

**29 GERMANY, Utzenfeld - Tim & Deb Brooks:** 'Give thanks that Deb has had opportunities to talk to her Iranian student about the Lord. Please pray that God will work in his heart. Please pray that Esther might be able to get an apprenticeship at a bakery not too far away if this is God's will. Her application to the one here in the village was rejected. If God has other plans for her life, pray that she might know His leading. Praise the Lord that since the carol service, several folk have been attending services. They are Christians who would normally go to other churches which are not currently meeting because of Corona.'

**30 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Matt & Judith Hill:** 'Jacob continues to progress well and can already see some benefits from his operation - pray that he will continue his recovery and that he may also find work soon.'

**31 GREECE, Ioannina - Leonidas & Irene Kollaros:** 'There is some concern over how the deprivation of Christian fellowship for such a long time will affect our people spiritually. These Covid restrictions may prevent us from carrying out our normal activities but God can still work in people's hearts and that is our prayer.'

#### Online Zoom deputation meetings:

Please pray for the following deputation meetings that are taking place this month. Pray for José Moreno as he shares about his ministry, that the churches may be encouraged at what the Lord is doing across Europe and they would grow in their missionary vision.

**José Moreno Berrocal, Alcázar de San Juan:**

**3rd March** - midweek meeting at Welwyn Evangelical Church, Welwyn

**7th March** - Sunday evening worship service at Tinshill Free Church, Leeds

**9th March** - Midweek meeting at North Preston Evangelical Church, Preston

**11th March** - Midweek meeting at Dudley Baptist Church, Dudley

**14th March** - Sunday evening worship service at Hook Evangelical Church, Surbiton

**16th March** - Midweek meeting at Hayes Town Chapel, Hayes

**17th March** - Midweek meeting at Word of Life Church, Shepshed

**25th March** - Midweek meeting at Geneva Road Evangelical Baptist Church, Darlington

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# Prayer Diary



## MARCH 2021

*'Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.'*  
(Romans 8 v 26)

### EUROPEAN MISSION FELLOWSHIP

**"Meet Our Missionaries" video March 2021 (Krzysztof & Aneta Rutkowsky)**

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

- 1 ITALY, Budrio - Stefano & Jenny Mariotti:** 'We would value prayer for three families in our church where there has been the loss of work due to Covid. In particular for Tony, Grazia and Danny that the Lord may provide work and help these families in the meantime.'
- 2 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Matt & Judith Hill:** 'Editorial Peregrino will hold their annual Administrative Board Meeting on 2nd March. Pray for wisdom as we plan in very uncertain times.'
- 3 UK, HQ - Church Partnership Coordinator, Martin Tatham:** 'Please pray for the preparations for the EMF conference on 13th March - and also for our ongoing engagement with supporting churches under continuing restrictions.'
- 4 SWITZERLAND, Sion - André & Marianne Rentmeister:** 'We praise the Lord that we recovered quite well from Covid, some side effects remain. Please pray with us for "our children born between two pages of the Bible", and as young adults leave or left the church and all spiritual interest they had shown before. May the Lord give wisdom to the parents!'

- 5 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis & Viki Topaloglou:** 'Pray for us, as we have started renovating our facilities that we will use for the purpose of our mercy ministry. The first step of the encouragement that God gave us some properties is in the past. Now we are facing the challenges of trying to restore an old building into its original state. This makes me think how exactly God is doing the same thing with us. Pray for wisdom for the right decisions and for the resources we will need in our next steps.'

- 6 CZECH REPUBLIC, Nové Město nad Metuji - Jan & Lucy Hábl:** 'In our church we started to do two services on Sundays, each for 15 people, because that is the limit. And every other Sunday we do a special service just for youth and children. We realised they suffer spiritually, because all the youth events were cancelled. We don't want to lose them, so we adjusted the programme for them so that they may enjoy the service and even look forward to going to church. I have two teenagers at home, you know. And I have noticed recently they were not extremely motivated to go to the regular services.'

- 7 ITALY, Forlì - Michael & Mary Steedman:** 'Please pray for our young friends - John, from Austria, and Jennifer, who's Italian. Both of them professed faith about 5 years ago, were baptised and got married in 2019. John is going on

well with the Lord, but Jennifer has lost all interest in the faith, which is making things very difficult for John.'

**8 POLAND, Siedlce - Adam & Dagmara Urban:**

'Please pray for wisdom for us in thinking about our vision for further church planting. Due to some members leaving the church we might need to rethink our plans.'

**9 ITALY, Peschici - Antonio & Anna De Noia:**

'Dear brothers and sisters in grace, my recent medical examination in Foggia went well. The doctor confirmed that the medication treatment for the brain infection and inflammation is working well. I will be having another examination soon. Please keep praying for me and also for Anna and her health issues.'

**10 POLAND, Siedlce - Adam & Dagmara Urban:**

'The next members' meeting (March) we will have to move forward with the delayed excommunication. Pray for unity and wisdom of the church.'

