

European Christian Mission

August 2025

prayerdiary



FRIDAY 1

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

From today, 1-6 August, two young women from Germany will come to visit me to learn about my ministry. They search for being in the presence of God, resting and meeting God during this visit. Pray for a good time together as I don't know them. Pray for Eleisa as her situation is escalating and she needs to take some crucial decisions but seems not to have strength to do it. Pray for me for wisdom in dealing with her and for Noah, that he will meet God to change his life and get help.

Listen to me, you
who pursue
righteousness and
who seek the
LORD: Look to the
rock from which
you were cut and
to the quarry from
which you were
hewn.

Isaiah 51:1

SATURDAY 2

ROMANIA: Alex and Liz Preotesea-Wagner in Cernavoda

We'd love your prayers for the children, young people and families who attended the day camp at our church, 31 July-2 August. Please pray for the message they heard about God's love would really take its place in their hearts, that more people would begin coming along to church and know God more for themselves. We'd really appreciate your prayers for our family during this 100-day season of focused partnership development. Our hope is to be fully equipped by the end of September to continue serving full-time here in Romania.

SUNDAY 3

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

Today, August 3, is Claremorris Agricultural Show. As a church, we will have a table stand with literature, kids craft and Bibles to give out. Pray as we make connections in the community. Pray for the family of a young lad who died recently. He was only 23, lived in Galway but his family live opposite us in our estate. Pray that God would comfort the family.



MONDAY 4

ECMI UKRAINE: Lviv Team

Last week, the Lviv team ran a day camp for around 60 children from the local neighbourhood — most of them unchurched. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring joy, connection and hope in the midst of challenging times. Please join us in thanking God for this outreach and praying that the seeds planted during the camp would continue to grow. Pray especially for ongoing relationships with the children and their families and for the team as they follow up in the community.

TUESDAY 5

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojevic, in Zajecar

We are thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for camps in May and June we already organized: three family camps, two camps for children with disabilities and a church conference. Please pray for camps in July and August, where we will organize a children's camp, two teenager's camps, a music camp, and the camp for children with disabilities.

WEDNESDAY 6

GERMANY: R and A in Berlin

We are still asking our Heavenly Father for a Christian worker (or more than 1) to come and join us in the work in Germany.

THURSDAY 7

CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Sesvete

Please pray for our family holiday in Croatia. Our children will come from Canada and Germany. Praise God for a great visit to Kosova for the 40th anniversary of the church I worked in 39 years ago. Thank God for the wonderful, faithful and ongoing ministry of ECM's Gani and Adile Smolica.

FRIDAY 8

BRITAIN: Rita and Vidas Rimkus in Gloucester

We are thankful for a great turn out at the Lithuanian Pink Soup festival. There were around 30 people. We hope Shalom House will grow deeper in faith and eventually will bear a good fruit. We also invited people on a guided pilgrimage from Tewksbury Abbey to the Gloucester Cathedral. Please pray for good conversations and God's presence.

**Rita and Vidas
Rimkus**



in Gloucester

SATURDAY 9

ECMI USA: Jay and Nina Butler, Board Member in Hoover

Please continue praying for God's wisdom and direction for me professionally. Also continued prayers for Sammy (health during pregnancy) and Ethan, expecting the birth of first son, and our second grandchild in October.

SUNDAY 10

FRANCE: Marc and Jody Van Eijden in Tours

Please continue to pray for my good friend F. and her husband who has lost the use of his legs. For healing, strength and courage to cope, but most importantly for their salvation (including their two teenagers).

MONDAY 11

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, Director

Give thanks for our new granddaughter who was born on 6 July. Her parents experienced lots of grief prior to carrying this little one to full-term. Please pray for Anaiah that she will grow up to be a strong warrior for the Lord. I see an orthopaedic surgeon on 13 August to determine why I still have limited mobility in my arm after breaking it last October. Please pray for wisdom for the surgeon and any subsequent treatment I might need. I have at least three preaching/sharing opportunities in churches arranged for late August/early September. Please pray as I share about ECM and our workers.

TUESDAY 12

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Magdalena David in Montargil

Pray for our trip to Brazil from today, August 12 to September 15, and for the renewal of Madalena, Beatriz, and Isabela's residence permits so that we can travel with peace of mind; Pray for the salvation of the families in Mora and Ponte de Sor, our two mission fields in Alentejo, Portugal.

WEDNESDAY 13

ECM IRELAND: Geoff Donaldson, National Director

From today, 13-16 August, Colin and Ally Holmes and Geoff Donaldson will be taking part in the Mission part of 'Kinfire' event. Please pray.

Julia Mercer-Wilson



In Spain

THURSDAY 14

SPAIN: Julia Mercer-Wilson in Llorenç del Penedès

From today, August 14-17, I will be helping to run a camp for families as the monitor for the youth section. Please pray that God would guide us as we prepare the content and that each person (parents, teenagers and children) would be able to experience God in new and refreshing ways as we look at what it means to be invited into an intimate relationship with Him.

FRIDAY 15

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

We praise the Lord that the youth camp in July went very well. Pray for the young people to come to church meetings in the same numbers as at the camp. Today, August 15, our granddaughter, Ariana, from Northern Ireland is being baptised at the seaside in Albania, by Gani and her father. She desired to get baptised where her mother (our daughter Besiana) was baptised, and we will be there as family and some church people from our former Tirana church.

