

# EMF News



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## News Headlines



We give thanks that István and Tünde Salánki have come safely through the coronavirus. They were very unwell but not hospitalised and are now regaining their strength.



We need to pray much for Adam and Dagmara Urban. Adam's dear grandmother was brutally murdered in her own home on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Pray for them and as they interact with their family.



Our dear brother José de Segovia will need to have surgery to remove a kidney urgently. Please remember him, Anneke and all the family and indeed their church in Madrid.



**Link an EMF missionary into your meeting...see below some recent experiences of churches that have tried this.**

Andrew & Vivienne Birch recently joined up with Stapleford Baptist for a meeting over Zoom.

Andrew says "It was great to be with folk live, see their faces, and hear them praying for us!"

At Welwyn Evangelical church, they linked up with both Michael & Mary Steedman and also with Pepe and Virtudes Moreno. Nigel Pountney reports "It was useful to ask direct questions about their situation, people in their church family, and their wider ministry. And see faces!"

At Kesgrave Baptist Church, Vitalii and Liudmyla Mariash joined their Sunday morning service over Zoom: "It was a real blessing to us to get a first-hand update on what was happening at the Kyiv Theological Seminary, and also to get to meet Liudmyla whom we hadn't met before. 1,500 miles distance was compressed by a few clicks of a mouse!"



Matt Hill has been heading up the publishing work of Editorial Peregrino for the last 6 years. With more than forty years' experience and 300 titles on offer, Peregrino is highly respected for producing sound literature for the Spanish-speaking churches both in Spain and around the world.

As can be imagined, the COVID-19 situation has placed a tremendous strain on Peregrino's finances, with bookshops closed and Church bookstalls not operating. And at a time when online sales are most important, Peregrino is struggling with out-dated software operating its website. Obviously, they are looking to the Lord to sustain them, and they have done as much cost-cutting as they can including partially furloughing their staff. Please do pray for Peregrino and for their staff. But if you are able to make any financial contribution it would be greatly appreciated. It is hard to know exactly what's needed, but Matt estimates their needs to be in the region of £12,000, to meet present commitments, pay workers what they are owed, and replace the current website.

## Missionary Focus



This month we focus on the work of **Antonis & Viki Topaloglou** who recently joined the EMF missionary family. They work in Thessaloniki, Greece, a country where most people consider that there is only one church - the Orthodox church - and evangelicals are regarded with suspicion. So they follow the apostle Paul's example of becoming all things to all people in order to reach people

with the gospel. They have set up a small community café in

the centre of Thessaloniki to provide a meeting place, running seminars etc. to share the gospel. Please pray particularly:

- For them to be available to be used by God, with strength to serve the community
- For the provision of a building for future church needs
- For the right co-workers to join the work
- For their family life as they bring up their 4 children.

You can see the video at <https://vimeo.com/411236450>

## Conferences, Seminars and Webinars

**Europe Needs the Gospel Webinar: "Sharing the Gospel in a time of lockdown". Monday 4th May 7.30 pm.**

**EMF Youth Conference, Wigston: Saturday 11th July**

God-willing Filipe Rodrigues from Portugal will be with us.

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