



**"He said this to test him,
for he himself knew what he would do."
John 6:6 (ESV)**

Why did Jesus ask Philip where to buy bread when He Himself already knew what He would do? *He said this to test him.* Jesus tested Philip's heart and Philip's faith. He tested his way of approaching problems and his method of dealing with difficulties. Jesus may do the same with us. When he allows troubles and tribulations to come into our life, He is testing us to see whether we trust Him or not; whether we believe in His care for us or not; whether we follow His Word even under difficult circumstances or not. Let's ask the Lord to give us the kind of heart and faith that stands the test. And then let's rejoice in the fact that Jesus not only knows our challenges and needs, but He also knows what He will do about it! He never runs out of wisdom or resources. He also knows the best time to help us and to move things into the right direction.

With the goodness of God to desire our highest welfare, the wisdom of God to plan it and the power of God to achieve it, what do we lack? – (A. W. Tozer)

Prayer Calendar Western Europe October/November 2019

October 2019

1. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director

Recently we made some progress in the selling of Kilchzimmer. Pray that the Lord leads every step in this process.

2. Christmas Together

Preparations for Christmas Together have begun in several countries. Please pray that the churches will see the need, will be willing to cooperate, and will see the Lord's blessings on this outreach. May many children in Europe come to a real understanding of what Christmas is all about.

3. Norwegian Lapland

Please pray that Ida will get into the school in Kautokeino to give out invitations for the mission 7-11 Oct. Pray that a good number of children and adults will come.

4. Belgium

We are still looking for a suitable replacement for Peter. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to the suitable person.

5. Bogdan Bassara, International Literature Director

We want to thank the Lord for the 20 years of Boxes of Books project, and many teachers and children that received the literature that was used to evangelise and teach God's Word. Pray for God's provision for the following years.

6. Sweden

Thank God for the new children who have started to come to our Good News Clubs after attending our summer clubs.

7. Iceland

Praise the Lord for all the children and young teens who attended the Bible camps at the Astjörn camp center this summer. Pray that God's Word will continue to bear fruit in their lives. Pray that Arni and Magnus Hilmarsson may be able to renew the lease on the camp center for future summer camps.

8. Finland

Thank God for Kaisa who has been faithfully running the Bible correspondence course for several years. However, the number of children has dropped close to zero. We would need help to know what to do. We still have many nicely printed lessons in storage.

9. Stephen & Grace Chambers, Designate Area Directors, NW Europe

We thank God for the opportunity and privilege to teach at IOT 1 & 2 in Sibiu, Romania (8-20th October). Please pray as Stephen leads a number of morning devotions, teaches quite a few classes, and helps workers with assignments and practicals. Please pray for a great time of fellowship together. Also please pray for Grace and the children at home during this time when Stephen is away.

10. Germany

We thank the Lord for every possibility to teach religious instruction and/or to hold Good News Clubs in schools.

11. Spain

We thank God for the growth of the Good News Clubs and ask God to provide the help of more volunteers.

12. The Netherlands

Today we have our 70th anniversary. It's also the beginning of our Christmas Impact Tour around 7 areas. Pray that we will reach more children than normal this Christmas!

13. France

The financial situations of CEF France and the local workers is difficult. But we trust the Lord who is the one who provides!

14. Luxembourg

We started a TCE-1 in the town of Dudelange. Please pray for good interaction with the 12 participants, and especially that someone will want to serve with CEF part-time in this needy country.

15. Philip & Denise Annett, Leadership & Ministry Development

Please pray that all the final plans will come together for the National Directors Institute which Philip will lead in Brazil. Pray that the National Directors from around the world will be encouraged and helped.

16. Finland

Helena and Marika have been arranging prayer gatherings where people can concentrate on praying for children and families. Please ask God to use these to open the eyes of many men and women and the church leaders for the need of reaching children with the gospel.

