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Charis Tully, Ferrybank

You are invited to a Coffee Morning/fundraiser on Saturday, June 8 from 12:00 AM - 3:00 PM at 33 Clonlee Drive, Belfast, BT4 3DA

Come along and enjoy some cake and snacks. There will also be some crafts for sale too. Just pop in when you are able and stay as long as you like. Please feel free to invite or bring along friends and family. I hope to see you there! Thanks to my friends Jenni and Robert for organizing this for me.

Praise that my nephew's operation (for a hernia) went well and he is recovering very well. Pray for my colleagues Simon and Dani as they get ready to leave Waterford after 10 years - at the end of July - pray they would have the strength they need for sorting, packing and goodbyes.

Peter and Anna Crawford Lisbon

Thank you for praying for the Brazilian group of 25 visiting Portugal and looking at ECM's ministries. So far the visit is going well and we hope that they will go back to Brazil encouraged to pray for Portugal. We were encouraged to receive messages from some of you saying that you are praying.

Greece

Peter's visit to Greece to talk to two potential new couples went well. It was an intense three days. Please pray for wisdom and direction for all those involved in thinking of committing to long term ministry in Greece with ECM in Greece.

Malta

Thank you for praying for our visit to the Borg family (from Australia) who have been on the island for just over a year now. We enjoyed the time together with their family, and spent two mornings with them praying and planning for the next stage of their ministry.

The one day seminar on 'Fé na Cidade' held in Lisbon by the Evangelical Alliance was well attended by key evangelical leaders in Portugal. Anna managed to understand most of the high level Portuguese (!) used by the key speakers. Pray that the Evangelical Alliance will use the information as a means of strengthening their vision for the city. As the song says, 'greater things are still to be done in this city'.

Alta Crista church plant

Please continue to pray for Alta Cristã church plant, for the Wednesday evening Prayer and Bible Study group. Peter and Rui co-lead the Bible study and Anna helps to lead the prayer time. She has been trying to show that it shouldn't just be a shopping list of prayer requests!

Our daughter Sharon and Gabriel will be getting married in Italy on June 23rd. Peter will be conducting the marriage ceremony.. Please pray for them, for the event and for their lives as they settle in Windsor afterwards.

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken, Claremorris

Praise

On **Sunday 2nd June** Calvary Church Claremorris will be celebrating 3 years meeting as a church. We give thanks for God's goodness to us over these years. We plan to have a special lunch together in celebration.

Prayer

On **Friday 7th June** we will be travelling to Waterford to attend the farewell of Simon & Danielle Ball. Simon and Danielle have worked on the ECM team for nearly 10 years. Pray as we meet up together with the rest of our ECM co-workers to wish them well as they return to Australia in July.

Pray as we make plans for the summer outreach and connect again with those in the local housing estate where we did the kids club. Pray that we get permission from the residents association without any complications.

Office

Pray for Lindsay and the office team, as she starts back to work after maternity leave. The staff team all took on extra work in Lindsay's absence which she is thankful for. We are all looking forward to getting back to some 'normality' again.

The office is looking for a part time Communications and Marketing Manager. Please pray that the right person will see the advertisement and apply.

Miriam and Member Care

1 We are working through Charities Registration at the moment and would really value your prayers as we get paperwork together to meet the regulations.

2 Praise God we have a good team for Bosnia and are looking forward to what God will do through the different ages of folk who are part of the team. Ages 13 to 70!! Pray for receptive hearts of the children we will meet and their families to the gospel and wisdom to use the gifts and talents of the team well.

3 Praise God Lindsay is now back in the office. Pray we will have wisdom to divide up the work so that as much is covered as possible in the best way possible. It's good to have the team increasing.

4. We are producing our next magazine at the minute please pray that God uses it to inspire our readers to GO, or GIVE, or PRAY or perhaps all 3!! What an encouragement that would be.

Charlie ECM International

I will probably just be home from a Pastor's to Pastors trip to Slovenia as you get this at the start of June.

Praise God and pray for all the gatherings, relationship-building, blessing, encouragements and challenges that have taken place over the last few days, that God will use them for his glory and the growth of his kingdom.

Pray for plans for Bosnia accommodation, car hire (which can be tricky in Bosnia) safety on travel and encouragement and fellowship of the believers we seek to encourage in Bugujno and Nove Travnic.

Pray for a good rest and God's protection, in the summer, for all our families and partners as they seek to fit in holiday space among busy programmes.

Allison & Colin, Ferrybank

We had our AGM a few weeks ago. It was encouraging to meet together and look back at how God has been at work and to look forward with hope. We are thankful for those who are new among us and are getting involved and embracing us as their church family. We pray that we all will continue to grow in love for God, each other. Also that those in our community would know more of who Jesus is through us.

