

David, Samantha and Maria Gilkinson - Spain

Great to have our first entry into the prayer diary!

Over the next couple of months, we hope to complete our support raising and finalise our preparations before moving to Castellon, Spain.

Please pray for:

- Support raising- hitting the target budget before we travel.
- Our commissioning service on 6th January.
- Good travel and smooth transition into language school and orientation in the middle of January.
- Finally pray that we can find somewhere to live for our first year on the field: David travels to Spain 8th - 13th December with this task in mind.

Jonathan & Nicola McCracken, Claremorris

Praise

- We give thanks for a good kid's club in our own home after the power and electricity had failed in the Town Hall, just an hour before the club. Sarah's family and Jade came from church and one local family from the town who have 5 girls. They all listened well, and we had a good time together. Thank you for your prayers.
- We give thanks for The Amazing Journey Exhibition and for the opening into the local boy's National school in Claremorris. Pray that the boys will remember these Bible stories and want to request a New Testament for themselves.
- We had a good table stand at the Claremorris Winter Market. We were able to give out some free Bibles and have a kid's craft. It was great to be part of this community event.

Prayer

- **29th Nov - 3 December** - Jonathan will be in Germany for ECM Leadership meetings. At these meetings, Jonathan will be passing on the ECM Ireland Field Leadership responsibilities to Colin Holmes, who works with the Ferrybank Church Plant in Waterford. Jonathan has been doing this role for 12 years now. He will keep the Member Care role for ECM Ireland missionaries. Pray too for Colin as he takes on this new role.
- **15th December** - Christmas Kids Club in the Town Hall. Pray as the invites are given out and pray that some of the children will come from previous clubs we have run.
- **23rd December** - Family Christmas Service. Pray as we give out invites for this and invite families along for a morning of carols and Christmas message.

Charis Tully – Ferrybank

Praise God that mum is nearly back to full strength now after her pneumonia. We now know that that her surgery will probably not be till January. Please pray for mum to keep well for the surgery especially at this time of the year when a lot of sickness is going around.

As you know I don't have to move house now till the end of Feb and as there are very few houses to rent at this time of year I will wait to move until Feb. Please pray that I find a house at the right price and that all goes to plan with mum's surgery in Jan, so I am free to move in Feb.

We as a church have been invited to the switching on of the lights in Ferrybank on Fri 30th Nov, we will be doing face painting and handing out invites to our family carols which are on the 9th Dec at 4pm. Please pray for both these events and also pray for us as a team and church as Ross leaves us on the 11th of Dec- he was here with us for 2 years and was a great help so will be a big loss

Charlie & Tania Deering – Madrid Spain

2 Dec: Annual Camarma Church Assembly

Pray for wisdom as we hope to elect new elders and others in leadership positions.

16 Dec: Camarma Church Christmas Special

An opportunity to share the good news with many people who would not normally attend a church service.

22 Dec: "Food Bank" Christmas brunch.

A special treat for all of the families who receive food parcels throughout the year.

19 Dec - 3 Jan: In Scotland and N.Ireland

We spend Christmas with Mark and Nicole in Aberdeen and then nip across to N.I for a few days.

Sebastian & Gloria Forjan

We want to let you know that the Good News kids club is going very well. Weekly we have around 20+ children and now they are working on a Christmas play that they will play before their parents on the 23rd of December. Pray for the practice, healthy and especially that the story of Christmas will be planted well in their hearts so that Jesus will become their Saviour.

Also pray for the show on the 23rd that we will start good relationships with parents

Pray for our church that we will grow in maturity in Christ. Pray for more workers because we have many open doors to share the gospel, but we don't have enough national workers.

Lastly, pray for our family. We have seen in the last few months that a lot of spiritual warfare is going on.

Pray for our firm faith and focus on our God.

Thank you for standing with us.