17. Great Britain

Pray for the workers' online meetings, that they would be a helpful time of sharing and encouragement as the workers build closer links together to strengthen their ministry to boys and girls.

18. Estonia

Praise the Lord for 2 new Good News Clubs that have just started, and we also found new team members for ongoing GNC ministry.

19. Ireland

We have a special week of prayer set aside 20th – 27th October. May believers be burdened to lift up the children and young people in prayer.

Latvia

There is a Teachers' Conference today and tomorrow. Pray for school teachers who teach the Bible in schools. According to the plans of the Ministry of Education, this is the last year of teaching Christian classes in all grades 1-3. Pray for opportunities to continue ministry in schools.

20. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director

Today I will preach in a church in Seengen/Switzerland. It's the first time in that church. Pray that the Lord will bless the sermon and that it will lead to a long term relationship with CEF.

21. Wondersurf

We can praise the Lord for the new version of Wondersurf in 22 languages, many children who are watching our videos about Martin Luther, 40 Daily Devotionals and 4 Bible stories on YouTube and Vimeo.

22. Stephen & Pam Garrett, Area Directors, SW Europe

Please continue to pray for a very complicated situation in Portugal. Ask God for unity amongst the Board and for wise decisions to be taken.

23. Bogdan Bassara, International Literature Director

Pray for translators as they are busy translating the new curriculum and *Every Day with God* to many European languages. Pray that the translators will be true to the Bible teaching and culturally relevant to the new language.

Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director

Today I fly to Romania for the 25-year anniversary of CEF ministry in that country. On Sunday I will preach in a church in a different part of the country and from Tuesday to Wednesday next week we have meetings of the Area Advisory Group for Central Europe.

24. Denmark

We travel to the Faroe Islands for a course (24th-27th) for 100-200 children workers. Please pray that God will help Hanne and Dorte to teach well, and also that the local people will be called to reach the children from outside the church.

25. Lithuania

Praise the Lord for seven Sunday School teachers from one Klaipėda church whom we were able to train on 22 October. May the Lord lead them into deeper and wider children's ministry.

26. France

We are thankful to the Lord that the change in the leadership role between Felly and Corinne on 1 September seems to be going well for the entire CEF France team.

27. CityKids

Please do pray that more countries across Europe will get involved in this ministry in the coming months.

28. Great Britain

Please pray that God will lead and direct the National Committee as they continue to pray and search for National Directors to lead the ministry.

29. Germany

We pray that God will open doors into new areas where there is little or no Gospel witness.

30. Ireland

We are planning to demolish and rebuild one of our camp centres. Please pray as the work is scheduled to commence this month.

31. Lithuania

Please pray for Super Seminars in Vilnius this fall. At the moment, we are looking for new children's workers who need some basic training about the children's ministry. Pray that some would respond and we would be able to minister to them and broaden their vision.

November 2019

1. Luke 10:2

Praise the Lord for new workers as a result of the CMLCs taught in Romania and in the Ukraine later this year. We pray that the Lord will also provide good training opportunities, and the needed finances.

2. France

Today we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of CEF France. May this day glorify the Lord! We want to remember the past, to better prepare for the future!

Latvia

This is the start of our "Christmas together" seminars. Pray for good co-operation with churches and new Christmas programs.

3. Stephen & Grace Chambers, Stephen & Pam Garrett

Please praise God for the opportunity to attend the National Directors Institute. Please pray that this will be a very informative time for us. Pray that we will better understand the role of the National Director so we can help, encourage and support the National Directors in W Europe. Please pray for Grace & Pam and the children when we are away.

4. Germany

Christmas together: We ask the Lord that many churches will be ready to join us and reach a great number of boys and girls in the weeks before Christmas.

5. Iceland

Please pray for CEF workers (part-time or full-time) for the Reykjavik area (40,000 children).

6. Spain

Pray for the development of TCE1 in Barcelona, several days of training, parent workshops and Christmas Together preparation.

