

a good recovery but needs salvation. Please, also pray for Volodia who is battling a brain virus and following a time of recovery he is now having difficulties again. He is a believer so is his wife but they do need our prayers.'

25 GREECE, Athens - Stathis & Ruth Yfantidis: 'Please pray for Ruth as she continues her nursing specialisation in A&E and soon in the ICU, and for her protection as the hospital she is doing her specialisation was officially turned into a full Covid hospital. Also, if you can pray for me (Stathis) as I try to discern God's will through these difficult times.'

26 GREECE, Ioannina - Leonidas & Irene Kollaros: 'At the moment Ioannina is in "deep red" regarding Covid which means we are very restricted in our movements and certainly the church is not allowed to open. We are likely to remain in this emergency state for a month although no-one is certain. We keep ringing our church people and we find that this is especially appreciated by our people in times such as these. Some are more independent psychologically than others but it is of great benefit to get in touch and encourage one another.'

27 ITALY, Forli - Michael & Mary Steedman: 'We are very encouraged by our online evangelistic Bible Studies with various personal contacts. Please remember Susanna & Claudio, a married couple, also Maddalena and Claudia, both students who used to come to English Bible Studies in our home. They are all studying Romans with us. It is a difficult book, but we have chosen it because the doctrine of justification by faith alone is so clearly stated there. Claudio, in fact, is struggling with this doctrine and also with accepting that all the Scriptures are divinely inspired.'

28 BELGIUM, De Panne - Michael & Ariette Robinson: 'Praise and thank the Lord for His daily sustaining grace. We are still having to record services online. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this operation. Pray that the Lord would help us to prepare some of our younger members to take on more responsibility in the church.'

29 POLAND, Zywiec - Dawid & Agnieszka Koziol: 'Praise the Lord for the progress of the work with the building. We have two engagements at the moment. The gas installation is ready and also the recuperation system is finished. These are big steps forward. Please pray for our sister with an unbelieving husband who is strongly against her. She even needs to leave home to watch the online service on Sundays. She is under strong pressure to renounce Christ.'

30 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Matt & Judith Hill: 'Pray for those people that have stopped attending the church in Ciudad Real despite the church building being open for its two Sunday services. Pray also for Mercedes, a contact from Ciudad Real who now lives in Toledo (an hour's drive away) where she attends church. We are studying the Scriptures with her, via Zoom - she has a good intellectual understanding of the Gospel, but recognises herself that her heart needs to be changed.'

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Prayer Diary



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'And the LORD said... "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?"'

(Job 1 v 8)

EUROPEAN MISSION FELLOWSHIP

"Meet Our Missionaries" video April 2021 (Eugen & Claire Peters)

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

1 FRANCE, Carcassonne - Tony & Barbara Hynes: 'Please pray for Barbara's women's meetings by Zoom on April 2 and 16. On April 6 Tony will see the heart surgeon about an intravenous heart valve transplant. Continue to praise God for his protection and the liberty of church services which we enjoy.'

2 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki: 'In April we have Easter Sunday which is usually the best attended service of the year. Please pray that the Lord may give us wisdom how to handle the organization of the services to be safe but also welcoming to all. After a long break Sunday school is restarting on 18th April. We miss families very much and look forward to their return to church.'

3 POLAND, Włocławek - Krzysztof & Aneta Rutkowsky: 'We are grateful to our God for those who have recovered from Covid and we are thankful for the prayers. There are new people who are going through this experience so please continue to pray for us. Our government announced another lockdown until 9th April.'

4 UK, HQ - Church Partnership Coordinator, Martin Tatham: 'Give thanks for the encouragement and challenge of the conference in March, and pray that this would encourage more people to join in partnership with missionaries seeking to 'unleash God's word' into an increasingly secular continent.'

5 UKRAINE, Ternopil - Volodymyr & Oksana Kostyshyn: 'Recently, Zechariah has had a doctor's appointment due to having had some health issues. He had a blood test too - please pray for good results.'

6 SPAIN, Almuñécar - Manuel & Alba López Franco: 'Pray for the new children's activities project, that it will be a tool that will bring us into contact with more families in a natural way and bear fruit. Continue to pray for the radio, for new programmes that will awaken interest and curiosity about the Gospel and the church. Especially for the Easter messages. Pray for the family of Erik and Oleidy, that they can quickly solve all the bureaucratic procedures they need to be able to come to live in Almuñécar.'

7 CZECH REPUBLIC, Nové Město nad Metují - Jan & Lucy Hábl: 'Our greatest issue is the Covid at the moment. Too many ill people around us, relatives, church members, etc. Our government is a disaster. The Czech Republic is the worst in Europe. Our children were at

school 4 weeks in September. We have been locked down completely since the end of September. We cannot leave the borders of our township. It is overwhelming.

8 GERMANY, Utzenfeld - Tim & Deb Brooks: 'Please pray that the lockdowns would soon end, we have not been able to have holiday guests since October last year. God has been good in his provision, but we don't know how much longer we can keep open. Please pray for our son Tom whose problems continue, although he has recently begun talking with an IBS nurse in England via Zoom.'

