

European Christian Mission

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# prayerdiary



## FRIDAY 1

### USA: Jay Butler, ECMI USA Board Member

I ask for continued prayers for me and my kids, Emalee, Ethan and Erin, as we grieve the sudden loss of Nina. And also, for me as I continue to navigate all the legal and paperwork requirements. Thank you to all who have prayed, sent cards and other notes.

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## SATURDAY 2

### ITALY: Susanne Stoehr in Macherio

Thank God for good conversations at the light exhibition in March! Pray for my preaching on inner lightness and freedom with two paintings of mine on today, 2 May, and for a preaching at an exposition on May 31. Pray for Alessandra a journalist that got in contact with me through art that God may touch her in the heart and for her conversion.

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## SUNDAY 3

### ECMI: Anne Hudson, Chair of Board of Trustees

Please thank God for a good meeting of the International Board together with meetings and workshops with the International Director's Team, at Heathrow recently. It was great to be encouraged about the work of ECMI missionaries, have productive discussions and workshop time on the Memorandum and Articles review, as voted for at the last General Assembly. Please continue to pray for the International Trustees, for God's wisdom and direction in all that is done.

**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*



#### **MONDAY 4**

##### **CZECHIA: Martina Valchářová in Nový Jičín**

Pray for Pastor Tomáš Mojžíš and the blossoming multicultural church Remedy in Poděbrady. In a nation where 99% remain unreached, this intergenerational community is a rare beacon of hope. As they outgrow their space, pray for a new, larger building, not just a hall, but a functional hub for ministry. May this foundation stand firm, serving as a vital "Body of Christ" and a lasting spiritual home to transform one of the world's most secular regions through God's love.

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#### **TUESDAY 5**

##### **ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, National Director**

Please pray for our son, Shaun Cotter, as he underwent major surgery on 30 April. We ask for your prayers for his recovery and for a smooth and speedy healing process.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 6**

##### **CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Sestete**

Today, 6-9 May, we travel to Tuzla, Bosnia, to the Gospel Workers Gathering, with many Balkan Pastors meeting with Pastors from Ireland for encouragement. Please pray. Pray also for Novi Marof evangelism: Saturday mornings children's club and Friday evening church. In April we had a fantastic Easter Quest evangelism for families and some 40 attended. Pray for good follow up.

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#### **THURSDAY 7**

##### **SPAIN: Kike and Hanneke Knol in Sevilla**

Please pray for our family as we consider moving to northern Spain, asking God to guide us as we begin this new chapter. Pray that we clearly hear His voice and follow His plan every step of the way, and that He provides a home for us in the north. Pray for our older children as well, that they find a place to live in Sevilla while completing their studies. We thank God for the prison ministry Kike is part of: please pray for the man who recently gave his life to Jesus, that he continues to grow in his faith. Also pray for our marriage ministry, that couples would grow, mature, and make healthy, biblical decisions, and for opportunities to counsel non-believers, that they would come to know God.

## FRIDAY 8

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

In our youth group, there's a Hungarian girl. We'd like to get better contact with her father. Some time ago, he suggested cooking Hungarian food for the youth group. But since then, he's cancelled every time. Please pray that it'll work out, that he'll cook for us and we get good contact with him.

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## SATURDAY 9

### **ECM NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, National Director**

Today, 9 May, I will be running a missions table at a 'Missions Day' in Dunedin. This event is a collaboration of a number of mission organisations. Please pray that I will connect with those attending whom God is calling to serve in Europe. I will be sharing in the services at Hope Church.

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## SUNDAY 10

### **SLOVENIA: Sebastian and Gloria Forjan in Radovljica**

Please pray for a joint gathering today, 10 May, where more than eight Evangelical churches (EKC) from Slovenia will come together. Ask God to deepen our relationships and help us grow in unity, recognizing that we belong to one family that Jesus is building. Pray that this time would strengthen our partnership in the gospel, and that we would move forward together with renewed courage and clarity in the mission to which the Lord Jesus has called us.

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## MONDAY 11

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

Please pray for Rada, after surgery of breast cancer, will have to receive eight chemotherapy sessions. Also, for Tamara, after the surgery will have to receive radiation therapy. We are trusting the Lord Jesus for protection and guidance, to persevere and be challenged to move on in the ministry.

