

European Christian Mission

April 2024

# prayerdiary



## MONDAY 1

### ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari

Our prayer is that God will touch the hearts of all the participants in our Easter creative courses. We need wisdom for the preparation of our exposition in May.

## TUESDAY 2

### GERMANY: Armando Jose Gutiérrez Berreondo in Schwerin

Pray for our youth as we are facing different problems related to mental health issues, drugs and alcohol. Pray that God will make our youth free and break this generational sin. Pray specially for P. a youth who has been admitted into a clinic, that he will know God and that God will restore him.

## WEDNESDAY 3

### CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Sesevete

It was pure joy to meet with 250 key Christian leaders from all the continents at the beginning of March at a Lausanne Conference in Batam, Indonesia. It was such an encouragement to share fellowship and vision together. I personally met with leaders from India, Nigeria and South America. Pray that missionaries would come to help us in Europe from these countries.

## THURSDAY 4

### AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Please continue to pray for our very dynamic Life Group, Life in Colour. Our last Zoom Bible study had 17 people from 8 different countries; managing group discussion was (as ever) challenging, with personality and cultural differences

**For God so loved  
the world that  
he gave his one  
and only Son,  
that whoever  
believes in him  
shall not perish  
but have eternal  
life.**

**John 3:16**



influencing how people wanted to contribute. We ran a team-building day with the group last month to consider these differences and how we might harness the diversity in the best way to serve the Kingdom. Thank you for praying.

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#### **FRIDAY 5**

##### **PORTUGAL: Steve and Lydia Cockram in Vila Nova de Gaia**

After Easter we're going to do a 3-day retreat at home with our young people, looking at how we relate with people who are different from us and how we disagree well. We've had a difficult few months as a church and so we're praying this will be a great opportunity for the young people to grow closer together and also to help them navigate an increasingly divided and polarised world for Jesus.

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#### **SATURDAY 6**

##### **FRANCE: Jack and Sarah Winterburn in Tours**

We're doing a worship evening today aimed at youth 11-18s; the youth will be in the band, sound desk, the preparation of other aspects, there will be a short preach also. Pray that young people would come and participate and be touched by the good news of Jesus.

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#### **SUNDAY 7**

##### **NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, ECM New Zealand Director**

I will be preaching and/or sharing at churches in Palmerston North and Levin from today, 7 April and 14 April. While in Palmerston North, I will also be meeting with an enquirer who is interested in serving in the Netherlands. Please pray for both services and all conversations I will have in those churches.

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#### **MONDAY 8**

##### **ECMI: Church For All**

Dr Ali Reeve (Albania) will be sharing on how traumatic events triggered anxiety in her life and the lessons she learned as a missionary, a mother and a doctor. Please pray for Ali as she speaks and helps to equip us as we reach out to others dealing with difficult situations in their lives.

## **TUESDAY 9**

### **PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão**

Please pray for the tensions between the large Roma community in Mourão, and the rest of the population. There has been a lot of robbery and violence. Pray for peace and for peacemakers on both sides.

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## **WEDNESDAY 10**

### **FINLAND: K. in Finland/Netherlands**

Give thanks for safe travels from Finland to the Netherlands, where Mid-April my post-Covid rehabilitation will start. Please pray with me for a good and effective rehabilitation, so I can return healthy to my service task in Finland.

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## **THURSDAY 11**

### **SPAIN: Edger and Jane Álvarez in Collado Villalba**

Esther in the Bible was called to deal wisely in difficult circumstances. Where has God called us to speak up? This season is seeing an unusually large interest in potential mission workers to Spain from various countries. Please pray for communication, coordination, and wisdom in these transitions.

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## **FRIDAY 12**

### **SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojevic in Zajecar**

Please pray for plans for the next Summer Camps and Conferences. Some dates are already filled and there are still free dates to fill up. The beginning of the activity is from May till the end of September. Pray especially for the camps for children with disabilities because they need more attention since they are the most needed group for attention and care.

