



# Eurolink

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## Office - Lindsay Moorhead

Give thanks that lock-down restrictions have lifted in many countries across Europe. Pray for wisdom and discernment for our workers as they start planning services and connecting with people face to face again. In the office, we are currently being trained on how to use our new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system and Accountancy Package. Pray for us, that we would utilise these new programmes to their full capacity and that in doing so, more people would become involved in what God is doing across Europe. Thanks for your ongoing prayers for us - we wouldn't be able to do this work without it.

## Peter and Anna Crawford, Lisbon to Athens

Pray as we are booked on one of the first direct flights out of Lisbon to Athens on 2nd July, as there is growing concern in Portugal about a resurgence of the virus, particularly in the capital area, and some further travel restrictions are being considered. Pray that we may experience the cloud of God's presence going before us and settling over the apartment in Athens he has chosen for us, and we will be guided to it. Pray that we will find 'gatekeepers' as we begin our life in Greece, those who will help us through the process of registering ourselves and the accompanying bureaucracy. We are thankful for Luciana and George as they help us. They have a full schedule of their own already and now they have to cope with us too.

## Jonathan and Nicola McCracken, Claremorris

### *Praise*

- We Praise God for keeping up together as a church family over these weeks and months. We have been glad to meet over zoom but it will be good to meet together again in person.
- We give thanks for the radio programme going out each week. Pray for one lady who we know listens in and has visited the church in the past.
- Andy and Rachel Millar's house sale came through and we give thanks that they have been able to move into their new house which is just outside Claremorris

### *Prayer*

- Pray for David's work in the leisure centre. He is waiting to hear when they will start back.
- Thankfully, we will be meeting on **Sunday 5th July** in the Town Hall. Pray for wisdom and safety too as the country opens up more and we get used to doing some things differently.
- Many of the summer camps and clubs have been cancelled. Pray for ways for the church to reach out to friends and neighbours.

## **Charlie and Miriam (ECM International)**

We praise and thank God for good health and peace during this time of lockdown as we have enjoyed a longer family time together. We would appreciate prayer for our son-in-law Mike who has just started a new season of work in a different area and for Caroline who may have to look for another job because of the uncertainty of employment in the hospitality sector.

1. At the start of July we had hoped to be working with a team in an English Camp and 5-day Club with Radovan and the believers in Bugojno, Bosnia.

Please pray for the Christians there who have little fellowship and whose neighbours are often hostile. Ask God for strength, boldness, faithfulness, and His protection over them. Pray God will soften hearts that the Christians may be encouraged by the joy of speaking to others about Jesus.

2. We continue to work on policy documents, and project planning/set up as part of our ministry. Although this is 'behind the scenes' work we feel a big responsibility to prepare well so that when they are needed, they are good, thought through, and prayed through plans/guides to help advance ministry in a God honouring, practical way. Pray for wisdom, clarity and good motivation, from the Holy Spirit so that our work will be an asset to our colleagues as they serve.

3. We are working on plans to develop some new prayer possibilities for the South East Europe Network which aims to support first culture (national) workers in church planting and other ministries throughout countries like Slovenia, Serbia, and Bosnia. Pray for God's help to come up with a good positive method of engaging and motivating interested believers helping to equip them for prayer.

Thank you for your continued prayer in these days of changed ministry.

## **Sebastian and Gloria Forjan**

ENGLISH CAMP: At the end of June and beginning of July our church will do English camp for teenagers run by our youth. Pray for open hearts for the Gospel, since many young people will hear it for the first time. Also pray for safety during sports activities, protection from the enemy, especially that the team will have energy for the whole week.

KIDS DAY CAMPS: Also as a family we have opportunity to serve at two different day camps in Slovenia in July. Pray for kids that will sing up, good weather and that during that time we will build relationships with Slovene kids and connected them with local churches. Pray for our boys as well since this will be our first time "family on a mission" time so we will be serving and sharing about Christ love.

HOLIDAYS: We are excited for our summertime where there will be time for some rest and connect with family. Pray for a good rest and refreshment in the Lord so we will be prepared for a good start in September.

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

"Although summer ministry plans look very different to originally planned, we are excited about the opportunities this month. David is leading a youth program in the church that will happen three nights a week. Please pray that this will be a time of great relationship building for us between the team and the youth & that it will be a time of spiritual growth for the 20 or so young people who come. Please also pray for us & some of the young people as we attend a weeklong camp in the centre of Spain from 20th to 26th July.

Please pray for our Spanish language ability too, that we continue to improve, that it is not a barrier to friendship & ministry & that we would find good ways to continue to study. Please remember David as he continues his master's in theology study online in the midst of everything else.

We continue to wait to hear about a school place for Maria in September, we are trusting God that she goes to the best school for her. But we have been praising God for getting lots of other practical aspects completed recently such as our Spanish driving licenses & residency for Maria & Luca. This takes lots of our time & energy, so we are thankful to be making progress in these things. We appreciate your continued prayer as we adjust to life in this new location & church. And as we continue to connect with the ECM team in Castellón via Zoom. Thank you."

## **Aislinn – Spain**

Thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry among university students in Spain. So here, as of the 21<sup>st</sup> of June we are now living in "the new normality", so officially out of lockdown. There are still some restrictions (having to wear a facemask in all public areas, social distancing etc.) but things now feel like back to normal, albeit not the same as before. Church has also been back for a few weeks now and it has been great to attend, although quite strange as facemasks are necessary the whole time and you can't really greet and chat to people as before. It is also a new experience having to sign up to go to church, but only 50% capacity is allowed so this is the best way to control numbers. Praise God for how Spain is entering this new normality and how everything seems to be settling down as we adapt to a new way of doing things.

July this year is looking very different as there is no GBU national student conference and therefore no preparation involved, so I'll have more time to read and plan for September - although this is extremely hard to do as everything is still uncertain. I would appreciate prayer as we finish this academic term and evaluate the year, both as a regional team as well as with the student leaders and seek to plan the following course.

As we are now allowed to meet up in groups (whilst maintaining distance etc.) please pray for discernment and creativity as we organise to see the students on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July; prayer that it would be an encouragement for them and also that God would protect us in this social interaction.