7. Chris & Lynn Holt, European Member Care

Pray for Chris & Lynn as they formulate a Code of Practice which will assist and strengthen the CEF workers throughout Europe.

8. Finland

This is the darkest time of the year. Please pray for children who are exposed to things that are not healthy for them. Ask God to protect the young ones and families against the devil's schemes and offer the hope that only He can provide.

9. Estonia

Today we have a special CEF Estonia 50 years anniversary Conference in Tallinn, in the Oleviste church. Praise the Lord for those who started the ministry and taught the children over many years.

Lithuania

Please pray for our fall conference planned for today, for the main speakers, for the participants and that God will open hearts and minds towards deeper and wider ministry to children in our country.

10. Norwegian Lapland

We need prayer for the JYC in Karasjok every other Thursday. Pray for Lotta, the new leader. She is a teacher.

11. Denmark

Please pray for our financial situation. God has granted us a 10% increase in donors this year, but we are still a bit low financially.

12. Wondersurf

The development of a new garden game and interactive components for the *Every Day with God* series is our current challenge. Please pray for good progress on this

13. Luxembourg

There is a need for more teacher training and the start of a GNC. Please pray that some people would want to be further trained leading to a team who would want to start a children's club.

14. Finland

Thank the Lord for Satu who is a volunteer and responsible for mailing the literature to our customers. She is excellent in what she does, and we couldn't find a better person for the job. Pray for her as the end of November is often one of the peak seasons because of the Christmas campaign.

15. Ireland

A number of Fellowship Evenings will be held during this month. Pray that believers will be challenged about the need of reaching the children in their local areas.

16. Sweden

Pray for our CEF Sweden board meeting and AGM today. Pray that God will lead and direct us.

17. Philip & Denise Annett: Leadership & Ministry Development

Pray that God will continue to give Denise wisdom and creativity as she continues with some writing projects for CEF Europe.

18. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director

From today until Friday I am in my home church for a Bible Week with messages on salvation each evening and also on Wednesday afternoon. Please pray that the Lord will bless us and that what I share will make people all the more thankful for our salvation in Christ.

19. Germany

We ask the Lord to help our workers in the literature department to finish all the projects of this year in time, for success in the production and for God's blessing when the lessons and stories are taught.

20. The Netherlands

Pray for the Seminar training in November for international students and GNC teachers.

21. Denmark

We are grateful for a new member for our national board who is very qualified, but please still ask God for another person.

22. Stephen & Pam Garrett, Area Directors, SW Europe

Please pray for the CEF Britain Workers retreat from Friday 22nd November - Sunday 24th in King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton. Pray for Pastor John Drane from Woodford Evangelical Church, London as he ministers from God's word.

23. EPM

Thank you for praying for new full-time workers for Europe. Please pray for a support team for each one. May many more children be reached with the Gospel as God answers this prayer for more workers.

24. Iceland

Pray for the translation into Icelandic of the series of six *Every Day with God* Bible reading books; they would meet a big need—to follow-up children who have attended the camps and to help other children to begin studying the Bible for themselves.

25. Estonia

Pray for the Good News Bus ministry in South-East Estonia, for Kristi and her family.

26. Spain

Pray for the first congress of Children's Ministries to be held in Madrid; CEF Spain will be involved in this.

27. Great Britain

Please ask God to open more doors for children to hear the Gospel across England, Scotland and Wales.

28. Austria & Switzerland

Please continue to pray for the restart of the ministry in both countries. Some progress has been made in Switzerland. We are praying for 4 students for the German 2020 autumn CMLC from each of these countries.

29. Estonia

Pray for the salvation of children in Estonia, and for many of God's called people to tell the Gospel to the children. Pray for Katja, taking the CMLC in Ukraine, and her family. Pray that God will guide her and call her to the ministry.

30. The Netherlands

We have a special opportunity to put child evangelism in the spotlight. Today Marius and Marco will teach different subjects to around 90 students in a Bible school. