



Devotional

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Philippians 2:1-2 (ESV)

Every fellowship that wants to accomplish something needs unity. United we are strong! According to Phil 2:2 Christian unity can be described with four terms:

- **Be of the same mind!** Unity does not come from uniformity in thinking, but from being one in purpose. We will experience unity in our ministry, as long as we all strive after the same purpose, policies and principles.
- **Have the same love!** We are all different. And that is good! The great variety of gifts and characters make our ministry rich! But these differences can also cause tension. Therefore, in addition to being of the same mind, we also need to have the same love. Love sees the wealth in the other person being different. Love accepts these differences, and enjoys the fact that God has made each of us special. Without love, differences can lead to separation. Love, however, bridges the gaps.
- **Be in full accord!** This may be hard for some of us to accept. We like to be independent and doing things our own way. When we are in full accord, we are united in our affections and desires. We put aside our own wishes and agree to do together what Christ has called us to do. We help and support each other.
- **And of one mind!** To have the *same* mind already binds us together. But to have *one* mind goes even deeper. We then have *one* intention, *one* goal, *one* passion which ultimately is to glorify Christ. Unity in ministry brings glory to Christ, and harmony and victory to us.

Prayer Calendar Western Europe October/November 2018

October 2018

1. Philip & Denise Annett: Directors of Leadership & Ministry Development

Please pray for Philip as he leads and teaches at the National Directors Institute in Sri Lanka. 26 National Directors from around the world will attend this training event from the 1st to the 12th October.

2. France:

"1001 bricks", a Lego event will take place in Auxerre, one of our CityKids cities for 2018. It will be at the beginning of October. Please pray with us that God would allow His word to touch hearts. Pray for our worker Nadège Sinza who will organise this event, and ask God to bless churches, and the boys and girls of this city.

3. Stephen & Pam Garrett, Area Directors SW Europe:

Please pray for the Portugal Worker's Retreat and Board meetings to be held in the Azores from today until the 7th. Ask God for a sense of unity and wisdom as we look to the future in the ministry of CEF Portugal.

4. Roy & Ruth Harrison: Area Directors, NW Europe:

Roy and Ruth are in Sweden, October 5 - 9, to meet with the workers, volunteers, etc. in the Gothenburg area. Pray for new members of God's choice for the National Board. The Board meets on Saturday afternoon, October 6.

5. Luxembourg:

God willing we'll be able to talk to two pastors regarding a Saturday Congress for Sunday School teachers. Please pray for open doors and a team who is eager to bring this about.

6. Ireland:

We are conducting a training day for all committee members. Please pray that it will be beneficial and encouraging to each one who serves faithfully on the Local Committees on a voluntary basis.

7. Iceland:

Pray for CEF workers (part-time or full-time) to help churches and believers to take the Gospel to many more of the 40,000 children living in the Reykjavik region.

8. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

For the next two weeks I'm teaching Doctrine and Interpreting Scripture at the German CMLC in Germany. Please ask the Lord to make me a blessing to the students.

9. Wilna Shaw, English speaking ministry in the Netherlands:

A growing group of English speaking children (3000) have come to live in the Amsterdam region. Pray for the promotion of an English City Kids Project in 2019 for international churches and Theological Seminary. Pray for an English speaking assistant for Wilna Shaw in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

10. Sweden:

Pray for our team, and our board meeting in October. Pray also for wisdom in finding new board members.

11. Lithuania:

Praise the Lord for 61 teachers who attended our Teacher Training classes in 4 cities in September. We are especially thankful for new teachers who are starting to minister to children in their churches. Please pray that they would be willing to attend our training sessions and use our CEF curriculum.

12. EPM:

Please pray that God will give us in CEF, creative ways of helping those who pray for, and support the ministry of child evangelism know that they are a vital part of the team. And that together we would praise God for the way that He has brought us all together to fulfil the Great Commission.

13. Austria:

Pray for Silvia and Sophia as they develop more ministries for children and young teens in the Graz area in southern Austria. Ask the Lord to continue to draw boys and girls to Himself, as they are taught the good news of the Saviour.

14. Great Britain:

Praise God that **Humperdinck Jackman** has been appointed as our Data Protection Officer to help us put into practice the policy and processes and to enable us to maintain our compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations (**GDPR**).

15. Denmark:

Danish kids have their autumn break this week and Mette and Dorthé have several Building Events with LEGO around the country.

16. Spain:

We praise God for the new workers going to serve in the Canarian Island (German and Yamileth), and for Nubia in Seville. Pray for God to guide and provide for them and their ministry.