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## TUESDAY 12

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

Nicola would appreciate prayer as she hopes to meet up with a few women to read through the gospel of John together. Some of these women are new to Bible reading and want to go deeper in their faith. Our son David will have finished his training and have

Branko and  
Rada Tihojevic



in Zajecar

his official passing out for the Irish police force this month. We thank God for His leading and appreciate prayer for continued safety in placement.

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### **WEDNESDAY 13**

#### **SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid**

Only God can bring a job for R1 and R2. R1, only 6 months in her first job and R2 in his end of career unable to find work. Only God can bring comfort to K1 with ongoing fibromyalgia battles and K2 passing her 22nd chemo for brain tumours that sit there. Only God can comfort M who can't move on from being widowed or J who feels her marriage is unsalvageable. These are friends, colleagues and church members who we move among from week to week. Thank you for praying. Please ask God to move them closer to him and for us to walk with them in faith and love and hope.

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### **THURSDAY 14**

#### **FRANCE: Jack and Sarah Winterburn in Saint Brieuc**

Today, 14 May, please pray for our inter-church day in Brittany and for harmony between local churches.

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### **FRIDAY 15**

#### **ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wison in Rovereto**

This month we have both organised some events. Today, 15 and 16 May, there will be two days of the counselling course that Pinuccia has organised. Then on 23 May there will be the next meeting for parents of neurodiverse people that Richard organises, where we will be concentrating this time on building relationships between the people who come.

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### **SATURDAY 16**

#### **PORTUGAL: Shane McGloin in Coimbra**

We are seeing some new students coming along to the GBU meetings after the missions week, so please pray that we would continue to welcome new students during the remainder of the semester, especially non-Christians. I am hoping to begin an English Bible study for international students after the Easter break, so please pray that we would get enough people along to start. Definitely lots of encouragements after the missions weeks. Sometimes it is hard to know where a student is spiritually until you spend a few weeks getting to speak with them more, so please pray for wisdom as we get to know the new students.

Shane McGloin



in Coimbra

## SUNDAY 17

### **CROATIA: Jonathan and Danijela Vukov in Novi Marof**

We thank the Lord that a solution for space for church services for the new church in Križevci is becoming increasingly clear, even as we continue to seek a solution for worship services in Novi Marof. We thank Him for last weekend in Novi Marof and the “Easter Quest” activity, where more than 30 parents and children gathered. We pray for all these hearts to be open, to connect more deeply with us, and to experience God’s love in fellowship. We also pray that they would gladly respond to future gatherings and that the Lord would continue to guide and bless this beginning.

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## MONDAY 18

### **ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari**

We plan an outdoor Installation on the topic of the heart the last week of May in our city park. We still need a permission. Please pray for good ideas, strength, safety and for craft-ideas for the kids in the afternoons. That God will give us good conversations with the people and that he can touch the hearts of people. Please pray for a Nigerian man who lost his wife recently with two little kids. We really need a miracle to find solutions for all the practical problems.

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## TUESDAY 19

### **ROMANIA: Adi and Jennifer Grocott in Timisoara**

Thank God for an encouraging collaboration with a small church plant in Moșnița Nouă, the village that we have recently moved to. Pray for relationships to grow between our family and members of this small but growing group.

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## WEDNESDAY 20

### **NETHERLANDS: Roland and Carolien Smith in Renkum**

Please join with us in praying that the refugees we meet in the area here would open their hearts to God.

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## THURSDAY 21

### **SPAIN: Gabriella Turner in Madrid**

Please pray for clarity with future ministry opportunities, rest during busy season, contentment and joy in this season and visible impact on lifestyle changes.



## **FRIDAY 22**

### **AUSTRIA: Mike and Esther Kirkpatrick in Salzburg**

Please pray that our 13-year-old daughter, Annabelle, will attend the ECM Teens Camp in July, because she hears that other ECM teen friends are going to this Camp. Praise the Lord that now there are several new Bible Study groups for women. Please pray that men in the church will begin to want to be part of a small Bible Study group.

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## **SATURDAY 23**

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

Today, 23-24 May, we are taking our teenagers and young adults to another church for the weekend. Pray that they would make friends and it will be a great opportunity to grow their faith.

