

friendly and I try slowly to testify to her of the Christian faith. Please remember Zacia and her family in your prayers.'

26 POLAND, Zywiec - Dawid & Agnieszka Koziol: 'Praise the Lord for the progress in work on the construction site. Important decisions regarding outdoor works are ahead of us. Let us pray for wisdom and perseverance for those involved.'

27 ITALY, Forli - Michael & Mary Steedman: 'We're being kept busy with evangelistic online Bible studies with individuals and one married couple: Cristiano, Claudia and Maddalena are Roman Catholics who all used to come to our Bible discussion groups in English for students. Now we are looking at the first chapters of Romans with them. The couple, Claudio and Susanna, are in their sixties and have been questioning their Roman Catholic roots. We are very encouraged by the keenness and openness of all these people. An elderly neighbour, Tina, has online meetings with us, too, and has also been following the Sunday online services of our church of San Lazzaro.'

28 BELGIUM, De Panne - Michael & Ariëtte Robinson: 'Praise and thank the Lord for His saving and sustaining grace. We thank the Lord that we are able to recommence services now. Pray for wisdom as we try to maintain a spirit of unity within the fellowship.'

29 SPAIN, Alcázar de San Juan - José & Virtudes Moreno Berrocal: 'Please pray for Ronald our latest elected deacon, that the Lord will encourage him in his work and make him a blessing to the church. He is also responsible for the young people's work. Pray that he may have wisdom to lead them.'

30 GREECE, Patra - Evangelos & Georgia Sikourtris: 'Please pray again for the door to door distribution of our paper Times of Refreshing. After four months due to the

pandemic we thank God for enabling us to continue propagating the gospel as the most hopeful and saving message for the distressed people. Please, pray with us also for Makis, Konstadina and the rest of church members, who are eagerly waiting for us to commence our regular church services soon.'

31 BELGIUM, De Panne - Michael & Ariëtte Robinson: 'Pray that our young people (e.g. Benjamin, Rebecca, Sarah, and Lucas) will continue faithfully with the Lord and that over time they can take on more responsibility within the church.'

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Prayer Diary



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'But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.'

(1 Corinthians 15 v 10)

EUROPEAN MISSION FELLOWSHIP

"Meet Our Missionaries" video May 2021 (Manuel & Alba López Franco)

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1 GERMANY, Utzenfeld - Tim & Deb Brooks: 'Please pray for Susanne, who has been coming regularly to Bible studies with Daniela. Daniela is a believer, but as far as we know, Susanne is not. She doesn't say much but presumably she must be interested or she wouldn't keep coming. Pray also for Simona, who used to come regularly. She has been back a couple of times recently and both of them came to the service on Good Friday. Simona is not a native German speaker and we think she sometimes finds it difficult to follow everything that is said. We are hoping they will both come to Esther's baptism, but God willing, that will be in the past by the time you read this.'

2 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki: 'In May we will have a Mother's Day service when children will recite poems to celebrate their mothers and grandmothers. This is normally a very well attended service, we hope that it will attract people back to the physical church.'

3 POLAND, Włocławek - Krzysztof & Aneta Rutkowsky: 'We are very thankful to our Lord for the recent provision for our publishing ministry. It enables Legatio to

do some reprints and consider publishing new books. We are very grateful for the prayers and support.'

4 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch: 'As some European countries slowly recover from the COVID pandemic, others are still being hit very hard – among the latter, Poland, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, and parts of Italy. In Siedlce (in Eastern Poland) EMF missionaries Adam and Dagmara Urban have both had Covid recently, as has their American colleague, Ben Layer.'

5 ITALY, Forli - Michael & Mary Steedman: 'Dylan was converted in England and then returned to Italy to serve a prison sentence. He is presently under house arrest in his home town, many miles from any evangelical church. He is able to follow online services from a church in Cornwall and we have started weekly Bible studies on Zoom, but he feels very isolated. Pray that the Lord will encourage him and that we'll be able to introduce him to a church here in Italy before too long.'

6 SWITZERLAND, Sion - André & Marianne Rentmeister: 'We would like to share some good family news with you: on 27th February a little girl Lina was born to our daughter Damaris and her husband Martin. Lina is our 2nd grandchild after Emilie 7 1/2 (daughter of Michael, our son and Tatiana). We are very happy and grateful to be grandparents again.'