Louise and Vimal in Germany

- *Please pray for Abigail, Beulah, Celeste doing exams and also David in his first year at school.*
- *Pray also for our Christmas Project with the refugees that we're doing in church-filling up mugs with goodies, and giving them out.*
- *Pray for energy and strength to do all the we need to do in God's will over the Christmas period.*

- *Please pray for Celeste as she has a ballet recital (2nd of Dec) that all might go well and that we may connect with other families here in Blankenloch.*
- *Praise God for ladies that Louise has coffee with on Wednesdays and pray for the strengthening of relationships and the opportunity to talk about God.*

Diary Dates

- *8th Dec Evangelical Migration Centre- we will host the Carrom Championship competition (A great opportunity to get know the migrants who will come along.)*
- *14th Dec Christmas service for Iranians*
- *20th Dec Special dinner evening in Evangelical Migrant Centre for some of our German pastors and friends who are part of the team that steers the EMC. The meals will be cooked and served by the migrants who have been coming along to the centre.*
- *23rd Dec Celebrating Christmas with the Tamil church in Frankfurt*
- *25th Christmas Day worship service for Tamils in Karlsruhe*

Peter and Anna Crawford

We were encouraged by our time in N Ireland in October and half of November. It was a real blessing to have met many people and having the opportunity to share in a number of different churches. We were very thankful for the provision of an apartment and a car. Please pray that we will continue to connect with the churches and people we met.

We are now back in Lisbon and picking up the threads of our ministry and relationships with people. Peter, along with a number of other leaders will be Sinsheim, Germany for the International leadership meetings in early December. Pray for a real sense of God's leading and directing in all the discussions and decisions that are made.

While he is away, I will welcome Steve and Lydia Cockram, ECM GB candidates who will be visiting Portugal in the first week of December. They will primarily be visiting Lisbon and Coimbra to find out which city would suit them the best for language study and orientation when they arrive next year. Pray for wisdom for them.

We have other candidates in the pipeline, too, who will be arriving next year. They are Reginaldo and Domitilla Braga (with ECM US), Marcus and Andressa Barido (with ECM Brazil and just now in Tandragee), Joel and Cecilia Oliveira (Portuguese and living in Porto in association with ECM Australia) and later on Eberson and Madalena Da Silva (ECM Brazil). Pray for wisdom in their placement in ministry and for their support raising.

We are encouraged that the church plant we are involved in here in Lisbon, Alta Crista, recently received gifts from the US and Ireland. This is very helpful to Rui Ribeiro who is the young pastor leading the church plant as it was struggling financially.

Peter and I will be giving talks on the subject of 'Resilience' in early January at the Portugal Member Care Network Retreat (this network serves both Christian leaders and missionaries who serve in Portugal). Pray for preparation time and guidance from the Lord as we decide in which areas we should focus our talks on.

We are looking forward to having some of our family members with us over the Christmas period. It's always a blessing to have them visit us.

Office in Lisburn

- Lourdes' girls are doing exams at the minute so please pray for them at this time.
- Please also pray for some work being done with one of our council members to improve the presentation of our accounts.
- We are delighted at how the Christmas project 'A Pound and a Prayer' for the care of refugees in Germany is coming together-praise God.
- Ask God to help Cosmin as he works the online version and ask God to use it for his glory.
- Don't forget to look up the prayer points from the magazine during Advent and pray every day in December.

Thank you for your prayers throughout the year and we trust God will bless you as you have blessed and supported the work of ECM Ireland in all its varieties both in Lisburn and in Europe!

Charlie and Miriam Anderson (ECM Leadership and Office/Member Care)

- >Thank you for all your prayers for my (Charlie's) travels. It was good to get a lot of feedback on facebook and I knew you were praying!!
- > My last trip the 10th -17th Dec in Romania. Pray as we meet the different members of the ECM Romania Team in their respective locations and ministry.
- >Pray for safe travel and that I might be able to encourage our missionaries and understand their situations.
- >Pray for a good break over Christmas and the opportunity to recharge, and the discipline to do some necessary administrative tasks that have been put off.

Praise God for answers to prayer for Miriam's work as well:

- >Our 'Taste of Europe' evening was well supported and we enjoyed connecting with many friends in the area.
- >Our change over has gone well so far and we are awaiting news of Lindsay's new baby who is due anytime. Praise God for his hand upon her family at this special time.
- >Praise God too for how we have managed to cover most things (we think!) with His help.

Pray for the Leadership Meetings Charlie and I are attending in Germany (here until the 3rd Dec). Pray these will be useful, wise and helpful across all of ECM as we make plans and take decisions.

- >Pray that during this season of giving that projects and support for the Lord's work would also come in so that all can be encouraged by finishing well at the end of 2018 and with a healthy balance to begin 2019.

We wish you all the peace and blessing of Christmas and thank you for being our partners in this work of 'Bringing Europe to **LIFE**' as they hear of the Saviour of the world.