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## **SUNDAY 24**

### **FRANCE: Marc and Jody van Eijden in Tours**

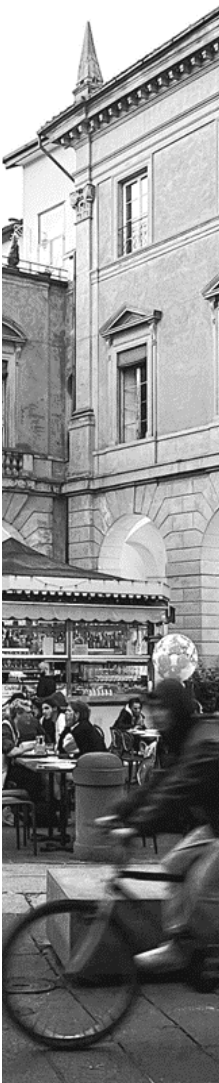
Pray for wisdom for Marc as he is looking after 5 local churches (Tours, Loches, Chinon, Langeais, and Saintes), training their councils and leading the congregations through challenging times. Pray too for safety on the road as he visits these churches. We are grateful for our 2 boys who are doing well. Pray for guidance for Jan-Willem, 23 years old, as he is starting his M.Th. in seminary and is considering ministry possibilities. Pray for guidance for Jack, 20 years old, as he has to decide where to do his master's in history. Pray too for his witnessing to his classmates that it will be Christlike. Pray for Jody for good health and a good Christlike witness to her Chinese Buddhist friend.

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## **MONDAY 25**

### **SPAIN: Edgar and Jane Álvarez in Madrid**

Give thanks for new small groups starting in our Madrid church. Pray for wisdom for the leaders as they navigate how to plan for the summer and God to speak and guide. Edgar works with BJ and R in an executive team leading ECM Spain. Pray for protection and wisdom as they support local teams across Spain with varying personal and mission work needs.



## **TUESDAY 26**

### **ROMANIA: Oliver and Donia Crispin in Zărnești**

Praise the Lord for all of those who prayed for our travel to Romania! We have safely arrived! Even though we had two different plane tickets cancelled due to the war in Iran we were able to make it to the ECM AUS/NZ conference in Italy. Pray as we begin to adjust to life in Romania; it is a lot of change for the whole family. Pray as we look for a good, reliable car for our family and are also needing to furnish our new place.

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## **WEDNESDAY 27**

### **NETHERLANDS: K in the Netherlands**

I'm thankful for a good time in the UK and Ireland in March-April. I had to practice driving on the left, which after one week started to go quite well, which is great. I had the chance to practice thoroughly, as I visited several ECM teams in both the UK and Ireland. It was really good to hear how and what the teams are doing, praise God.

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## **THURSDAY 28**

### **NORTHERN IRELAND: Noah and Suzi Bartlett in Belfast**

Praise that around 80 Arabic and Persian speakers came to our Easter party, heard the Gospel and went home with a gospel of Luke in their language. Pray for two Iranian young men who were baptized on Easter morning and for growth in discipleship of young Persian believers. Many love Jesus but don't know who He is. Also for the two weeks we'll spend as a family serving Afghan people seeking asylum on Samos Island. That the four of us can be a blessing to the ministry and those attending the programs.

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## **FRIDAY 29**

### **SPAIN: Andy and Andrea Warner in Barcelona**

Praising God for M who I (Andy) met 5 months ago who has become a Christian and who is getting baptized in May. Also praising God for the successful 'launch' of the new Vineyard Barcelona site in Sant Feliu de Llobregat.

## **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!

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### **SATURDAY 30**

#### **USA: Dan and Anna Julian on Secondment, serving in Spain and Latin America**

Praise God with us for an excellent trimester at Spain's Evangelical School of Theology! The Doctrine 2 students did well, and the consistent feedback was that this was a fruitful time of drawing closer to God. Pray as Dan improves class materials and seeks an adjunct to help with the grading so he can give more time to engaging with the students. Pray also for Anna's language exchange with an incoming teammate.

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### **SUNDAY 31**

#### **ROMANIA: Anna Tovey in Timisoara**

Praise God that I arrived safely in Europe and was able to attend the ECM AUZ/NZ retreat. Please pray for me as I settle back into life in Timisoara after 16 years and start a refresher course in Romanian. Please continue to pray for the paperwork to be gathered for the long-stay religious visa and for the application to go smoothly. This will be done in the UK.

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