SATURDAY 16

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Magdalena David in Montargil

Pray for the legal registration of the CCBA – Alentejo Baptist Christian Community in Mora. Please also pray for Beatriz and Isabela's study plans after they graduate from high school in September 2026.

SUNDAY 17

UK LAUSANNE: Jim and Christine Memory and Matt and Usha Reifsnider

From 18-22 August, Jim and Usha will travel to Los Angeles for meetings with the Lausanne Regional Directors from all over the world. Please pray that these meetings would renew vision and clarify strategy for each of the regional directors and particularly for us as Co-Regional Directors of Lausanne Europe. Immediately following that, Jim will head straight to Ukraine for five days. Pray for safety in travel and that he might know how best to support the leaders he meets there.

MONDAY 18

ECM IRELAND

From today, 18-22 August, ECM Ireland is involved in the Global Village at the Bangor Worldwide Mission event and on Friday 22 is hosting a seminar slot when we will 'fly' people by video to Athens to see the mission opportunities ECM is involved in.

TUESDAY 19

GERMANY: Jared and Verena Bradley in Heilbronn

Pray for us as a family that we would get into a good routine with the addition of Samuel. Pray for gospel opportunities here in Heilbronn and that God would open doors to speak the word of life to people. Please continue to pray for (Jared) language learning.

WEDNESDAY 20

SPAIN: B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Meco

Please pray for us as we head back to Spain from our Home Assignment today, August 20. Pray for good good-byes with our family and friends in the U.S.; for Miriam and Laura as they begin school less than a week later; for our hearts as we walk through the transition; and for God to help us see the ministry opportunities that He has for us in the coming months.





THURSDAY 21

ECM AUSTRALIA: Liz Mahanidis, Harvest Mentor

Today, 21 August, I am running a Missions Hub in Sydney for people interested in Missions. An ECM family will be sharing. Please pray that many will come and be inspired to GO. Pray for the people who will be sharing.

FRIDAY 22

HUNGARY: Vince Whiting in Budapest

Please pray for today, 22-23 August, when our group of international university student leaders are getting together for a 'leaders retreat', in which we will reflect on the previous school year, brainstorm for the upcoming year and begin implementing new changes or doubling down on successful ministry methods. Pray that God will be glorified in this planning process!

SATURDAY 23

SPAIN: Kike and Johanna Knol in Seville

Pray for the prison ministry where Kike is involved. Men are hungry for Jesus! Thank God for the 20 men that were baptized at the end of July. Pray for Veronica, a woman who is searching for God's truth and who is opening up a lot more. That she may find her peace in Jesus and make healthy choices from now on.

SUNDAY 24

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Anna Tovey, Candidate for Romania

As I begin partner development again, please pray specifically for wisdom to know which churches to approach to ask to partner with me as I prepare for ministry in Romania. Also pray for energy, enduring good health and encouragement as I juggle fundraising alongside my work, church and wellbeing commitments.



MONDAY 25

ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari

Please pray for our home assignment in the next months – that we can be a blessing and encouragement. For protection and open doors for the Desenzano church. We are still looking for a good long-term place for our services after selling our church building in September.

TUESDAY 26

CROATIA: Jonathan and Danijela Vukov in Varazdin and Novi Marof

In recent days, following a three-day street evangelism event in June, our seven-day summer camp with 95 participants has also come to an end. Glory to God for the opportunity to share the Gospel with people who heard it for the first time. Please pray that the seed of God's Word will bear fruit. Since July, we have been looking for a new place in the town of Novi Marof for our regular gatherings, so please pray that God would show us a good location in the city.

WEDNESDAY 27

SPAIN: Claire Morris in the Basque Country

Give thanks for God's provision and protection over my first 6 months; pray for ongoing progress with language learning over summer and for deepening friendships here.

THURSDAY 28

AUSTRIA: Madeleine and Samuel Schelkshorn in Bregenz

Praise God that our involvement and responsibilities at our new local church are taking form. Pray that we might serve the church according to our gifts and that our ministry might bear fruit. Please pray for an upcoming workshop we are preparing to empower members of the church to tell their testimonies in a relevant and Christ glorifying way.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

How will you use your vacation?
Summer break?
Gap year?
See the needs and opportunities in Europe for yourself and hear what God has to say to you!

Short-term can be anywhere from 2 weeks to 2 years. Serve alongside our long term missionaries and help share God's love with people who don't know Jesus.
We'll walk alongside you as you do.

For more information please
Contact your nearest ECM office for details



FRIDAY 29

GERMANY: Christiaan and Kseniya Kooiman in Hagenow

Praise God for open doors! We started a small ministry in one playground. Kseniya helps children with homework and does handcrafts. Christiaan cleans the garbage and plays with children. What a great opportunity to get to know children and their parents!

SATURDAY 30

SPAIN: Kike and Johanna Knol in Seville

Please pray for the people who suffer the heat of the Sevillana summer. We have often more than 40 degrees. Pray for our daughter Yaella: she wants to start a professional training in bakery. Pray for our housing, our 5 years renting period is ending soon.

SUNDAY 31

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

In October, David will conduct the wedding of Sylvia and Lukas. So far, we have met them twice for marriage preparation. Sylvia came to a number of our youth events as a teenager and much of what she experienced and heard is still with her, ten years later. They had already chosen some great Scripture readings and music for the wedding. Please pray for salvation for them and their families.

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