

it up on a weekly basis after all the issues have gone away.'

**25 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Matt & Judith Hill:** 'Editorial Peregrino depends on sales to pay it's workers (apart from Matt). Since the beginning of the COVID-19 situation we have had to furlough our workers, which impacts negatively on their income. Please pray that we can weather the storm during the lockdown, and that once things ease up that sales will increase dramatically. We give thanks for the churches and individuals that have made financial contribution to alleviate the situation.'

**26 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis & Pilar Cano:** 'Although at home, the Lord is giving us many opportunities to share the gospel with unbelievers through many ways: I have written devotionals about theology and are being sent out to many people. Pilar also is recording a very brief message called "Brushstrokes in the Psalms" and people are appreciating them very much. The women have organised themselves in groups of four to encourage one another and pray together.'

**27 SPAIN, Almuñécar - Manuel & Alba López Franco:** 'Pray for the radio programmes, we have the opportunity of reaching more than 150,000 people, that the Lord would use them to touch hearts and bring hope and peace in Christ. José De Segovia and José Moreno are taking part in this project too.'

**28 POLAND, Włocławek (pron. Vot-swa-vek)- Krzysztof & Aneta Rutkowski:** 'Our youngest daughter Joanna had to have a test for coronavirus. One of the doctors she works with as a midwife was diagnosed with the virus. We are grateful to our Lord that her test was negative. Pray for her as she is back to her work. Poland have been experiencing very dry weather. It is expected it will affect

agriculture and the price of food. This problem coupled with the pandemic and its effects on the economy may mean that greater difficulties are on the way. Please remember this in your prayers.'

**29 ROMANIA, Pericei - Pál & Anna Borzási (pron. Bor-zar-she):** 'The media is a good tool now as never to spread the gospel. I am preaching 3 or 4 times a week online. The feedback is positive and comes both from Romania and Hungary and from most unusual backgrounds. The number of people listening has grown to circa 1000.'

**30 SPAIN, Alcázar de San Juan - José & Virtudes Moreno Berrocal:** 'In the midst of these sad times we have seen a number of people and families showing an interest in the Gospel: pray for Victor, José, Amador, Antonio, Luliana and her family, and Erika and her family. Pray that the Lord will work in them to draw them to Him.'

**31 SWITZERLAND, Sion - André & Marianne Rentmeister:** 'Thank the Lord that he has kept all of us at church in good health until now. We are thankful as well for the ongoing fellowship by "gathering together everybody at home" every Sunday morning, reading the sermon from our pastor Derrick or André, singing the same hymns and praying.'

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# Prayer Diary

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'For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' (Rev 7 v 17)

"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word." William Kirkpatrick

## EUROPEAN MISSION FELLOWSHIP

"Meet Our Missionaries" video May 2020 (Antonis & Viki Topaloglou)

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

**1 SPAIN, Madrid - José & Anneke De Segovia:** 'The chaos at the hospital now makes it very uncertain when I can have such major surgery to remove my kidney. My CAT scan was done 1 ½ months ago and I do not know how bad the situation is now. Please pray for a quick surgery but also for gratitude to the Lord for the elders I have got in the church. They are the best help I could think of at this time!'

**2 UK, HQ - Mission Director, Steven Bowers:** 'Pray for wisdom in turning cancelled travels to visit missionaries into worthwhile video links. Also, we have our next "Europe Needs the Gospel" webinar on 4th May with Rogério Ramos and Antonis Topaloglou - Sharing the Gospel in a time of lockdown.'

**3 ITALY, Forlí - Michael & Mary Steedman:** 'The lockdown has given us good opportunities to get back in touch with a number of students and old contacts. We have been able to phone, send text messages and a video recorded talk, as well as invite them to tune in to the live streaming of an evangelistic sermon from Welwyn Evangelical Church at Easter. Please pray for former student

Andrea (a male name in Italian), now married and living in Belgium, who has come to see that some of his Catholic beliefs contradict what the Bible teaches. Also for Leone, an old contact who is very open to the gospel. Both of them regularly receive Michael's 'thought for the week!'

**4 UK - T & L:** 'Please pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. T is working alongside the council and other mutual aid groups to shop for and support the elderly and vulnerable in the community. L is also spending a lot of time on the phone talking to many of the ladies who come to Sharing Skills and other contacts we've made. People are struggling and it gives us a chance to pray and talk about Jesus.'

**5 FRANCE, Marseille - Richard & Barbara:** 'Praise the Lord that Amanda was able to get a new flat for her and her family. This is an answer to prayer. She still has many concerns. Pray she may respond to Jesus' invitation to come to him for rest. With the restrictions we have not been able to visit her yet in the new flat.'

**6 GREECE, Ioannina (pron. Yan-nin-na) - Leonidas & Irene Kollaros:** 'We are pleased to report that a lady called Irene joined us one Sunday for worship and we hope she will continue to do so every Sunday in the actual church building. She

lives in a village and hasn't got a car which makes things difficult when everything is back to normal.'

**7 SPAIN, Palma de Mallorca - Andrew & Vivienne Birch:** 'A woman came to faith partly as a result of attending a WhatsApp video-group! We would also appreciate prayer for a new pastor for the church here in Palma.'

**8 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis & Viki Topaloglou:** 'We have started our podcast studio. Up to now we have posted two series and a total 7-8 episodes on Coronavirus and Easter. Now my goal is to have a new series about marriage and conflicts. Pray that God will use these digital opportunities.'

**9 UK, Northern Ireland Representative - Phil Dunn:** 'Please pray that God's people will be generous and sacrificial in their giving towards the mission at this difficult time. It is very likely that our finances will be impacted by the pandemic. Also, pray that more churches will take the opportunity to engage with our missionaries via video conferencing. A growing number of churches in NI are discovering that this is a wonderful way to get to know our missionaries, understand their work and pray for them.'

**10 NORWAY, Sørreisa - John & Oline Taylor:** 'The situation here is difficult as everywhere and no church services or meetings are held. Everyone is told to stay at home, especially those over 60 years old. But Christians are using the internet, some very effectively and there has been a very big response. Folk who don't usually go to meetings are being reached with the gospel. There has been a call to seek the Lord in prayer and this could lead to an awakening. People are having to live differently. They have time to think and review their position before

God. Our God is able to do a wonderful work in men's hearts.'

**11 SPAIN, Almuñécar - Manuel & Alba López Franco:** 'Please pray that the Lord in the midst of this crisis may bring many to the feet of Christ and be saved. Keep praying for our family, especially for Teo, and for the possibility of opening the church premises to be able to pray and encourage the church, even if it is on an individual basis, one by one.'

**12 POLAND, Zywiec (pron. Ji-vee-itz) - Dawid & Agnieszka Koziol:** 'Give praise for Sylwia who was saved by the ministry of one of our elders who worked with her. She asked to be baptized in our church although lives far away from Zywiec. Please also pray for her husband Mr A. He has had a serious accident and was in a very bad condition hospitalised in Belgium. However after he got better he asked for a Blanchard book "Right with God".'

**13 UK, HQ - Church Partnership Coordinator, Martin Tatham:** 'As we prepare material and events to help churches engage with the work of the gospel in Europe, please pray for wisdom and insight, particularly to help encourage more people to get involved in gospel partnership.'

**14 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Matt & Judith Hill:** 'Jacob has been given the go ahead by his doctors to wean himself off steroids over a period of 4 weeks. The last time they tried this his Crohn's began to flare up immediately. The hope is that having doubled the dosage of his Crohn's medication, he will be able to successfully make the transition this time.'

**15 UKRAINE, Ternopil - Volodia & Oksana Kostyshyn:** 'We value all prayer support - please continue to remember the church in Ukraine at this hard time. Although we do a number of different

things online like preaching, reading books and doing talks on YouTube, it is still not easy reaching people with no internet access. The economy is going down and is a real problem for many. General uncertainty is rising and people are losing hope. We pray for this time to be a time of true metanoia for many.'

**16 PORTUGAL, Alto do Moinho - Filipe Rodrigues:** 'Pray for the unity of the church. Every night, we have a devotional on the Word of God and a prayer meeting. There is great opportunity for the renewal of the faith of the people of the church. The Bible Institute ran a conference in April - pray for the follow-up of this and as we think of things to improve for the next one in June. We are also starting 2 online courses, in Discipleship and Evangelism, and in Social Christian Ethics.'

**17 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis & Pilar Cano:** 'We have some people from the church who have the coronavirus. The majority are ok and at home, but we have an elderly woman, Teodora, at hospital at the moment. Also, the church building project is not going as quickly as we would like to because of the isolation and everything is closed.'

**18 CZECH REPUBLIC, Nové Město nad Metují - Jan & Lucie Hábl:** 'All church events and university events have been cancelled but we hope to celebrate Comenius' anniversary in the autumn. It will be a busy time with mostly outreach events. I am currently recording my lectures which will be put on YouTube in May as a substitute for my lectures I should have taught.'

**19 FRANCE, Carcassonne - Tony & Barbara Hynes:** 'We are grateful for God's faithfulness and the fact that many churches here now have more listeners online than at church on a normal Sunday. Pray for Sunny, a Pakistani

asylum seeker who I talk to daily. He has a copy of John's gospel in English and French.'

**20 PORTUGAL, Sines (pron. Singe) - Rogério & Sónia Ramos:** 'I ask you to pray for Silvério and Flora as they have been separated from activities due to these new technologies. We are studying how to get the message across to them. Pray for Eduardo Pereira (Brazilian brother), who works in a hotel. The hotels have been closed here in Sines. His work is uncertain for next May. We hope that he gets a job to support his family.'

**21 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Xavi Pérez Patiño:** 'Please pray for my friend Tomas from the UK who has shown great interest in the Gospel in recent weeks and is following Ciudad Real Church's sermons and Bible studies online.'

**22 GREECE, Patra - Evangelos & Georgia Sikoutris:** 'Pray for Thanassis, a high school teacher and one of our regulars to church. He also receives our messages through the internet and shows more appreciation recently. Please pray that he may also come regularly under the sound of the gospel and be saved.'

**23 CZECH REPUBLIC, Nové Město nad Metují - Jan & Lucie Hábl:** 'My wife Lucie continues to suffer from regmatic arthritis, an auto-immunity disorder disease. The doctor has ordered her to avoid contact with people as she is very vulnerable. It seems this will be for quite some time which is not easy.'

**24 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis & Viki Topaloglou:** 'We need to take advantage of the new mission field for the church. The church needs to meet the culture. As a small part of Christ's body, we are meeting daily using the Zoom app to have devotions, Bible studies and Q&A from the Bible. These e-devotional studies are so amazing that we will try and keep