our son Samuel and Anneke got married on the 20 August in the Netherlands. We give thanks that the youth group from Equatorial Guinea continues to grow in Almaden and new students are signing up for discipleship. We thank God that the infection rates continue to fall throughout the country and especially in the area of Valle de los Pedroches.

MONDAY 25

SPAIN: Andy and Andrea Warner in Castellón

Please pray for our Alpha Course which is today, at The Bridge, Castellón. God has brought 5 people to us who want to do the course, without any effort from us! Pray for Eunice leading it (and us helping), that people get to know and love Jesus more and invite their friends on the next one.

TUESDAY 26

UK: Margaret Willan, retired missionary

Rejoicing in the second successful cataract operation but desperately in need of new glasses! Praise God for his goodness. New glasses arriving at the end of October.

WEDNESDAY 27

CROATIA: Frank and Angelika Bosch in Umag

We thank God for the opportunity to make videos for children of Frank's songs. God sent us a professional filmmaker and ran the finances so that we have six beautiful kids' videos by now. Take a look at YouTube Frank Bosch. Now the videos should be distributed so that as many children as possible watch them again and again. Pray that through this they will understand and grasp in their hearts the good news of Jesus. We would like to start a German-speaking house group. Two women would like to take part, but their partners are not that open to it yet.

THURSDAY 28

IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank

We give thanks for a clear path ahead for Colin – after consultation, surgery remains the best option to prevent a rebleed on his brain. The waiting list is moving slowly, but there is no definite date. Pray we might be at peace in the present and working in a way that best prepares church and field for a time of absence in recovery. Pray for the young adults' book club in Waterford with "Resilient Disciples" by Rick Hill.

FRIDAY 29

GERMANY: Christian and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin

Kseniya is meeting weekly with one woman to read the Bible together. Please pray that God would bless that time. And that this woman's heart will be open to God's voice.

SATURDAY 30

ECM IRELAND: Lorna Moore, Administrator

Kate Campbell moved to Spain on 25 September for her year-long mission service opportunity. Pray for her as she settles into her new surroundings and role in Roquetas de Mar. She will be a part of a small church and will be helping reach different communities with the Gospel. Kate hopes to use her passion for languages to build relationships and serve in a richly intercultural setting with opportunities for English, French, Spanish and Arabic, which she either speaks or is learning. She shares in the current vision for a church plant that would bring people of many backgrounds together in the unity found in Christ.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

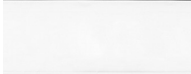
If you are interested in Short term ministry in the future, we'd love to start the conversation with you. There are also lots of opportunities for supporting ministry in Europe from your own home.

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14 CLACTON-ON-SEA 15	1410	
15 HORNICH 8	1424	
16 STANFORD ALBERT 7	1430	



SUNDAY 31

GERMANY: Martin and Anja Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten

Through our children's school I meet sometimes with 3 young Mums, who are looking for friendship, but are not open for the Gospel. Please pray for them, so they will see Jesus through our life and start asking questions.

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