

European Christian Mission September 2025

prayerdiary



MONDAY 1

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank

Colin's Dad, Raymond, died on 28 July peacefully at home surrounded by his family. This was less than 3 months after a brain tumour and terminal cancer diagnosis. The sure hope of a heavenly home helped him through his last days. We give thanks for his life; his quiet wisdom and gentle strength; his desire to spend time and serve well. Please pray for us all as we journey on from here, especially for Pat, Colin's Mum.

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

TUESDAY 2

ROMANIA: Alex and Liz Preotesea-Wagner in Cernavoda

We'd love your prayers for the young people and leaders attending combined churches summer camp, 1-6 September. Please pray for their hearts to respond to the message of God's love as we explore the Prodigal Son story with messages guided by Tim Keller's Prodigal God book. Pray for one of our pastors, Vali, as he shares the message each evening. We have a number of young people who are really seeking God. We pray that this will be a transformative time for them. We look forward to building relationships deeper with them at this camp.

WEDNESDAY 3

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, Director

Tomorrow, 4 September, I will be sitting for a video interview for a podcast called 'Outside of Sundays'. Please pray for wisdom as I respond to each question.



THURSDAY 4

ECMI: Simon Marshall, International Director

Please pray for Simon and Dorit Marshall as they leave home tomorrow for three months of travelling. They will be in Ukraine for four weeks, and otherwise visiting Germany, Czechia, Sweden and the Faroe Islands.

FRIDAY 5

BRITAIN: Sarah Hay, HR and Member Care Manager

Please pray for Marc Hepton, his wife Jana and their 2 children as they move to Slovakia today, 5 September. Marc is seconded from ECM Britain to Trans World Radio Europe as a Project Manager, based in Bratislava. Please pray for them to settle in and find a new home quickly.

SATURDAY 6

CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Sesvete

Today, September 6, please pray for the African European Consultation for Church planting, Evangelism & Community Gospel in East London. Stephen accompanies Nigerian Pastor Samuel to meet with London pastors (some African, some British) and leaders of UK church planting ministries with the goal to mobilise missionaries in both directions and envision best church planting practices. Pray also for the Novi Marof church plant in Croatia as we relocate premises.

SUNDAY 7

PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão

We will be spending most of September in England, connecting with our family (youngest granddaughter's dedication; daughter's 30th and home church – Sutton Coldfield Baptist). Please pray for valuable conversations and clarity for the way ahead.

MONDAY 8

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid

Give thanks that Jane is now back to full health after a difficult few months. Rest and refreshment, first with her dad and then with Edgar and the boys were just what were needed. We are very grateful. Asier is now in Maastricht having started his exchange year from Exeter University and our elder graduate Gabriel (22) is job hunting in Madrid in a competitive workplace market. Finally,

we give thanks as Edgar and I celebrate 30 years married today, 8 September.

TUESDAY 9

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

We give thanks for good events with the church over the summer season and look forward to this "new" term in September. We have been busy with the building project and have made good progress. The legal requirements are almost complete and we are soon at the signing off stage. Our Bible study and Kids will start on 10 September. Pray too for our ladies' group as we meet up each month and go deeper with each other.

WEDNESDAY 10

ECMI: Mobilisation Leadership Team

The MLT meets at the beginning of each month. During our monthly meetings we discuss procedures, policies and actions that ensure we are all aligned well together and working together where we can. Please pray for ongoing unity and collegiality.

THURSDAY 11

NORTHERN IRELAND: Noah and Suzi Bartlett, Intercultural Ministries in Belfast

We thank the Lord for a wonderful day spent worshipping and feasting with a new Persian fellowship in Derry/Londonderry which began three months ago. For the opportunity to run the 'Healing the Wounds of Trauma' course which Suzi has longed to do for several years. Please pray for those who participated in the trauma course, that they will continue on their journey of finding healing in Jesus. For the opportunity to run another 'Healing the Wounds of Trauma' course later this autumn, particularly for people from a Muslim background.

Noah and Suzi
Bartlett



in Belfast

FRIDAY 12

PORTUGAL: Shane McGloin in Coimbra

Please pray for the beginning of a new academic year at the university of Coimbra where I am serving with the GBU. This year I am planning to begin a new international students ministry. Pray that the Lord will use and bless this project, both by drawing non-Christian's students to Himself and by encouraging students who are believers.

SATURDAY 13

GERMANY: Christiaan and Kseniya Kooiman in Hagenow

The biggest foreign group in our town are Romanians who come to Germany to work in fabrics and normally do not speak any word in German. On the playground we get to know many Romanian children and their parents. It is a great opportunity but also a big challenge to be able to communicate with them. Christiaan is now learning some basic Romanian, but it would be a blessing to have someone on our team who can speak well.

SUNDAY 14

ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari

The Desenzano church building is in the selling process. We have a momentary solution, but we are looking for a long-term solution. We are still searching for workers for the younger generation. Please pray that in our home assignment we can be a blessing and encouragement for the people we meet and for strength, health and wisdom.

MONDAY 15

SPAIN: Gabriella Turner in Madrid

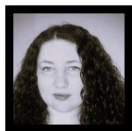
Give God the praise for my move into my Apartment on July 1 and for the housewarming on August 1. Praise God for Improvement in language acquisition (Spanish), also Holy Spirit led evangelistic moments with classmates. Pray that I would dig deeper into God's heart for the lost in Spain. Pray also for more connections for missions.

