

# EMF NEWS



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## Prayer Highlights



The beautiful lakeside city of Ioannina in north-west Greece, is the setting for the Greek Evangelical Church where Leonidas Kollaros ministers, supported by his

English-born wife Irene. They have a real passion to see the gospel shared amongst the people in Ioannina, most of whom would consider themselves to belong to the Orthodox church. But in a society where evangelical Christianity is widely regarded as a heretical sect and treated with great suspicion, how can they share the gospel? Read our article: "Gossiping the Gospel in Greece" to discover more!



Oksana's delight in gardening gives her a point of contact with the people she meets. She once took on a plot of derelict land near the flat they used to live in, where the previous owner had begun to plant a few flowers. Some of her

neighbours began to cultivate that wasteland too, brightening up the drab surroundings. Flowers sprang up in the midst of grey bricks, and for Oksana it was a good opportunity to have a chat with those who saw her working. First, they talked about flowers, then about Zechariah, going on to reflect on life, and the different challenges everyone has to face. Read more on our website.

## Missionary Focus



This month our focus is on **Leonidas and Irene Kollaros**, who are based in the beautiful lakeside city of Ioannina in north-west Greece. Leonidas is the minister of the Greek Evangelical church in the city, and he and Irene, who is originally from Cumbria in the UK, have been there since 2000. The city hosts a university, and ministry amongst students forms an important part of the ministry, although this varies greatly year to year. Most people in Greece consider themselves to be part of the Greek Orthodox church and evangelical Christianity is widely regarded as a heretical cult and treated with great suspicion – but Leonidas and Irene find plenty of opportunities to share the gospel through conversations in the city squares, cafeterias and shops.

Please pray:

- That the Lord will bring more university students into the fellowship in the new academic year.
- That more believers will have the courage to engage in evangelism.
- That people would be more willing to talk about their faith to friends and relatives.
- For the work of the gospel amongst immigrants, in 2 nearby camps.

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## Webinars and Conferences

We are restarting our **webinar series** on Monday 13th September at 19:30 UK time where there will be a panel discussion on "The Gospel in the Republic of Ireland". Why not join us that evening?!

We also have our **GB Autumn conference** on Saturday 6th November to be held at North Preston Evangelical Church with Stuart Olyott as the main speaker plus missionaries coming over to share about their work. Our topic will be "Evangelising in a Hostile World." We also have our **NI Autumn Conference** on Saturday 20th November with Dave Clawson as the main speaker. The topic will be "Know the Gospel, Share the Gospel."

**Date for your diaries!** Saturday 14th May 2022 - **Special conference** - joint collaboration between EMF and The Gospel Coalition Europe. To be held at Trinity Baptist Church, Gloucester.

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