

European Christian Mission

October 2025

prayerdiary



WEDNESDAY 1

PORTUGAL: Shane McGloin in Coimbra

After welcoming students back in September, the focus for the next academic year with our new GBU committee will include small groups, weekly meetings, on-campus outreach, and possibly a spring missions week. I also hope to start a GBU international ministry in Coimbra; many students come from different countries, often short-term, and don't speak Portuguese, which can leave them feeling isolated. This ministry would reach them through friendship, invitations to GBU events, basic Portuguese classes, Bible studies or meetings in English, sharing the gospel, and supporting Christian students abroad. Please pray that the Lord will use me and others to reach these students effectively.

The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8

THURSDAY 2

NETHERLANDS: Roland and Carolien Smith in Renkum

Today, October 2, Carolien and I are leading a second safeguarding training workshop for members of the local church we attend. We pray that a good number of people would be well informed and that our mission as a safe church community would be enhanced.

FRIDAY 3

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Tomorrow, 4 October, David will conduct the service and preach, and Linda will pray a blessing, at the wedding of Silvia and Lukas. Silvia is the daughter of one of our neighbours who attended many of our youth events and often visited the Teebus many years ago. She has retained much of what she experienced and learnt back then. Please pray for salvation for Silvia and Lukas and their families. After the wedding we want to encourage Silvia and Lukas to find a church near to their home in Salzburg.



SATURDAY 4

FINLAND: K in Finland

Today, October 4, the annual ECM Netherlands Kick Bike Race will be held. Several people will ride on kick bikes as many kilometres as possible and that way raise funds. My team will raise funds for the publication of the Jesus Messiah cartoon book in three Saami languages. Please pray many will participate in donating for these costs, and that the picture book may bless speakers of Saami in getting to know the Lord.

SUNDAY 5

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

Please pray for our church community as we enter this new school year: that we would grow in our understanding of what the church is, that we would not only accept one another, but also be ready to serve with the gifts and talents God has given us. Pray that the *Serve* book we are studying would shape us into a serving community.

MONDAY 6

ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari

Please pray for all our travels during our home assignment, for health, strength and that we can be a blessing for all the people we will meet. Please pray for the church in Desenzano that after the selling of the church location we will find a good long-term solution. (We have a temporary/provisional location for the services.)

TUESDAY 7

GREECE: Giorgos and Luciana Christoforides in Athens

We praise God for the teens' sports camp! It was encouraging to witness growth in many campers' lives as they were impacted by God's Word! Pray for our recycling project: we have set up a workshop where we collect plastic waste and transform it into items like household goods, school supplies, tools, etc. We are excited about what lies ahead, and we ask God to bring the right people and for new work opportunities in the Roma community.

WEDNESDAY 8

USA: Dan and Anna Julian in Pennsylvania

Please pray for the students in Dan's *Fundamentals of Doctrine* 1 class at Spain's Evangelical School of Theology. Pray their study of God's Word draws them closer to Him.

THURSDAY 9

GERMANY: Jared and Verena Bradley in Heilbronn

Pray that the Lord would provide us with suitable housing in Tübingen and open doors when I begin with the BERG church. Pray also for Jared's health; he has had continual digestive problems over the last years. Pray for us as a family that we would stay close and faithful to Jesus as Satan loves to destroy workers.

FRIDAY 10

HUNGARY: Vincent Whiting in Budapest

I would like to ask for prayer for today, 10-12 October. Our university student group will have our annual 'Fall Retreat', where we leave Budapest and spend 3 days together hearing from God's word, worshipping him and spending time together over food and activities. We will be hearing from the book of 1 John over 4 sessions. Pray that students will be challenged, grow in their faith and re-enter the city in boldness for the gospel throughout the campuses of Budapest.

