

## Office - Lindsay Moorhead

**Pray for May, Lourdes and Lindsay in the office.** Thank you for praying for us and for the training and upgrade of the office computer systems. God has answered our prayers as we are nearly there, but please continue to pray that God would help us in these final stages.

**Pray for Colin and Ally Holmes.** A few weeks ago, Colin was rushed into hospital with a brain haemorrhage. Praise God he is now out of hospital and is recovering. Please pray for Colin as he takes time off to heal and to rest and for Ally and the children, as they care for him.

**Give thanks that Anna and Peter Crawford** have moved from Portugal to Greece safely. Pray for them as they settle into a new country and new culture and that God would provide for all their needs.

**Pray for Charlie and Tania Deering** as they fly back to N.I. to meet with their friends, family and supporters in August and September, before they move to GLO in Scotland in November. Pray that God would undertake for them at every stage of the move and that they will be well supported as they move to GLO to become centre managers.

## Peter and Anna Crawford, Athens Greece

Thank you for praying! We have been here in hot Athens for nearly a month. We are thankful for the 'haven' God has provided for us, a house (whose occupants are on home assignment in America) and the use of their car.

After a bit of a roller coaster we found an apartment that we had first viewed in February and whilst we liked it, we dismissed it as it was beyond our budget and seemed dark and dismal in the midst of winter. Well, viewing it again, we liked it and the rent price had dropped. We hope to move in by August 1st, depending on electricity connections etc and getting all the kitchen appliances, furniture etc we need

delivered in time. Pray as we try to agree  on all that we need to buy.

We are thankful and grateful for George and Luciana, who have gone above and beyond, to help us in every way possible. Without their help we would have found it extremely hard going. With George's help we have been able to get the necessary documentation (no mean feat) to live here. They are great examples of kindness and patience and a willingness to go the second mile.

Pray for us as begin to settle into life in this new home, that God's presence would be with us. Pray for us to have wisdom and discernment as we meet various church leaders and visit different fellowship groups. On Sunday we were with a group of 25 -30 Iranian and Afghan new believers and their kids. Because of our time with 'Sarah' in Lisbon we were able to understand just a little bit of the message. Please also pray for her, as she was distraught about our leaving, that God would provide others to accompany her along the road she is travelling.

Pray that we would know the right time to start our Greek language study and the type of programme we should follow.

## **Jonathan and Nicola McCracken, Claremorris**

### *Praise*

- We give thanks that David has gone back to work in the local leisure centre. His hours are slightly reduced but good to be back.
- We are thankful as a church to be able to meet together on Sunday and through the week. Pray for safety as we meet and good times of encouragement and fellowship.

### *Prayer*

- Sarah was to have her results this month, but they are now postponed until September. She is hoping to go to college for teacher training or childcare studies if her grades are suitable.
- We have just started a new series in church, "How do I know I'm a Christian?". Please pray that those who may be uncertain can move forward in faith.

## **Charlie & Tania Deering – Madrid Spain**

Although we're still with ECM until 31st Oct, we moved out of our house and shipped our stuff to storage in Motherwell on 24th July. We are thankful for a reasonably smooth packing up process. We also thank the Lord that we were able to sell our car at a fair price to friends who are involved in training and equipping of Spanish church leaders.

Most of August we'll be in Scotland with family, reconnecting with GLO and investigating places to live when we make the move in November. Pray for direction as we consider various neighbourhoods in which to settle.

Then in September we'll be in N.I. A chance to spend time with family, friends and also our home church, Glenabbey. We also hope to meet supporters and update them on our vision and hopes regarding the next chapter of our lives with GLO. Pray that we'll have opportunities to do that.

Continue to pray for the use of the ECM Centre in Madrid when we leave. Although it's very quiet at the minute, it's important to think about the future. In the meantime, we thank God for our colleagues, Sharon and Brenda, who will continue to oversee its use on a provisional basis.

## **David, Samantha, Maria & Luca Gilkinson (Salou - Spain)**

Thank you for your prayers for the young people of Salou Evangelical Church in July. We are praising God for good time spent and for ministry opportunities with them. The 'Word of Life' camp was an especially significant time with 11 out of the 14 young people from our church responding to the Gospel call on the second last night. Please pray for them in August as no camps or programs are run, that they would continue to be challenged and changed by God this summer. Pray too that preparations for September would go well. It is wonderful to have a youth program and a group of volunteer leaders in the church to help to continue the discipleship of these young people.

For us as family, we found getting the balance of ministry and family challenging at times this summer so we would appreciate prayer for that, especially as things properly get started in September. Pray for rest and continued settling into our new life here in Salou as well. We hope to also be back in NI from the 11<sup>th</sup> August; we are praying that goes ahead ok and that it will be precious few weeks with family and friends, especially for the kids. Thank you again.

## **Stuart Rowell**

Stuart asks that we pray for his Zoom call with the Ferrybank Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August as he speaks at their morning worship.

## **Aislinn Duffy – Spain**

Thank you for praying for the meet-up we had on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July with the students. It was great to see the students before breaking up for the summer. We were a group of just under 20 people and everyone respected the rules, so wearing a face mask and maintaining distance the whole time, so although it was strange at first, it was still very good to see them in person after four months.

You might have read that there are some new waves of cases across Spain and some areas of Barcelona are being lockdown. Thankfully, my town is not affected but it is a bit worrying to see the number of daily cases grow across Spain and I would value prayer for going back to Belfast mid-August. Praise God that they have lifted the restrictions of quarantine and that I am able to go back, but until I am actually there anything could happen.

Mireia and I would also value prayer for a new flatmate come September. This year has presented quite a few challenges for us in the flat and so we are praying that God would bring the right girl along and that we can do community together.

As term comes to an end and August holidays begin, this last month has been a time of reflexion and looking back over all that has happened this academic year. This has been a challenging year, but God has kept me safe in Him and by His grace He has brought me this far. Please pray that all the staff workers would be able to rest over summer, recharge batteries, disconnect from work and be ready for what awaits in September with the students as they face classes continuing online and the need to be creative in reaching others with the gospel message.

## **Colin & Ally Holmes- Ferrybank, Waterford**

Whilst on holidays up North on 11 July Colin suffered a spontaneous and small bleed on his brain around the cerebellum. He was in Royal Hospital in Belfast for one week. His symptoms (balance, coordination, ability to speak and listen, energy) are all improving rapidly. There have been no causes found as yet, but there is another scan in 6 weeks

Praise God

- For his sovereign, merciful hand on us all- especially for the healing and restoration Colin has experienced already (Psalm 103.2-5)
- For the support and prayers of many people- especially for family. We are currently in the Mourne's with Ally's family recovering for now.
- For the peace and confidence we have experienced that He is at work in all of this and we can trust Him

Please pray

- For continued contentment to recover and rest, to quiet and trust (Isaiah 30.15)
- For safe travel and transition back to Waterford to recover and rest there
- For Ally to recover and gain strength as she has been extending herself and doing lots of running.
- For church family in Ferrybank who will meet on zoom every other week and join with church in Tramore in person every other week. Pray for grace to adjust and to continue on with Christ during this time.
- For those in ECM who will be stepping in and taking on some of Colin's responsibilities during the next 3 months' time of rest and recovery

Thanks for all your prayers and support for us