TUESDAY 16

CZECHIA: Martina Valchářová in Nový Jičín

Please pray for Czech prisoners. The first Czech prison will start to use APAC methodology which operates on the principles of restorative justice and Christianity. Convicts are housed in small prison communities, dressed in civilian clothes, and undergo a

Martina
Valchářová



in Czechia

demanding program that consists of full-time work engagement and education. Newly published Discipleship Explored for prisoners will be used there for prisoners who already went through the Prisoner's Journey course. Please pray for Gabriela Kabátová, director of Czech Prison Fellowship International, who is in charge of this project and currently undergoes lots of stress and prejudice, mainly from VDP – another Czech Christian organization working in prisons; so instead of unity and cooperation there is hostility.

WEDNESDAY 17

CROATIA: Jonathan and Danijela Vukov in Varazdin

Please pray for our family and for our church-planting ministry in the towns of northwest Croatia — Novi Marof and Križevci — where we are facing big challenges with finding suitable meeting spaces. In September, our son Noa is getting married, so please also pray for Noa and Mia, and for all the preparations. Finally, pray for our preparation and trip to the USA. Before we leave, we need to organize everything in our churches, in the youth project we lead — *House of Opportunity* — and in our NGO, *I Want Life*. This will be the longest we've ever been away from the ministry.

THURSDAY 18

USA: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Lynchburg

Praise God we are settling into our new home in Lynchburg VA. Pray for us as we learn new patterns of behaviour and ministry in this foreign country! Pray for clarity as we discern what God would have our intentional ministry involvement to be

FRIDAY 19

PORTUGAL: Eberson and Magdalena David in Montargil

Pray for the new school year of Beatriz and Isabela, who will enter their senior year of high school this September and for their study plans for after this year, in September 2026. Pray for the salvation of the families in Mora and Ponte de Sor, our two mission fields in the Alentejo region of Portugal. Pray for the legal registration of the CCBA (Baptist Christian Community of Alentejo) in Mora. Pray for an increasing reach of online services through Facebook and YouTube and for conversions to Christ Jesus. Pray for our physical health.



SATURDAY 20

GERMANY: Jared and Verena Bradley in Heilbronn

Pray for God's wisdom as we prayerfully consider moving to Tübingen to work with a new church plant. Pray that God will provide all the things we need for the move to happen. Pray for some good rest as I have had some very big weeks recently. Pray for a private German teacher or that I would find suitable German classes.

SUNDAY 21

USA: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Lynchburg

Please pray for M. One of "our" Maasai girls who is being tempted to leave God's way for her life. Pray for the Maasai pastor Mark who lives under constant threat over his life because he is accused of changing the culture.

MONDAY 22

SPAIN: Julia Mercer-Wilson in Llorenç del Penedès

Today, 22- 28 September, we will hold another intensive Spiritual Transformation Retreat in English in the Acueducto House. So far, we have participants from Finland, UK, Germany, the Netherlands, and the USA (but live in Germany). May God's presence be welcomed and experienced. May His will be done. Pray for emotional healing for each of the participants and a closer walk with God. Pray for energy, wisdom and compassion for us as Caregivers. Also pray we find someone who can help with the cooking!

TUESDAY 23

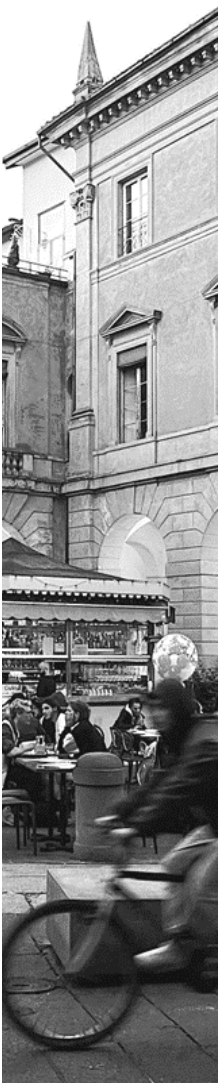
ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Continue to pray for Eleisa's family, especially that her son Noah will be touched and changed by Jesus. Pray for some paintings I have to prepare for some art competitions.

WEDNESDAY 24

ECMI: Ireland and Britain Cluster Leaders

Tomorrow, 27 September, please pray for Ally Holmes as she takes up the role of Member Care Facilitator and joins the Cluster Leadership Team. Pray for our meeting where we will consider ministry plans from different cluster members in order to give feedback and support in ministry guidance as a new year begins.



THURSDAY 25

SWEDEN: Gerard and Gerdine Willemsen in Hässelby

From today, 25-28 September, we have our annual conference in Uniting Church of Sweden (Equmeniakyrkan) with many representatives from our different congregations. We pray for God's guidance in decisions to make and inspiration to share the gospel.

FRIDAY 26

SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid

Please pray for young people we are walking alongside who are facing challenging waiting: R for a graduate job in architecture in Spain; colleague Anna, unexpectedly, for a new flat for October for her family; and G for finding a job in finance in Madrid. Pray as we encourage them and for God to show them his faithfulness

SATURDAY 27

NETHERLANDS: Roland and Carolien Smith in Renkum

Today, September 27, Carolien and I are leading safeguarding training 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.

SUNDAY 28

SWEDEN: Gerard and Gerdine Willemsen in Hässelby

Today starts a week of activities and meetings in our local church Triangelkyrkan. Focus will be on climate/environment: how we can live in God's creation in a respectful way. We hope to be inspired and encouraged to work together for climate justice. We also pray for those we meet with a heart for climate issues and do not know Jesus yet.

MONDAY 29

GERMANY: R and A in Berlin

We continue to pray for more workers to join us to build an ECM team in Berlin.

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
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TUESDAY 30

IRELAND: Geoff Donaldson, Director

The ECM Ireland Council meets today. Pray for wisdom in their deliberations and planning.

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