**11 UK, Northern Ireland Representative - Phil Dunn:**

'Please pray for several ongoing conversations with churches in NI that they would result in firm commitments to partner with specific missionaries.'

**12 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis & Viki Topaloglou:**

'We are so encouraged to see the Moses Coffee project start taking shape. We now preparing the legal actions and the practical matters us about to open our centre as a cafe during Mon-Fri only for some hours. The profits that will come out of this project will go to the pro-life & domestic violence ministry.'

**13 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis Cano & Pilar Herrera:**

'We thank God for the opportunities to share the gospel with unbelievers. One of Pilar's colleagues, Elena, is reading the Bible with Pilar every Saturday. They are reading John's

gospel and since last week another lady friend of both of them has joined them. Pilar is thrilled about it. Pray that both of them may come to salvation in Christ.'

**14 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch:**

'I'm due to be preaching today in my hometown of Northampton, at Reynard Way Evangelical Church - in the morning, in person, and in the evening, remotely. Pray that the Lord would bless both services and that his presence would be felt as an in-person and very close reality.'

**15 SWITZERLAND, Sion - André & Marianne Rentmeister:**

'Pray as well for our young Christian ladies at the age to marry, but there are no or very few converted, young men in our churches. May the Lord encourage them to stand firm.'

**16 POLAND, Siedlce - Adam & Dagmara Urban:**

'God is giving us many new contacts and people. We decided to rent a big wedding hall for Sunday worship that allows us to meet obeying the restrictions. Some of those folks are already led in personal evangelism. Pray for their salvation. There are about 10 new people!'

**17 ITALY, Budrio - Stefano & Jenny Mariotti:**

Give thanks for the recent publication of Stefano Mariotti's Italian translation of Stuart Olyott's book 'Preaching Pure & Simple'. Pray that it would be greatly used to bless Italian believers especially those being trained for the ministry.

**18 ITALY, Forlì - Michael & Mary Steedman:**

'We have been very encouraged by the way our online evangelistic Bible studies on Romans are going: one is with Claudio and Susanna (a married couple), another with Maddalena (a young teacher). We are hopeful that others will join soon.'

**19 CZECH REPUBLIC, Nové Město nad Metuji - Jan & Lucy Hábl:**

'Our youth services are famous by now, and parents from the surrounding churches send their children to us. We have to turn children down (with a great regret), for we have already passed the Covid limit.... But we (that is elders) realised that we are going to continue with these services even after the Covid is over. At least once a month. Children like it and I am sure the adults will like it too.'

**20 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki:**

'Apathy is setting into the church, in the lives of individuals and unfortunately the congregation as whole. Third lockdown is one too many, and everyone feels it acutely. Please pray that we may have renewed zeal in ministry and people would find joy in the gospel and strength in the love of the almighty God.'

**21 GREECE, Ioannina - Leonidas & Irene Kollaros:**

'As we are still waiting until the time we are allowed to have more people inside the church building, we try to maintain some contact with our flock via the phone. We are only allowed to have 4 people in church and so we have decided to postpone the opening of our building for meetings until the time we can have more people inside.'

**22 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch:**

'Please pray for Lucy Hábl's eyesight. Although the operation she had in January did lead to some improvement in her sight in her bad eye, her vision is still quite poor, and even her good eye has been up and down. This is a real trial for Lucy and Jan and their family.'

**23 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis Cano & Pilar Herrera:**

'Pray for Rosi, she is a sister from the church and has cancer. She is receiving chemotherapy and is

very poorly, but she is giving a great testimony in the middle of all her illness.'

**24 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki:**

'One man in his 40s had a cycling accident and broke a vertebra in his neck. Thanks to the Lord he did not lose his ability to move but is in much pain and quite a bit of despair. Please, pray for him, his wife and their teenage son.'

**25 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis & Viki Topaloglou:**

'As this Covid period is still here in Greece as everywhere we haven't stopped building our DNA as a Christian Community. We try to serve people that God is bringing to our path but at the same time to go deeper in our foundations in Christ. We are so blessed that around 5-6 nationalities are represented in our family. We need to not lose our goal and continue seeking His Kingdom.'

**26 BELGIUM, De Panne - Michael & Ariette Robinson:**

We thank the Lord constantly for His saving and sustaining grace. We continue to pray for Wendy (aged 23), who has backslidden.'

**27 ITALY, Budrio - Stefano & Jenny Mariotti:**

'We have recently started small group Bible studies in our church with the aim being to help build good strong relationships between believers and to help believers read the Bible together and pray for one another. Please pray we may all grow together in the Lord and be built up in our faith.'

**28 BELGIUM, De Panne - Michael & Ariette Robinson:**

'We pray that our young people will continue to walk with the Lord faithfully and that some of them can take on more responsibility in the future. These include Benjamin, Fien, Rebecca, and Lucas.'