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Branko and Rada  
Tihojevic  
In Serbia



## **SATURDAY 13**

### **GREECE: Giorgos and Luciana Christoforides in Athens**

Our Roma ladies concluded their weaving course and what a joy! They completed 6 weeks of teaching and learning how to weave. They were so pleased with what they achieved in such a short amount of time! We had a small

celebration and graduation where they received their certificates and the smiles on their faces were priceless! Thank you for joining us in prayer! We will have teams and volunteers in the coming weeks. Please pray for safe travels and for their time serving with us to be a blessing.

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#### **SUNDAY 14**

##### **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris**

We have an offer accepted on a suitable building, pending planning permission and raising the necessary finances for the Claremorris Building Project. Pray for the fundraising and practical aspects of the project. We give thanks for good outreach with the church at Easter and pray as we plan towards the summer months.

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#### **MONDAY 15**

##### **BULGARIA: Andrew and Kate Blackwell in Sofia**

From today 15-19 April, three ECMers will be participating in the Network Forum Conference in Málaga where they hope to build their understanding on Support Partnership Development. Please pray that the time will be beneficial for those attending and that they will then be able to pass this on for the benefit of all ECMI.

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#### **TUESDAY 16**

##### **GERMANY: Martin and Anja Teubert in Ribnitz-Damgarten**

Please pray of a group of 3 boys. Martin meets with them to do some outdoor-activities and teach them through biblical truth. All of them come from difficult homes.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 17**

##### **CROATIA: Jonathan and Danijela Vukov in Varazdin**

We are grateful to God for good beginnings and people who come to the new church "New Hope" in Novi Marof, Croatia. Pray for the conversion of friends of the church as well as for people with whom we are in contact who have not yet attended regular services. Pray also for the Alpha course

Jonathan and  
Danijela Vukov  
In Croatia



that started at the end of March, as well as for the upcoming seven-day Summer Camp on the Croatian coast, where we will lead about 30 friends of the church.

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#### **THURSDAY 18**

##### **ECM IRELAND: Geoff Donaldson, Director**

From today, 18 April, Sebastian Forjan will be in Northern Ireland connecting with their supporter network over a two-week period. Please pray.

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#### **FRIDAY 19**

##### **SPAIN: B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Meco**

Our first Wild at Heart men's weekend of the spring is today April 19-21, and this one is in a camp in the hills of Guadalajara. Please pray that the men who God wants to be there will be strengthened deeply in their relationship with Jesus, and that God's Father Heart will bring deep healing to wounds. Also, please pray for spiritual protection for our team (10 of us) and our families at home during the weekend.

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#### **SATURDAY 20**

##### **GERMANY: Christiaan and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin**

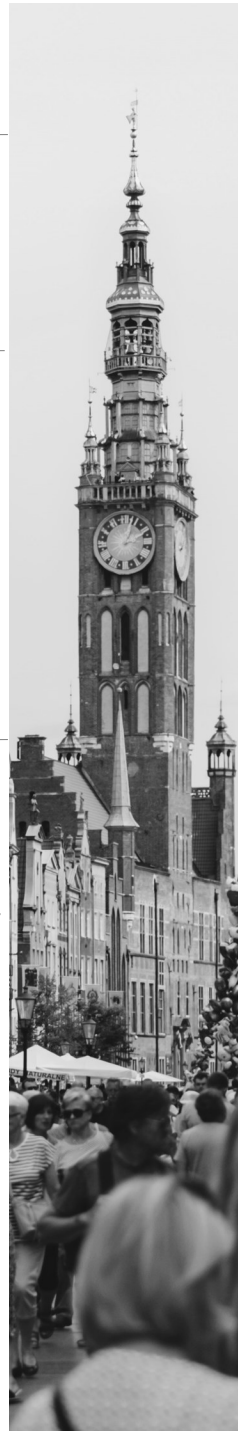
Jesus was accused of hanging out with drinkers and sinners. And so are we. There are people who not only talk bad about us but also try to do bad things for Patchwork Centre and our workers. Please pray for us.

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#### **SUNDAY 21**

##### **FINLAND: Pyry and Ani in Turku**

This Spring contains a lot of preparatory work so wisdom and discernment are needed for what is most essential. We will be coming together nationwide with more than 20 disciple-makers to learn together from each other's successes and failures. We also build relationships and spend time in prayer – a very important element in all of this. Pyry's focus will be on increasing coaching, in relation to the formation of teams and their functionality. Pray for wisdom and perseverance for Pyry and for Ani in finishing a project related to prayer.





## **MONDAY 22**

### **PORTUGAL: Cluster Leaders Meeting**

Today, 22 April, the Portugal Cluster Leadership Team will be meeting for a one-day retreat. Please pray that they will have wisdom and discernment as they seek to shepherd the missionaries in Portugal well.

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## **TUESDAY 23**

### **PORTUGAL: Eberson and Maria Madalena David in Montargil**

Pray with us so that the Gospel reaches the hearts of the Portuguese in the Alentejo region. Please also pray that the church in Mora will grow in grace, wisdom and quantity. Pray for the Evangelical Moral Education classes that will return in March at the schools in Ponte de Sor and Montargil where we work as teachers. Pray for Beatriz and Isabela, so that they can always give a good Christian testimony and through this their colleagues at school can come.

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## **WEDNESDAY 24**

### **ECMI INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Virtual General Assembly**

This evening, we are holding a Virtual General Assembly with business matters the membership needs to vote on. Please pray as we will be voting for the reappointment of Trustees for another term of service and for the appointment of a new President and Vice President. Pray especially for the IT to work well without technical problems. Even though this is a procedural type of meeting, pray we may have a real sense of God's presence with good support from the members.

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## **THURSDAY 25**

### **SPAIN: James and Carolynn Webb in Zalla**

Please pray for 'Casa Camino Antiguo' in Zalla (Basque Country, Spain) which is a new project to provide hospitality for pilgrims walking on the Camino de Santiago. Praise God that the renovation work is going well. Pray for the Aldana and Webb families as they get everything set up to receive pilgrims. Pray that the Guesthouse would be a place where many walkers encounter Jesus.

## **FRIDAY 26**

### **SLOVENIA: Bostjan and Lidija Cifer in Maribor**

From today, 26-28 April, Geoff Donaldson (ECM Ireland Director) and Rosaliene Donaldson (Coordinator of Disability Ministries Network) will be involved in the Maribor Church Retreat along with Bostjan and Lidija Cifer. Please pray.

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## **SATURDAY 27**

### **ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio**

Our exhibition of the artist group, which started on 13 April, finishes today, 27 April. It was on the theme of "the journey". Please pray for good feedback. I painted the journey of Jesus Christ from Heaven to earth and over the cross back to heaven. May I have many good conversations! Pray for my next painting on the theme of 'prayer'.

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## **SUNDAY 28**

### **SPAIN: Mauricio and Karina Aldana in Güeñes, Bizkaia**

We are very grateful to the Lord because the work for the operation of Casa Camino Antiguo (CCA) is completed this month. The Pilgrim season of the Camino de Santiago has begun during Easter, so we will have a CCA Opening Ceremony with some authorities and friends of the town. May we be Salt and Light of the Lord for the town and for the Pilgrims. May we offer hospitality with the love of Jesus. Thanks for your prayers!

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## **MONDAY 29**

### **SLOVENIA: Goran and Metka Macura in Domžale**

We have wonderful news. Dejan got saved and the whole church is celebrating the new birth. In April both Dejan and I are going to North Macedonia for evangelistic training. Please pray that we would use our gifts for evangelism in Slovenia.

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## **TUESDAY 30**

### **BRITAIN: Vidas and Rita Rimkai in Gloucester**

Pray for Shalom House vision day (sometime after Easter).  
Thankful for God being very real at Shalom House. People have been encouraged through honesty in the community. We are discovering that the communal discipleship is an exciting journey.

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