17. Belgium:

We praise God for a fantastic Vacation Bible School with 126 children attending at our home church in Brussels. Many un-churched children heard the Gospel and responded.

18. Iceland:

Roy and Ruth are in Reykjavik, from the 19th to the 23rd, to meet with Magnus and Arni, as well as with pastors and friends of CEF, to talk about the way ahead. Pray for the times of sharing with these key believers, and for Roy as he speaks in Church services on the Sunday.

19. Germany:

The German CMLC takes place from September 30 till December 12. We thank the Lord for 11 students taking the first and 7 taking the second module. Already we know about three of them who plan to join CEF in Germany. We pray, that other students will also come into the work after this course.

20. Stephen & Pam Garrett, Area Directors SW Europe:

Praise God for another opportunity to take up preaching engagements and meet with the Italian Board in Milan this month. The Board meet today, and Stephen will have several preaching engagements over the weekend, from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st.

21. Italy:

Praise the Lord for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of CEF Italy, we praise God for his faithfulness! Please pray that God will call other workers into this big harvest.

22. Development, Russell Brooks:

Please pray for our upcoming Board Meetings in Albania to be held from 22nd October. Praise God also for our new workers and for more to follow in their footsteps.

23. Roy & Ruth Harrison: Area Directors, NW Europe:

Roy and Ruth are in Denmark from October 23rd to the 26th to meet with Dorthé, the CEF National Director; they will also be visiting Good News Clubs in the Copenhagen area. Pray for the Lord's guidance, help and blessing.

24. Denmark:

In a monthly GNC there is a very troubled kid who is dealing with a lot of darkness in his life although he has asked Jesus to be his Saviour. Please pray for him and his family that they will all find a way to let the light of Christ fill their lives instead of darkness.

25. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Today I travel to St. Petersburg/Russia to speak at a CEF conference. Please do pray that the messages will become a real blessing to those who are present and to the ministry of CEF Russia.

26. France:

"Struggles outside, fears within!" will be the theme during our national conference, which will take place from October 25th to the 28th.

CEF workers, friends, members of the committee and the national board will be present. Pray that this meeting will be a blessing for the CEF family.

During this time, we will have a national board meeting. Ask God to give wisdom, peace and guidance.

27. Finland:

Please pray for Pekka Tolonen as he only has two months left working for CEF Finland before retiring at the beginning of December. We have two new part-time workers to continue what Pekka has been doing: Jouni and Elina. Ask God to bless these two as they learn from Pekka. Pray also for Pekka's health, that he will finish his ministry well, and fully enjoy his retirement and winter sports in Lapland where he lives with his wife Riitta.

28. Bogdan Bassara, Multimedia Director:

Please pray that God will help our writers with wisdom and creativity as they continue to work on European literature projects.

29. Norwegian Lapland:

Pray that children will come to the mission in Tana from today until Friday 2 November. Very few children came last year.

30. Estonia:

Pray for participants taking JYC, TCE-1 and TCE-2 week-end courses during this month. Pray that God will provide everything, and that people will see the need to evangelize and help children and teens in their Christian growth.

31. Norwegian Lapland:

Pray that a good number of children and adults will come to HalloVenn, an alternative to Halloween held today in Tana.

1. Lithuania:

Please pray for our Youth Challenge clubs. Please pray for our 2 JYC instructors (Diana, Arturas) as they organize a training course for Youth Challenge leaders, pray for a good group of leaders to attend the course.

2. France:

During this month we will put emphasis on prayer and organize a chain of prayer. We will also promote Christmas clubs. May God bless His work.

3. Austria:

Ask the Lord to bring children with prepared hearts to the Good News Clubs, religious education classes in schools, mums and toddlers' groups and other regular activities which are held during the school year in the Graz, Innsbruck, Salzburg and Vienna areas.

4. Germany:

Please pray for the Mailbox-Club of CEF in Germany, that the Lord will give Ute Bartz (leader) and the volunteers much wisdom to answer the children's questions, and counsel them by mail. We also ask you to pray that a good number of new children will enroll in the course.

5. Iceland:

Pray for Arni, Magnus and their helpers, as they reach and teach children through clubs, etc. in the Akuyreri area in northern Iceland during the school year.

6. Great Britain:

Please ask for God to bless the CEF Great Britain worker's retreat in Derby from today until the 8th. Pray that this time will be a valuable experience for all who attend. Stephen Garrett and Philip Annett will be attending and taking part in this retreat.

Denmark:

Today the national committee will be meeting. Please pray for unity and good decisions to be made. Also, please pray for 1-2 new members for this committee.