SATURDAY 11

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Praise the Lord for the support of a group of women in Macherio, my hometown, who have helped me bring my personal exhibition to life, taking place from 11-26 October. Please pray for me as I prepare: my paintings, the poems accompanying each piece, a booklet combining my watercolours and poems and, above all, my speech for the vernissage today, 11 October. May visitors be deeply touched by the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for Eleisa's family, especially for her son Noah.

SUNDAY 12

PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão

Today October 12, Portugal holds local elections. As residents, we are allowed to vote, even though not Portuguese citizens. Please would you pray for Mouranenses (and, indeed, all those eligible) to vote, and to vote wisely for the common good and not out of selfish interest.

Mike and Daveen
Wilson



In Portugal

MONDAY 13

SPAIN: Julia Mercer-Wilson in Llorenç del Penedès

From 12-19 October I will be attending a residential week of training for the start of my second year of a Spiritual Direction Course in Málaga. Pray that as God speaks I would hear and respond to Him. May I learn more about this discipline and may my relationship with God grow deeper and closer over the course of the week.

TUESDAY 14

SPAIN: Francis Arjona, Nathalie Farelly and Delyth Sutton in Pozoblanco

We are thankful for the improvements that have been carried out at the house and for the funds provided for the many tasks that needed to be done in order to start a new ministry at the Good Samaritan. Please pray with us for coworkers. We have service opportunities for housekeeper and maintenance worker as well as for a couple with experience of working with those suffering with anxiety and depression. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send out labourers in His harvest field.

WEDNESDAY 15

GERMANY: R and A In Berlin

We give all glory to God for our church's 5th Birthday Party! Please pray for more workers and the numbers in the church grow.

THURSDAY 16

ECMI: Jim and Christine Memory, Matt and Usha Reifsnider, Lausanne Movement

From today until 19 October, some 130 or so leaders from 30 national Lausanne movements will be gathering in Cullera, in Valencia, Spain. Jim and Usha are the Co-Regional Directors for Lausanne Europe, and this gathering will seek to foster and encourage collaboration both within and between countries. Pray for safe travel, for God to speak, and for real collaborative action to result from the gathering.

FRIDAY 17

AUSTRALIA: Rob and Monica Petrini in Croydon

Pray for Monica Petrini starting in the role of admin at ECM Australia: a steep learning curve and all those acronyms. For Peter Irvine taking on the finances of ECM Australia. For ECM Australia as we transition with new staff and new procedures and for Rod

Rob and Monica
Petrini



in Australia

and Abby Bishop as they leave ECM Australia. Thanks for the commitment and hard work, prayer for the new chapter ahead.

SATURDAY 18

ECMI USA: Jay Butler, Board Member

I ask for prayers regarding career direction. I recently resigned from my position at Seraph and am currently unemployed. I am praying for trust in God's plan and peace to wait on Him. Nina has been so supportive, and I am thankful to have a godly wife to support me in the unknown.

SUNDAY 19

POLAND: Szczepan and Kamila Cackowski in Mikołów

We are launching a basketball league in Piotrków, where we are planting a church. The league will feature six teams (ages 17+) sponsored by local businesses, directly involving companies in the project. Alongside the games, we will host alcohol-prevention sessions for teens and inter-school competitions like *Hype Games*. Our goal is to unite local government, businesses, schools, and families. From October through April, we will host eight events to build community, encourage healthy relationships, and share the gospel. Please pray for business owners not only to support the project financially but also to engage in outreach opportunities like Businessmen's Breakfasts and Sponsors' Getaways.

MONDAY 20

ECMI: Biennial 2027 Planning Team

Letters inviting tenders from hotels are being sent out now. Please pray that some hotels with suitable accommodation, conference, seminar and children's rooms respond, and at an attractive price. Please pray that it would be possible to visit suitable hotels in the autumn to assess them.

TUESDAY 21

GERMANY: Christiaan and Kseniya Kooiman in Hagenow

Thank God for one teenage girl who went with us to the summer camp. Afterwards, she said that people in the camp talked a lot about God, but she did not understand what that means. Please pray that God would talk to her heart in the way she can understand. Because He can!