9 POLAND, Siedlce - Adam & Dagmara Urban: 'We started to have an English service on every second Saturday evening. We have some foreign people in the church but also we are in touch with 4 new people who work in Siedlce - three ladies from Indonesia and one young man from Uganda. For now it is ok like it is, but we will try to move toward simultaneous translation of Sunday service. That's how the church should function. There should not be two churches - one for locals and one for foreigners.'

10 FRANCE, Marseille - Richard & Barbara: 'After discussing who Jesus really is, we challenged Emile and Emily to read John's gospel. They were making little progress (the birds devouring the seed) so we have agreed to meet monthly to read together. Please pray. Their 2-year-old boy, Lee, is quite demanding.'

11 UKRAINE, Ternopil - Volodymyr & Oksana Kostyshyn: 'The Covid situation is getting worse here. We have got a number of people in the church who are unwell and at the church we have just 8 people attending which is a quarter of the total members. It looks like next we will be moving online again. We had planned a

seminar for parents who have a child with autistic disorder in April, but most likely it is going to be postponed for a later time too.'

12 UK, Northern Ireland Representative - Phil Dunn: 'Give thanks that church buildings in NI are beginning to reopen again for corporate worship. Pray that good opportunities to engage in in-person meetings will emerge in the coming weeks and months. Also, please remember our brothers and sisters in ROI as it seems likely that churches will remain closed there for the foreseeable future.'

13 PORTUGAL, Sines - Rogério & Sónia Ramos: 'We thank God that some of our church folk have shown spiritual growth in their lives: Eduardo is studying online at the London Reformed Baptist Seminary (LRBS). Ishmael is reading reformed literature and growing in the doctrines of grace.'

14 SPAIN, Alcázar de San Juan - José & Virtudes Moreno Berrocal: 'Pray for the prison ministry every Wednesday afternoon, that God will bring conviction of sin among them and bring them to the Saviour. Pray particularly for Antonio, Marcos, Matias, Diego, Vasily and others. Pray for Marcelino and Fernando who have already served their sentences and are regularly attending the Sunday evening service.'

15 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch: 'We would appreciate your prayers for the four students that we (EMF) are helping to support from our Training Fund as they prepare for future service: Romuald (from Paris) and Manuel (from the north of Italy), both at London Seminary; Bruno, at the Portuguese Bible Institute; and Mike, at Athens Bible College.'

16 SPAIN, Almuñécar - Manuel & Alba López Franco: 'Pray for Teo to settle well into his new school; that we would continue encouraged in the work and healthy. Pray for more people (families and churches) interested to support the work in Almuñécar through EMF. Pray for the conversion of Ulises and the other people who have been visiting us lately and that the Lord will bring new families with children.'

17 POLAND, Włocławek - Krzysztof & Aneta Rutkowsky: 'Our church plant needs to make some vital decisions about the near future and we need wisdom on how to organize voting when we cannot meet physically in the number that is needed. All of our meetings are online and it seems that everyone is missing a physical meeting together.'

18 FRANCE, Marseille - Richard & Barbara: 'Alistair (from the islands) and James (our son) are helping Richard with the renovation of the toilets at the Association which runs the second-hand clothes store. This provides a new context for witness to Alistair. And we have increased contact and better conversations with James, as he now gets up in the morning, keeps more-or-less the same hours as us, and eats more often with us. We thank the Lord for these developments.'

19 PORTUGAL, Sines - Rogério & Sónia Ramos: 'The Domingues family, with no Christian background in their lives, has been regularly attending meetings and bringing their children to the meetings. Soon we will be in a more private way explaining the gospel of Jesus. Hopefully they can come to confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We have seen the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.'

20 GREECE, Volos - Evropi Tzelis: Evropi is concerned about her daughter and daughter's family as both husband and wife are now unemployed due to the Covid restrictions which has led the authorities to close many businesses.'

21 SPAIN, Almuñécar - Manuel & Alba López Franco: 'Pray for the men's meeting (in the first meeting there were two non-believing men), that it may be for the edification of believers and the conversion of non-believers. Please pray for the 23 families who receive food twice a month, that they may know the Lord and He may supply them in their deepest need, that of salvation.'

22 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch: 'Do remember to pray for all our retired missionaries - retired in the sense that they have passed retirement age in their respective countries, and are 'pensioners', but many of them are still very active in their local church situations. There are more than thirty of them altogether!'

23 SPAIN, Ciudad Real & Cuenca - Xavi & Paty Pérez Patiño: 'We have been running for a few weeks now a Bible study online with the church of Cuenca every Wednesday. We are currently going through the Book of Psalms. Please, pray for the church to be encouraged by these studies and for more people to connect online and take advantage of this time of Bible study and prayer. The youth groups of Ciudad Real and Cuenca keep gathering every other week. They seem to be doing quite well, but they have a lot of pressure from the world, friends, exams, and other problems related to their age. Please, remember them in your prayers for the Lord to give them wisdom and strength.'

24 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki: 'Thank you for praying for Nandor who had the cycling accident last month. He is making