7. Roy & Ruth Harrison: Area Directors, NW Europe:

Roy and Ruth are in Norwegian Lapland, November 8 - 14, to meet with Ida Johnston, Kirsti Veiby and Sarah Bleakley, who are serving with CEF in that vast area. Ask the Lord to lead the right person to be a co-worker for Sarah.

8. Denmark:

Please pray for our local worker Maj who begins working again this month after 1.5 years of maternity leave.

9. Philip & Denise Annett: Directors of Leadership & Ministry Development

Please pray that God will help and bless Philip as he spends time with CEF workers and pastors in Poland. He will share about CityKids and preach in some churches. Pray that the workers might be encouraged and the churches challenged to go out and reach the unchurched children in their communities.

10. Sweden:

Pray for more workers, full time, part time and volunteers.

11. Estonia:

Praise the Lord for many open doors for direct children's ministries. Pray that we may have enough volunteer teachers and helpers to cover the needs, especially among children with special needs.

12. Germany:

Today there is an important workers' meeting at Rudolfstadt. We want to establish a local CEF office in Thuringia (East Germany). The office will be in the building of a local church. We would like to start the work there with teacher training. May the Lord open the right doors. Thuringia needs CEF!

13. Italy:

Thank God for Mirella, the new office worker. Please pray that she can get more and more familiar with the work.

14. Iceland:

Pray for Magnus who administers the online lessons website for children. He wants to make improvements and add more new lessons.

15. Stephen & Pam Garrett, Area Directors SW Europe:

Please remember Stephen as he goes to Madrid, Spain from the 15th - 17th. Ask for God's help as he meets with workers and attends the Board Meeting.

16. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Please pray for meetings with the German national board, and a preaching engagement on Sunday!

17. Wilna Shaw, English speaking ministry in the Netherlands:

Praise God for thousands of children from many nations who are living in the Netherlands. Pray for volunteers to reach them with the Gospel. Pray for the monthly seminar training for GNC teachers. Pray for the start of GNC clubs for migrant/refugee/international children in the Amsterdam region.

18. Norwegian Lapland:

Sarah will be here from 18th October to the 13th December DV. Pray that this will be a positive time of learning and getting to know more of the area.

19. Lithuania:

Please pray that God will provide all that we need to make good quality video promotions of our literature, and our courses, so that we can reach more believers and share our vision of evangelizing children.

20. Finland:

We have new webpages for CEF Finland. This was a long and painful process that took some time, but now we are so happy about them. Elina did a good job finishing them during the summer! Go and take a look at www.lastenmissio.fi

21. Ireland:

Our Annual General Meeting will take place today. Pray for God's leading and guidance in all discussions.

22. Kilchzimmer:

Please pray about the big changes for all of the Kilchzimmer workers due to the closure of the center. Some workers are about to pack up home in Switzerland and move to their new destination.

23. Spain:

Pray for guidance and wisdom for Jose and Damaris as national directors to know how to deal with the new situations arising in the work in Spain.

24. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Today I travel to our International Headquarters for the Spiritual Renewal Week and Regional Directors meetings in the afternoons and also afterwards. Please pray for a refreshing week and good meetings.

25. Great Britain:

Praise God that **Hannah Cashman**, our new full-time CEF missionary from the USA, has found accommodation to rent in Scotland, and a Christian driving instructor to help her gain a British driving license. Pray that her visa upgrade is a smooth process as we assign her new certificate of sponsorship, changing it from Tier 5 to Tier 2.

26. Belgium:

We are happy to hold a full TCE-1 for Spanish speakers in Switzerland. We have 3 Spanish speakers who are teachers for TCE 1 and 2. Please pray that the 16 participants will be challenged by the course and spread the word to other Spanish speakers in Basel, Zurich and Geneva.

27. Finland:

We are thankful for all the literature we have been able to produce, benefiting from Pekka Tolonen's professional touch. Please pray that we will finish things that need to be finished and that our materials would be used by teachers who want to reach and teach children. This fall we have been working with the Bible timeline - pray for a beautiful outcome.

We'll be looking for a new president for our CEF Board, since the present one will be retiring in March 2019. Pray that God will guide us to the right person for this important role.

29. Roy & Ruth Harrison: Area Directors, NW Europe:

Pray for openings and preparations for Christmas Clubs in the eleven countries of North West Europe, so that boys and girls will hear the message of the Saviour during the Christmas season.

30. Development, Russell Brooks:

Please pray for the required funding to complete the renovations to our new office in Lisbon. The new offices are part of a church building and we are required to renovate parts of the building to make it usable for the ministry to the children.

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