Monday 3rd June is our BIG SPLASH. We have printed flyers and are ready to post them through every letterbox in Ferrybank. We are thankful that we (as a church family) will not be doing this alone but will be joined by others from Churches in Waterford and supporters from further north and south in Ireland. Pray these Flyers would be a vehicle through which more people in our community would consider God and decide to learn more of who he is.

Praise. We have also relaunched our church website ferrybankchristianchurch.ie We are so thankful that something that seems to have been beyond our grasp for so long has been completed. Join us in praying that this will be an accessible open door that will give others the courage to walk into church and explore more.

We as a family are going on holidays the last week in June. To say the kids are excited is an understatement. We are looking forward to this time together as 5. Praise God for this time ahead and for those we get to spend it with.

In June Colin plans to travel with Loughrea to prepare the way for the Carmody's who hope to move from Australia to work with Calvary Mission in Loughrea through ECM. Pray particularly for their Visa and that they will raise the support needed. They hope to arrive in Ireland in August.

Sebastian & Gloria Forjan

- Praise God for great church retreat that we had with our church last month. Pray for continual growth and maturity of our church
- In beginning of June, we will have baptism. Pray for good witness to our non-Christian friends and for the encouragement for the church.
- Pray for summer camps - for teens to have more sign up and for kid's camp - praise God we have already 71 kids sign up but we need workers for kids camp.

Peace in Christ

David & Samantha Gilkinson – Spain

It's been 4 and half months since we landed in Spain. And what a whirlwind of a time it has been. We have really felt the prayers and support of our ECM family and our supporters over this transition time. So thank you.

We praise God for a great apartment that we have settled into, for getting to know the city of Castellón and for most of the administrative things that come with moving countries now completed. We are also just completing our formal language classes for the summer with exams. We have learnt so much through this, but we are also so aware of all that we still have to learn in communicating well and easily in Spanish. It is a daily challenge for us and it certainly keeps us humble and reliant upon God. Praise God that we have made some small progress and please pray that we continue to improve, gain confidence & remain hopeful that God will equip us with all we need for life and ministry here in Spain. We are also thankful for a Church family to be a part of while we are here initially in Castellón. They have been very welcoming, and we are now enjoying more time getting to know the Pastor and some of the members better. Pray that we can build friendships there and grow in understanding of the sermons each week. We are also thankful for some friendships outside of ECM and the church, friendships through tutoring classes, language school & David's rugby club. Pray that we can enjoy and build upon those relationships and that we can share Jesus with them.

We are thankful for finding a nursery for our daughter Maria who is 2 and half. She enjoys her few mornings there and is learning Spanish and Valenciano quickly. Often her behaviour and sleep over these months has been difficult though and much of it probably down to the changes in her little life. We are also praising God for new life as we are expecting a new baby in October. Prayer for Maria, the growing baby, Samantha's health and us as family would be really appreciated.

It is incredible to review these last few months and to see all that has happened. There has been so much thankfulness for Gods provision and presence with us. However, we have also felt discouraged and homesick at times too. Please continue to pray that we settle into life in Spain, remember Gods call on us as a family and daily walk closely with Him.

Please pray for Jack Taylor who along with our Samantha and David Gilkinson will be doing some work in Salou this summer linked primarily to 'Exodus' who are involved in Youth Discipleship Ministry. Please pray for Jack as he is involved in organising and training, travelling back and forth in June and July. Pray that God will use these opportunities to build strong faith foundations in Spanish young people and that Jack will be encouraged as he serves God in this way.

Aislinn Duffy – Spain

Thank you for praying over my home visitation last month. The two weeks at home for deputation were a real blessing; it was very encouraging to see how people are praying and remembering this ministry and partnering with me in reaching students in Spain.

So June looks to be a bit quieter, with students starting exams and finishing up coursework, so this is an opportunity for me to catch up on some admin and also plan for the national GBU summer conference at the end of July. From the 7th to the 9th of June we have a weekend away with the Barcelona student committee to evaluate this academic year and plan the following. Please pray that this would be a time for the new committee to get together and to be mission focused as we plan for the coming year. Wisdom, guidance and vision would be valued for both Isma and I and the student committee (Marta, Joana, Keila, Rux and Marc).

On the 28th of June we have our final GBE (Scripture Union) event of the year. We are going on an excursion, ending up at a maze where we will be doing various activities with the teenagers and listening to a short talk about climate change, why this is important to us as Christians and what can we do to make a difference. Please pray for this event, that the GBE ones would invite their friends along and that they would respond to the gospel message. Praise God for how He has blessed the ministry of GBE and has gone before us, bringing so many teenagers from various churches (starting with 10 in October and having 40 last month!). I would also appreciate prayer for the evaluation and planning meeting that we have as a GBE team as it can be very hard to find a date which suits us all.