- 7 CZECH REPUBLIC, Nové Město nad Metují - Jan & Lucy Hábl:** 'We have been in lockdown since Christmas and it is really overwhelming for everyone, we still do not know when it will be over. This means we still cannot have a proper church life as we are allowed to gather only with a maximum of 15 people. However, there is one joy to share - in spite of the circumstances, two new members will be baptised in our congregation soon.'
- 8 FRANCE, Carcassonne - Tony & Barbara Hynes:** 'Please pray for Sunny as he appeals against the rejection of his request for asylum. Pray for Barbara as the women's meetings continue by Zoom. Also, remember the ongoing contacts with neighbours and others who find lockdown a heavy burden.'
- 9 POLAND, Siedlce - Adam & Dagmara Urban:** 'Please continue to pray with us for Kinga, Elwira and Rafał - three people who are being prepared for baptism this spring.'
- 10 FRANCE, Marseille - Richard & Barbara:** 'We planned to meet up monthly with Emile and Emily to read John's gospel together and we had planned to start in April. With the new lockdown this is not possible. Please continue to pray for them and their questions concerning Jesus, and that we will be able to meet again soon.'
- 11 SWITZERLAND, Sion - André & Marianne Rentmeister:** 'André always struggles with some health problems, may be some of them due to his corona infection in October; my health (Marianne) is not so good as well, but after seeing a new doctor with a new diagnostic I keep hoping to get better eventually.'
- 12 UK, Northern Ireland Representative - Phil Dunn:** 'Give thanks that several new partnerships between NI churches and specific missionaries have been established. Please pray that these new links will result in rich blessing for all concerned. Pray also for ongoing conversations with a number of other churches here who are exploring the initiative.'
- 13 GREECE, Ioannina - Leonidas & Irene Kollaros:** 'We have just got in contact on Facebook with a lady now in her 40s, Danai, who used to attend church in the 90s. We sent her a message to say that we were delighted to "meet" her again, that we have fond memories of her and of course we are now Facebook "friends". She said (in her message) she was touched by the fact that we still remember her and she also said that she cried when she read that we still remember her. She asked us to visit them (she is married now). Due to restrictions such a visit is not appropriate but we plan to do so as soon as we can.'
- 14 SPAIN, Alcázar de San Juan - José & Virtudes Moreno Berrocal:** 'Pray for Julio and Araceli a young couple who have started to come to our meetings that the Lord will work in their hearts and come to faith in Him.'
- 15 UK, HQ - Church Partnership Coordinator, Martin Tatham:** 'Please pray for wisdom and opportunities to engage with churches in-person as the Covid restrictions ease, and to know effective ways to communicate the work of the mission.'
- 16 POLAND, Zywiec - Dawid & Agnieszka Koziol:** 'Please continue to pray for our sister A. Due to the attitude of her husband she can't participate regularly in our church meetings, including online transmissions. The situation has worsened since my last news as her mother in law is in very poor state and A. is expected to care for her, it is very demanding and gives an excellent excuse for her husband that she needs to stay home.'
- 17 POLAND, Włocławek - Krzysztof & Aneta Rutkowsky:** 'Our church plant is taking another step to set up a new church in Włocławek. Those who attend our meetings and qualify for membership may now make a declaration of membership and take part in the meeting at which we hope to make the final decisions and proceed with registering a new church. Please pray for us.'
- 18 FRANCE, Marseille - Richard & Barbara:** 'Just before the new lockdown came into force, we visited Amanda. We were surprised and pleased to also see her daughter, Anna. Anna is studying in Paris but was visiting her mum. We renewed our challenge to her to seek and ask God to reveal the truth to her; she asks how she can know whether she should trust the Bible or the book that her own community reveres.'
- 19 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis Cano & Pilar Herrera:** 'Please pray for Rosi, a sister in the church. She is fighting with cancer and the chemotherapy she is receiving is not working. The oncologist said that at the moment there is no cure. She trusts and rests in the Lord, so, let us pray that He will intervene if it is his will.'
- 20 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki:** 'We can now restart group activities in person, e.g. Bible studies, prayer meetings, catechism classes. Please pray that people may feel the need of personal fellowship. Our organist is moving back to his home country in August. At the moment we have no idea who would take his place and the need is great. Please pray that the Lord may send a good musician who would be happy to serve the Lord with his talent.'
- 21 SPAIN, Madrid - José & Anna De Segovia:** Please, pray for the seven persons who are now following Bible studies to make public profession of their faith in the church. There are four other people interested, more than ever before in our congregation! We are very grateful to the Lord for these new believers!
- 22 ITALY, Budrio - Stefano & Jenny Mariotti:** 'We would value prayer as we make plans for the summer period even though things are still very up in the air. If possible we would like to try to do some outreach to young people or children over the summer. We would also like to organize a baptismal service for Sofia a young lady who has been attending for nearly a year now. We also hope to do a church retreat in order to re-focus and spend time together after a rough year with coronavirus.'
- 23 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch:** 'The Lord Jesus Christ told his first followers to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). We're praying for more gospel labourers for Europe, and the Lord is answering our prayers! Pray for those currently applying to become EMF missionaries.'
- 24 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis Cano & Pilar Herrera:** 'Pray for three ladies who Pilar is having a Bible study every week and are very interested in the Gospel. One of them may have been converted! It is such a joy!'
- 25 SWITZERLAND, Sion - André & Marianne Rentmeister:** 'Pray for the good integration of a new Christian family with three children coming to church. The Sunday school attendance has nearly doubled, which is just great for our children. I, Marianne, know a young lady from Afghanistan, (she is the mum of a boy I help at school). We became very