

since last March. And can you thank the Lord for the non-Christians who are coming?’

23 GREECE, Ioannina - Leonidas & Irene Kollaros: ‘Churches are still closed in Greece and restricted measures are still in force - conditions which make the work of the Gospel and evangelism difficult. Nevertheless we have some opportunities to witness in places where mostly men congregate. We feel sorry for these people as we see them living in darkness and superstition. Initially we try to befriend people in the hope that we will have some opportunity to tell them something about Christ the Saviour. Pray that we may not miss openings.’

24 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki: ‘We are truly grateful that churches are allowed to remain open in this lockdown. Not many come in person but to those who do it is a lifeline. We continue to livestream as well, and we have a good audience online. As personal meetings are impossible, our ministry is now shifted mainly to phone calls. People are very grateful to be asked how they are doing and how we could pray for them. Please pray that both of us would have patience to listen to people and wisdom how to lead the conversations to Scripture that may be of spiritual benefit to people.’

25 POLAND, Siedlce - Adam & Dagmara Urban: ‘Please pray for new people who attend the church - Kinga, Weronika and Elwira. All are young women aged 21-30. We meet with them regularly studying the subject of the Gospel and conversion. They faithfully attend the services.’

26 ITALY, Budrio - Stefano & Jenny Mariotti: ‘We have been able to re-start our club for teenagers so are very thankful for the help from Budrio social services in enabling this to happen even

though we are still under Covid restrictions. We would value prayer as we start small group Bible studies with the whole church. The idea is to encourage personal Bible reading. At the start, Stefano will lead the group of men and Jenny the groups of women, but the idea to train up others in the process to be able to lead small group studies. We would value prayer too for others to come alongside us in the work here in Budrio.’

27 POLAND, Żywiec - Dawid & Agnieszka Koziół: ‘Give thanks for the progress with gas pipes for the church. There is a hope that in February we will have the gas installation complete. We continue the work with the building. It is very likely that we will be able to open it before summer. Please pray for Henryk (retired brother) who for almost four months has struggled with some serious health problems. He has had a series of tests this month which will hopefully give the answer to his health problems.’

28 UK - Church Partnership Coordinator, Martin Tatham: ‘Could I please ask for prayer as we prepare for the online Spring conference, that this would be encouraging and informative, and lead us to be more constant in prayer.’

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Prayer Diary



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‘For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever; He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid.’
(Psalm 112 v 6-8a)

EUROPEAN MISSION FELLOWSHIP

“Meet Our Missionaries” video February 2021 (Michael & Ariëtte Robinson)

<https://vimeo.com/channels/emf>

1 GREECE, Patra - Evangelos & Georgia Sikoutris: ‘Please pray for Kostantina, a young girl, for her to go on with the series of our Bible lessons by correspondence and for her to continue coming under the sound of the Gospel in our church’s regular meetings.’

2 UKRAINE, Kyiv - Vitalii & Liudmyla Mariash: ‘Please pray for full recovery for my wife as she broke her leg. Pray as I prepare for a new course to teach in March on Theology of Ministry. I need a lot of time and energy to prepare it on time. Also, remember me on 14th February at the ordination service. Pray that the Lord would give wisdom and strength to serve Him and the church as a pastor.’

3 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch: ‘We would appreciate your prayers for the church in Palma. It’s now around six months since Vivienne and I left, and the church doesn’t yet have a new full-time pastor. Covid has complicated the search process. But the Lord has continued to bless the church in many ways.’

4 GREECE, Athens - Stathis & Ruth Yfantidis: ‘The days go by, the world is in turmoil, but God is still working. A few weeks ago, a random girl from the neighbourhood called the church and asked when we were going to start our church services. The day came when the government allowed the churches to open, although with very strict rules. Kelly, the girl, was really excited about coming to church, but she didn’t make it in the end. Please pray for her as she has attended some online meetings, but we haven’t had the chance to meet her personally.’

5 SPAIN, Ciudad Real & Cuenca - Xavi & Paty Pérez Patiño: ‘Due to Covid restrictions, the youth group at the church in Ciudad Real is now gathering virtually. We recently discussed one of the questions dropped into the suggestion box—Can a person be saved if he is not chosen to be part of the people of God? Please pray for God to open their hearts as we teach them.’

6 GERMANY, Utzenfeld - Tim & Deb Brooks: ‘Give thanks that we are still able to meet for services, although we are not allowed to sing and must wear medical masks. Also thank the Lord that He is bringing people to the services. Please pray for our son Tom as we try yet another form of treatment. We have a friend who is an IBS nurse and has offered to try and help.’