WEDNESDAY 22

PORTUGAL: Andressa Indá in Portimão

Please pray for the health of my body and the strengthening of my emotions in Christ.

THURSDAY 23

SPAIN: Spanish Team Prayer Days

From today, 23-26 October, it's the Spanish Field Prayer Days. Please pray for this large field (about 60 missionaries plus children), held in Valencia. May we leave having encountered Jesus in a very real way.

FRIDAY 24

BRITAIN: Vidas and Rita Rimkai in Gloucester

We are starting a new season at Shalom House with a new member. We are thankful for the past year's spiritual growth and answered prayers. Please pray for boldness and stepping out in ministries, leading and sharing God's story with our friends.

SATURDAY 25

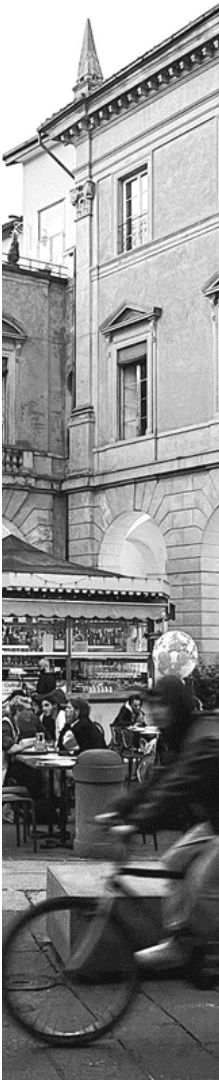
KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

We are praising the Lord for the restart of week meetings at the church. Children and youth ministry on Fridays will continue regularly. Pray for less pressure against children and teenagers because of their coming to the meetings. A special prayer is needed for the teenagers to come to Sunday Services. Peer pressure and hindrances from the families are quite strong. Pray for young adults to continue going to churches wherever they go out of Kosovo, as they leave the country for "a better life".

SUNDAY 26

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank

We give thanks for our Mental Health Seminar in September with church. The title was Finding Peace Amidst Anxiety. It involved a psychiatrist and psychologist from church as well as Colin as pastor. Pray that those who attended might know real help for their anxiety and real hope in peace of Jesus, including those who may be searching spiritually. Pray for wisdom for other topics.



MONDAY 27

CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Varaždin

Pray for us in the Varaždin, Novi Marof and Sesevete churches, that we minister well (preaching, leading worship and encouraging everybody), that new people come and become Christians. Pray also for our neighbours, especially 4 couples who we visit and witness to, that they open their hearts to Jesus.

TUESDAY 28

AUSTRIA: Samuel and Madeleine Schelkshorn in Bregenz

This month we are running workshops to help enable our church members to tell their story with Jesus to non-Christians in a relevant and authentic way. Please pray for us to run these workshops well and that what people learn might bear gospel fruit.

WEDNESDAY 29

ECM BRITAIN STAFF TEAM

Please pray for the home office staff working for the ECM Britain section as they have a team day together today, 29 October. As the majority work part-time and/or remotely, we are trying to have a day together every quarter to get to know each other better, to build on the unity of the team, and support each other in prayer. Please pray particularly for Astrid with her ongoing cancer treatment.

THURSDAY 30

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wison in Rovereto

Mid last month there was an after-church picnic for the sister churches at Rovereto and Trento. It has been a long time since we have done something together and it had to be postponed twice in the past year due to bad weather or other commitments. Give thanks for the wonderful time of fellowship together, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones, and pray that we will be able to repeat it in Spring.

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 31

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

We give thanks as we celebrated our 9th Birthday with Calvary Church Claremorris. We are nearing our final stages with the building and hope to sign off soon with the legal phase. Pray as we get to know some new people who have come along to church. For the ladies as Nicola meets up with many of them from week to week.

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