



# **Eurolink**

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## **Office**

Give thanks that ECM Ireland have two new Associate Members,

Luciana Oliveira and Giorgos Christoforides. Luciana and Giorgos are both working in Athens, Greece. Luciana works for Hellenic Ministries, running a community centre for the Roma people in that area and Giorgos works as an IT Administrator for AMG Int.

Give thanks for their passion for Jesus and want to serve him. Pray for them and us as we work together in the future.

## **Sebastian and Gloria Forjan, Slovenia**

- Nicky Cruz evangelisation on March 17th where Nicky will share his testimony how God brought him out from gang, drugs, and criminal. There will be 700 people and some of them will hear Gospel for the first time. Pray for open hearts, for our team that is organizing this event and that all financial fees will be covered.

Pray for Andraž who 5 years ago accepted Christ and got baptized but now is struggling in his walk with Christ.

Also pray for Vesna that she got baptized last Sunday that she will grow in the Lord and for protection against the enemy as she is already experiencing it.

Thank you for your support and may the Lord keep you.

## **Peter and Anna Crawford, Lisbon**

Thank you for your prayers for us during our visit to Athens, Greece. We were able to view three apartments and it gave us an idea of the kind of apartment and the location we should be looking for when we move in May. Please continue to pray that God will lead us to the right place at the right rent. We think we have temporary accommodation when we first arrive in Athens but are waiting for confirmation. We would also appreciate prayers for wisdom as to what we should take and how we should transport personal items from one end of Europe to the other! Pray that God will lead us to the right removals company.

At the beginning of March Peter will be travelling to Germany to visit the team there and he would appreciate prayer as he encourages team members in Schwerin, Berlin and Frankfurt.

We will be attending a family wedding at the end of March in Scotland and have taken the opportunity of extending our time there for a few days to visit our personal supporters who we have not seen in quite a while. It does mean though that we will only have one day turnaround before we head off again to the Biennial.

On March 21st, we will have our ECM Portugal Prayer Day and this will be our last one after 12 years! Pray for a good leadership and member care transition. We are experiencing 'saudade' already - a Portuguese

word for a longing for that which we have experienced in the past, and pray that it will be a blessed and memorable time for us.

Some of you may know the story of 'Sarah' who is from the Middle East and is seeking the Lord. Last Saturday we met up with her and gave her a Bible in her own language and we were able to share with her from the book of Psalms promises that God gives in very trying and difficult situations, as she is experiencing. It was an awesome, holy time when all three of us experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit directing our conversation. Sarah has one step in the kingdom of God already. Pray that the 'eyes of her heart' may be enlightened and that she will experience God's peace and protection.

### **James Gourley**

James is an ECM short-termer who is with us for three months (from Ballymena). He is on his year out from Oxford Uni for his joint Portuguese/Spanish degree. He has integrated well into our church plant and is proving to be an asset already with the young people, with some GBU (IFES) involvement also, and teaching English Language classes on Saturday mornings. We can already see evidence of God using him in different ways in the short time he has been here already. Obviously, his ability to communicate fluently in Portuguese is also very helpful. Pray for him that he will continue to be a blessing to others and that he too will be blessed.

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

We are thankful that Miriam's trip to Spain was very helpful and please pray now that God would open up opportunities for her to practice and use this coaching tool for His glory.

Charlie is also thankful for a good International Leadership Team meeting and feels blessed to experience the unity and giftedness of the team. It's been encouraging to work under the new Director of ECM International, Simon Marshall, who was part of the group as well. THANK YOU for praying.

#### **Biennial Conference (Miriam)**

A lot of my time in one way or another has been related to preparations for the conference in about 5 weeks or so.

We are finishing off our preparations for the Prayer Evening and also organising the early morning prayer times. There are still some details and documents to be worked on and we would value your prayers to get everything finished and well organised. We want things to run smoothly and trust that God will use all of the activities at the conference for His glory.

The planning team require wisdom as they monitor the Corona virus news along with all the other organisational admin that goes on at this stage so please pray for all involved.

Charlie had some scheduled surgery on 19th of Feb and the recuperation is taking a little longer than he had hoped.( perhaps he was just too optimistic). Do pray for a full recovery.

He hopes to visit Poland and Ukraine in the third week of March. Pray for wisdom and insight as he seeks to encourage the ECM teams there.

Thanks for your prayer support everyone. We really appreciate it.

### **Charis Tully Ferrybank**

I officially finished here in Waterford at the end of January but as I am still living here and still going to church in Ferrybank not too much has changed yet.

I have had several meetings about my future plans and things are becoming clearer but please continue to pray for me and others as we continue to discuss things.

Please pray for me as I pack up and say goodbyes.

Mum saw a specialist in the north of Ireland and she does need a new knee but she cannot get the surgery till July at the earliest as she had a steroid injection in January.

Thanks for your continued prayers

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

### ***Praise***

- We are thankful that Nicola has recovered well from her time in hospital in January and grateful to friends and neighbours who have been very kind.
- We've been very glad to have Andy & Rachel Millar working in the church with us over the last few months.
- Sarah was able to get through her Leaving Certificate mock exams and will have some oral tests in the coming weeks.

### ***Prayer***

- **Saturday 7th March:** This will be the Women's Christian Conference in Castlebar. The speaker will be Jenny McClaughlin from Hamilton Road Baptist Church in Bangor who will be speaking on "Faith in the Faithful Hand Of God". Pray for a good day together.
- **St Patricks Day 17th March:** We will have our church tent and display during the day in the town square. We will have a kid's craft and some free Bibles and literature for the adults. It is great to join with the community on this day of celebration in the town.
- Pray for Jonathan as he prepares a short programme for the local radio each week. This programme called "Reflections" goes out on a Saturday afternoon at 1.45pm and then repeated on a Tuesday at 11.45am on Claremorris Community Radio. The web link is [ccr946.ie](http://ccr946.ie)

## **Aislinn Duffy Spain**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February there was a fire in the GBU National office that is based in Barcelona. No one was hurt but much damage was done, especially to the storehouse with the books connected to the GBU Publishing House (Andamio). Prayer for the staff workers who are based in the office would be appreciated, as for the raising of funds to cover all the damage (160,000€ in total).

Things start to get busy now in March as on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March we have the student committee handover and I'm going to be working alongside and supporting this team of students. Keila is the only student staying on from last year and so far we have asked four students to consider serving and are still waiting for answers from them. Please pray that God would form the committee with the students that He has planned to be on it and that they would be passionate and creative as they seek to share the gospel in the universities in Barcelona. I would also appreciate prayer as I take on this new role of working with the committee, for wisdom, creativity and patience.

For GBE, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March we are organising an Urban Camp. This is going to be all day Saturday, on the theme of #influencers - how Jesus is the greatest influencer of all time. There will be various workshops, games, team building, food, time to chill etc. We are praying that this event will have an impact in the lives of the young people who come along and that they would leave passionate and equipped to share their faith with others.