

strength for Ariette with regards to her health. She has been experiencing a lot of extra pain and fatigue recently. Pray for wisdom in handling a number of difficult pastoral issues. We thank the Lord for the return of Wendy to our church. She had backslidden and had been involved in a relationship with an unbeliever, but she has now ended that relationship.'

attention. Mum (will have) returned from the islands at the end of November. In her absence 'Dad', although he isn't the father of any of the youngsters in the home, and the children have listened well. It is a joy to visit week by week, helping the children with their studies and sharing various activities.'

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28 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis Cano & Pilar Herrera: 'Pilar is going to give each of her colleagues at school a Bible calendar with some biscuits as a little present for Christmas.'

29 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki: 'On the family front, please keep praying for Tunde's father whose condition has significantly worsened, making it extremely hard for Tunde's mother to look after him. Please pray for Adam and Anna as well as they are finalising their university applications. May they make wise choices.'

30 SWITZERLAND, Sion - André & Marianne Rentmeister: 'Praise the Lord with us for two couples who joined the church. The first one came back to our assembly after an absence due to a disappointment of 15-20 years. They were the first Christians we met coming to Sion in 1980, and we are very happy to see them again as well as the work of the Lord's grace! The second one is a couple from Salvador.'

31 FRANCE, Marseille - Richard & Barbara: 'Pray for Emile and Emily with whom we are reading John's gospel as they wanted to understand who Jesus is. We read chapter 5 with them last month. They found Jesus' words about his Sonship very hard to receive; not surprising given their background. Pray too for the family we visit on Wednesdays where the word is received with much

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'But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.' (Galatians 4 v 4 - 5)

1 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis & Viki Topaloglou: 'Pray for the new souls that are coming to our church, that they will respond to the message of Christ. Pray for the new Bible study that we have started in another area of Thessaloniki in order to see if God is opening a new door for a new planting.'

2 UK, HQ - Church Partnership Coordinator, Martin Tatham: 'The conferences and missionary deputations in November have been a great opportunity for churches to engage closely with the work. Please pray that this would lead to lasting partnerships in the gospel in Europe.'

3 ITALY, Budrio - Stefano & Jenny Mariotti: 'Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th December Stefano is speaking at a church retreat for a church in Tuscany and then preaching in a church plant in Pisa on the Sunday afternoon.'

4 GERMANY, Utzenfeld - Tim & Deb Brooks: 'Please continue to pray for Tom, there are small signs of improvement as he has left the house a few times in November for short walks. Before that it was January.'

5 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki: 'We have our Carol Service on 5th December (early, as many will travel home for the holidays). Children will perform a nativity and adults will recite

poems, sing and play music. It is a deeply spiritual occasion when the Christmas message is loud and clear. Pray that people would understand the meaning of the manger and the cross. On 12th December, we are restarting our men's Bible study. Pray that it would prove to be a blessing to many.'

6 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch: 'This year's EMF Christmas Project is 'Happy Christmas, Almuñécar! - Reaching Almuñécar with the Goepel.' The aim of the project is to help Manuel and Alba and the small, but faithful church in Almuñécar to get John Blanchard's *Ultimate Questions* (in Spanish), plus a gospel Christmas greeting, into at least 2000 homes there.'

7 SPAIN, Barcelona - Manuel & Pauline Redondo: 'Pray that God would help us find a good moving company to ship all our cargo to Spain. Also, that we may sort out all documents needed to go to Spain as soon as possible.'

8 SWITZERLAND, Sion - André & Marianne Rentmeister: 'We restart the Christmas market in Sion from 8th to 23rd December. Pray for all the organisation, volunteers, good contacts and distribution of the Good Seed Calendar. May the Lord use that testimony for his Glory! André will lay down his responsibilities as an elder at church this month, pray for wisdom to replace him in finding the right brother.'

- 9 FRANCE, Carcassonne - Tony & Barbara Hynes:** 'Pray for Sunny, the Pakistani asylum seeker, whose appeal has just been rejected. He has been welcomed by an Afghan illegal immigrant and still lives near to us and comes for some help.'
- 10 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Matt & Judith Hill:** 'We plan to travel to the UK at the end of December to be with our families for a fortnight. Please pray that there will be no problem with Covid travel restrictions.'
- 11 GREECE, Patra - Evangelos & Georgia Sikoutris:** 'As we approach the end of another year, we would like to thank God that we are able as a local church to continue our regular meetings, and other ministries such as the printing and the door to door distribution of our paper 'Times of Refreshing', keep in touch with some regular subscribers and have some new regular comers from time to time, despite the difficult situation of the pandemic.'
- 12 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis & Viki Topaloglou:** 'Pray for wisdom to do right, fast and in a holy way what God has called us to. Give praise to the Lord for the response that came through brothers and sisters in order to make the Ramoth building (shelter) come closer to operating...'
- 13 GERMANY, Utzenfeld - Tim & Deb Brooks:** 'Please continue to pray for Susanne, as we take her through the Christianity Explored course, she says she doesn't understand how we can have a personal relationship with God. Her employer Daniela, who is a Christian, has said how good it is to go over these things again having been a Christian for thirty years.'
- 14 GREECE, Ioannina - Leonidas & Irene Kollaros:** 'As usual for the Christmas and New Year celebration season, we will distribute Christian calendars which are produced by several ministers and Christian workers contributing daily messages. I have been asked once more to write a few messages which is something I enjoy doing. I have been trying, for as many years as I have been asked to contribute in this effort, to explain the gospel as simply as I can as some people who receive these calendars are not Christians although they do not know that they are not Christians and mistakenly think that they are.'
- 15 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Andrew Birch:** 'There are three EMF missionary couples about to begin (on 1st January) what we hope and pray will be a long and fruitful partnership in the gospel: (1) Manuel and Pauline Redondo (in Barcelona); (2) Diego and Stell Lopes (in Margem Sul, Lisbon); and (3) Joel and Talita Lopes (in Faro, Portugal).'
- 16 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis Cano & Pilar Herrera:** 'On 17th December, we are having a Christmas evangelistic women's meeting, where some non Christians will attend. Please pray for Paty (Xavi's wife) who is speaking at the meeting.'
- 17 ITALY, Budrio - Stefano & Jenny Mariotti:** 'On Friday 17th December we hope to organise a Christmas party for the teenagers and their families for our MySpace club. We would really like to get to know the families of these young people. Please pray for opportunities to share the gospel.'
- 18 GREECE, Athens - Stathis & Ruth Yfantidis:** 'We are looking forward to the month of December as we are excited with all we have in mind to do. Of course, we are cautious because without a warning the Covid restrictions can be enforced upon us by the government, and we won't be able to do a lot of activities. However, if God allows, we will try to have a Christmas celebration at the church with songs and a small message. We will try to have a few activities outside with the youth group. We will have the last Exit of the year (the ministry where we go out in the streets of Athens with other Christian young people, and spend time with the homeless where they are, serving the tea/coffee and food).'
- 19 UK - T & L:** 'Please pray for a new Muslim lady who's started to come to Sharing Skills. She's keen to build a relationship and has visited our home. Timothy's father, mother and oldest brother aren't well. Please pray for wisdom in knowing how we can help and support being so far away. Pray for our plans over Christmas, especially as we potentially have many people who want to visit us and we need to visit.'
- 20 UK, HQ - Northern Ireland Representative, Phil Dunn:** 'Give thanks to the Lord for his help and blessing on our Belfast Conference at the end of last month. It was especially encouraging to see a number of people attend for the first time. I am currently working on arranging deputation meetings for the first few months of 2022. Please pray for lots of good opportunities to open up.'
- 21 GREECE, Patra - Evangelos & Georgia Sikoutris:** 'Pray for Theofanis, the young man who will replace me in the pulpit and other ministries, with the help of another young man in our Church. Please pray for them. I will be away for the first time after 34 years from my dear Church, visiting our son Georgia and his family in Munich, Germany.'
- 22 FRANCE, Carcassonne - Tony & Barbara Hynes:** 'Please pray for an English Carol Service we hope to arrange in Lodève on 22nd December where our son, Daniel, has just bought a house. Covid protocol is making arrangements difficult.'
- 23 GERMANY, Utzenfeld - Tim & Deb Brooks:** 'Please pray for our Christmas Outreach (23rd December). It looks as if Corona will impact on it again although we hope not so much as last year.'
- 24 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki:** 'For Hungarians Christmas Eve is the 'biggest' day of Christmas, therefore we have an afternoon service and we host a Christmas dinner for those who would be otherwise lonely. Our main Christmas services are on Boxing Day, when the church will be full of 'once-a-year-Christians'. Please pray that the preaching would be powerful and it would reach the heart of these occasional listeners.'
- 25 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Matt & Judith Hill:** 'Pray with us at Editorial Peregrino that the devotional book *365 Days with Jonathan Edwards* will be bought and used by many in the coming year, and be a means to promoting regular Scripture reading, and building up in the faith.'
- 26 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis Cano & Pilar Herrera:** 'On 26th, we are holding our Christmas service where the children take part and many relatives and contacts come to it. Pray that the word of God preached may touch the hearts of the people as we remember the coming of our Lord to the world to save sinners.'
- 27 BELGIUM, De Panne - Michael & Ariëtte Robinson:** 'We pray that there won't be any new Covid restrictions which could limit our outreach activities during December. We pray for grace and