- 7 POLAND, Włocławek - Krzysztof & Aneta Rutkowscy:** 'We would like to thank you for your prayers when we were going through Covid. I have recovered from it pretty well but Aneta needs more time. We just pray we shall not have any long term effects of this disease. Pray for us to have energy and wisdom needed as we progress with our church plant and book work in 2021.'
- 8 SPAIN, Alcázar de San Juan - José & Virtudes Moreno Berrocal:** 'Pray for Julián, Gloria, M. Jesús, Jose, Marcelino, Lorenza and Francisco, people who have not made a profession of faith but who are coming along to Sunday meetings. Pray for the Sunday School children. We have returned to in person meetings with them. Pray for the teenagers group. They are able to meet in the same way as well.'
- 9 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Matt & Judith Hill:** 'On 10th February, the Administrative Board of EP will hold their annual meeting by Zoom. The most challenging matter will be setting a realistic, but workable budget for this year. Please pray for wisdom in all the decisions that are taken. Please continue to pray for Jacob's health as hopefully he will be operated on for his Crohn's this month.'
- 10 FRANCE, Carcassonne - Tony & Barbara Hynes:** 'Praise God for the gracious privilege of marriage. Pray for our ongoing contacts with immigrants (Sunny from Pakistan, Samara from Azerbaijan, Garik from Armenia). Pray for Simon who is Jewish, older than us and afraid of dying.'
- 11 UK, Northern Ireland Representative - Phil Dunn:** 'Pray for the EMF staff team as we continue to develop our online engagement with supporters. Pray that interest in our online deputation meetings, monthly webinars and social media posts would inform and inspire our existing supporters and enable us to connect with a new younger generation too.'
- 12 PORTUGAL, Sines - Rogério & Sónia Ramos:** 'Today I want to introduce you to Liliana. She is a contact of the elder Vieira. For a few months she had been coming to church. Often, she has at the end of the service come out in tears. We are happy as God is working in her life. In the past two months she has brought her husband with her, and on a Sunday she had also brought her two sons. Pray for this family that they may be reached by God.'
- 13 CZECH REPUBLIC, Nové Město nad Metují - Jan & Lucy Hábl:** 'Only 15 people can gather in the pandemic situation, so we have started to hold two services on Sundays. Every two weeks we have a special service for our youth, which is different and youth friendly. We don't want them to lose the habit of attending services. It has been so successful, we plan to do it regularly even after the pandemic is over as it has an evangelistic potential.'
- 14 FRANCE, Marseille - Richard and Barbara:** 'The curfew has been brought forward from 8pm to 6pm which shortens the time we have with the families we visit. Pray that we may still be able to give practical help to the children with their studies and bring a brief Bible message in the short time available. Pray particularly for Amanda. She had very little education but is quite a business woman, sending containers of goods back to her island. This trade is the cause of much concern; as are the problems in her large family. Her many cares highlight her need of the Saviour. The enemy would use these cares to choke the Gospel. Please pray.'
- 15 BELGIUM, De Panne - Michael & Ariëtte Robinson:** 'We are looking around for training opportunities for some of our young people, who may be taking on more responsibility in the church in the months and years ahead. Pray that the Lord would give us wisdom in these matters. Please also pray for two young people whom we have baptised in the last few years. Lucas is going on well with the Lord and we have high hopes that he can take on more responsibility in the church in the future. Please pray that he will continue to grow in the Lord. By contrast, Wendy seems recently to have lost her way spiritually and is struggling. Please pray the Lord would draw her back to Himself.'
- 16 GREECE, Volos - Evropi Tzelis:** 'I am waiting for travel restrictions to be lifted so that I can visit my doctor for my eyesight. I still have the opportunity to encourage people over the phone which is my only way to minister to other Christians in other places or Christians who are isolated and have no church fellowship.'
- 17 UKRAINE, Ternopil - Volodia & Oksana Kostyshyn:** 'We would like to say a word of appreciation to all who took part in the Help for Happy Wheels project. We praise God for all who participated with their finances, prayers or otherwise. We pray that this ministry might work as a good means of God's goodness towards people in need. The new minibus is now running on the streets of Ternopil and is a part of the ministry of Grace Church to people with disabilities. Pray also for moving forward with the sensory room project, that it will be properly installed and might be another tool in our evangelistic activity.'
- 18 PORTUGAL, Sines - Rogério & Sónia Ramos:** 'Ismael, a young Guyanese, started to attend our church meetings a year ago. He was sometimes here to live and work, other times in Lisbon. He got to know our church library, and started reading reformed literature. It has been a joy for him to hear of the doctrines of grace. He and his wife are now attending church when they can come to us. He has also brought his sister and nephew with him. Pray that he will have more opportunities to be in the church.'
- 19 SPAIN, Ciudad Real & Cuenca - Xavi & Paty Pérez Patiño:** 'We are thankful to the Lord for the life of a young married woman named Angela from the mission point church of La Solana who is showing the marks of true conversion. Please pray for her husband and three children (all of them unbelievers), and also for God to help her to restore the relationship with her parents-in-law.'
- 20 SPAIN, Almuñécar - Manuel López Franco & Alba Ortega González:** 'Pray for the new radio advert that we are renewing. May they arouse the curiosity of the listeners and move them to seek the local church and the Lord. Pray for Ulises, a man who regularly visits us, who suffers from an illness that causes him to lose consciousness. He has listened to our radio programmes and is seeking the Lord. Please pray for his conversion. Pray also for the food distribution, that some of the families may come to know the Lord.'
- 21 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, Roscommon - Eugen & Claire Peters:** 'We thank the Lord for his grace and help in the last months and weeks. Please pray for my theological studies and for unity and wisdom for our church in these Covid times.'
- 22 SPAIN, Madrid - José & Anna De Segovia:** 'Could you pray for those who have not been able to attend the church