

European Christian Mission

May 2025

prayerdiary



THURSDAY 1

FRANCE: Jack and Sarah Winterburn in Tours

Please pray for the youth weekend from 2-4 May. It's my last year as deputy leader and the overall leader is also stepping down (in both cases due to moving regions within France). Pray for new and existing leaders to step into those roles. And of course, for youth to have a great time, make friends and meet with Jesus.

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

FRIDAY 2

SWEDEN: Gerard and Gerdien Willemsen in Enschede

Gerard and I travel to the Netherlands today, 2-10 May. We will visit ECM in the new office, meet some of our supporters and even family. Gerard's parents celebrated their 70 years of marriage during the Biennial. Please pray for this visit. We thank God for our supporters in prayer and finances who stand with us. Pray for our son who will be at home in Stockholm.

SATURDAY 3

NORTHERN IRELAND: Noah and Suzie Bartlett in Comber

Praise for S. an Iranian pianist who recently became a Christian; for two single mums Suzi has befriended who are so thankful to finally have someone with whom to talk; for Rafael our son learning to walk!!! Please pray for wisdom about Hope our daughter's schooling next year and for ongoing fruit from the Al Massira course that has come to an end.



SUNDAY 4

PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão

Please pray for us to have wise boldness in speaking of Jesus to those we have built relationships with in our area.

MONDAY 5

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris

We give thanks for the work that has started on the renovations for the new church building. Pray for safety and wisdom for any decisions that have to be made. As a church we will be thinking ahead to the summer months and plans for outreach and times of fellowship together.

TUESDAY 6

HUNGARY: Vince Whiting in Budapest

Please pray for the international students in Hungary as they complete their exams and, for some of them, their degrees. The government here recently made changes to the work visa, making it almost impossible for many international students to continue working here after finishing their degrees, forcing many to make the tough decision to go back to their home countries. Pray they may trust in the Lord, and that they may remember that 'humans make plans, but God has the final say'.

WEDNESDAY 7

GERMANY: Christiaan and Kseniya Kooiman in Hagenow

Please pray that God would send us a team.

THURSDAY 8

GREECE: Giorgos and Luciana Christoforides in Athens

Pray for the Arts Camp and for Giorgos who is directing it. Also, for the Roma kids who might participate and for Luciana who will be teaching a dance seminar. We are grateful for Giorgos' recovery after his surgery. Luciana's mum will need further treatment. Please pray for wisdom and direction while juggling ministry life and all the travelling

needed to support her mum. We are grateful for all the teams helping and serving with us during this month!

FRIDAY 9

SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana

Praise God for an encouraging Youth Away Day in March, where 24 young people from 4 different churches came together to think about the question 'Who is this Man?' from Mark's gospel. Please pray for me as I prepare to have elbow surgery very soon. Please pray for the surgery itself, but also for all the practicalities and limitations that come from having one arm immobilised for several months. Please pray for the people who will have to take on more responsibility as I recover.

Sarah Deacon
in Ljubljana



SATURDAY 10

ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Thanks to God, for helping me to finish some paintings. My painting of the Jubilee was well accepted at the Vernissage in April. Pray that it will speak to people visiting till September. Pray for an exposition on theme "The light" from today, May 10-18. Pray for God's intervention in Elias' family.

SUNDAY 11

SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica

We are in the midst of preparation for the summer Irish kids camp that we will organize together with the Irish team from Northern Ireland and the local youth centre. Pray for the planning time that we will prepare a good week of great activities to capture kid's hearts. Pray for extra national volunteers that will have time to help.

MONDAY 12

PORTUGAL: Emanuel and Francine Siqueira in Lisbon

We would like to ask for prayer for a large evangelistic mobilization that will take place in Lisbon, Portugal. This mobilization is bringing together most of the missionary agencies that are active in Portugal and many evangelical churches which starts May 15-17 to preach the gospel.

Gerard and
Gerdien Willemsen



In Sweden

TUESDAY 13

SWEDEN: Gerard and Gerdien Willemsen in Enskede

Please pray for me as I have my second operation for my hearing, tomorrow 14 May. The first bone conducted implant is in place and helps a lot. I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to have the second one done so soon. Pray that the operation will be successful.

WEDNESDAY 14

ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, National Director

Please pray for me today, 14 May, as I will be sharing about ECM with the students at Eastwest Bible College for Intercultural Studies. There has been a new intake of students that I have not yet met, so please pray for God to be at work in the lives of those he wants to consider Europe. Please also pray for me from 19-23 May as I will be teaching an intensive Course (at least two lectures a day) at Capernwray Bible College in Hamilton, NZ.

THURSDAY 15

AUSTRIA: Günter and Mallory Fugger in Wien

Please pray for Mallory today, 15 May, as she gives a workshop on caring for families walking through gender issues at a TCK conference.

FRIDAY 16

GERMANY: ECM Team in Schwerin

A young mother had a child in the Patchwork Centre who suddenly died at the age of 3 months. Please pray for the mother, father and also grandmother as they go through difficult times. Please pray that God would be close to them.

SATURDAY 17

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Please pray for Lars and Pascal as they search for ministry partners and building a support base for their ministry in the Lighthouse, a youth drop-in centre in Innsbruck.

SUNDAY 18

FINLAND: K. on home assignment in the Netherlands

Thank God for seeing colleagues again at the Biennial after a 7-year break. Due to post-Covid I couldn't attend two years ago. In May I hope my doctors can tell me what my rehab will look like, as it greatly impacts also how I can serve in ministry.

MONDAY 19

PORTUGAL: Ebersson and Magdalena in Montargil

Pray thanking God for Isabela's surgery in March. Pray that we can buy plane tickets to visit our family in Cordeiro RJ in July/August. Pray for the 13-week Explosive Evangelism course that we started in early March and for the young Portuguese couple that we have been discipling with weekly meetings.

TUESDAY 20

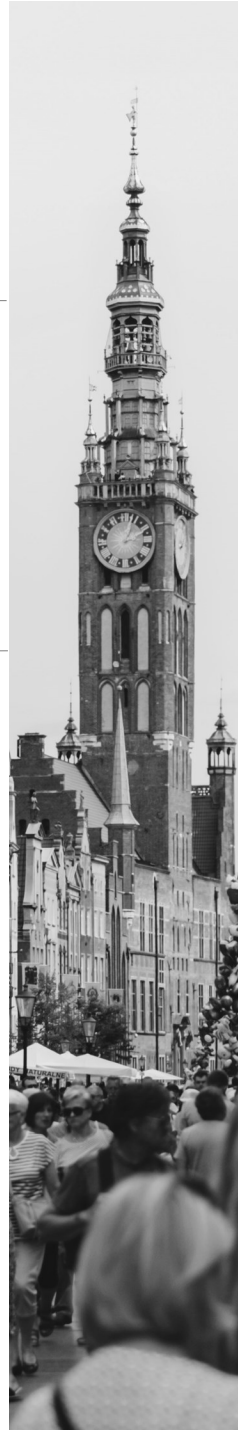
SERBIA: Rada and Branko Tihojevic in Zajecar

Please pray for Kamp Timok activities. In addition to our camps for children, teenagers and conferences, this coming summer it will be our special privilege to serve children with disabilities.

WEDNESDAY 21

BRITAIN: Vidas and Rita in Gloucester

We are praising God for our Shalom House spiritual growth and personal relationship with Jesus. A few people began to disciple their family members and turned up on Sunday at our local church. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work with us and guide us to people who need to hear the Good News. As the warmer season is approaching, we will be having more social events. We hope people will bring their friends and family.





THURSDAY 22

AUSTRIA: Samuel and Madeleine Schelkshorn in Bregenz

Praise God with us for the many good and long-time friends we can invite to our home after three years in Australia. Praise God for the many conversations we have had with work colleagues and friends about church, faith and God because of our time at Bible School. Please pray that God will give us wisdom in our conversations with friends, that we will be attentive listeners and loving in our relationships, and that God will connect us with the right people.

FRIDAY 23

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

Please pray for my son and daughter-in-law. Ethan and Sammy are expecting our second grandchild in October! We are super excited about a second grandchild. Pray for Sammy's health and the health of the baby. Pray also for Ethan as he becomes a first-time dad.

SATURDAY 24

IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Ferrybank

Please pray for the next of our seminars on wellbeing and relationships today, 24 May, which is entitled 'Marriage Matters' and will be led by Colin Creighton from Soulstory.ie. We were encouraged by the number who came to our last seminar on Depression, seeing a good mix from the community and other churches. Please pray for wisdom and compassion for Colin and Ally as they give pastoral support to a number of people currently.

SUNDAY 25

ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Rovereto

Pray for S and V, who will be baptised today, Sunday 25 May. It has been great to see them mature (together with their daughter M) since they turned up in church about a year ago, and since then to have them as friends, and also in the church's music group.

MONDAY 26

PORTUGAL: Shane McGloin in Coimbra

Thankful for some new opportunities for one-to-one discipleship - Timon (Erasmus student from Holland at Coimbra University), Juan (Rocha Nova church). Please also pray for faithfulness in life and ministry.

TUESDAY 27

KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja

We praise the Lord for the outdoor Evangelism we had as a church two days before Easter. We gave literature and spoke to people about Easter and our faith. We are grateful to God for the Easter Service and the picnic after it for church people and guests. Pray for church members to be active in May following up those who showed interest in Christianity. Adile's health is up and down although her blood tests are not bad at all.

WEDNESDAY 28

SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojevic in Zajecar

Please pray for two camps of six days each and two one-day picnics for children from our town during the summer. Please pray especially for all these children who come from families who have never heard the Gospel. Also pray for guidance, protection and funds needed to run all camps.

THURSDAY 29

AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach

Linda continues to mentor Viktoria, a lady who is part of the Lviv team, meeting with her every three weeks or so. She will be leaving ECM in the summer. In order to support Roman, our Cluster Leader, and to provide cover for Viktoria, another couple has been approached about joining the ECM team in Lviv – Roman and Yara Keno. We both plan to travel to Ukraine in May to move these ideas forward.

PERSONNEL OPPORTUNITIES

See the opportunities in Europe for yourself and hear what God has to say to you!

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FRIDAY 30

GERMANY: Richard and Ali Maegraith in Berlin

Please pray for the Lord to establish an ECM team where we are serving.

SATURDAY 31

GERMANY: Jared and Verena Bradley in Heilbronn

Pray for safe delivery of baby, expected June 4. Pray that I, Jared, would be able to find a side job to help with our lack of support as well as building connections in the community. Please also pray for guidance as we seek out other opportunities to serve in Germany.

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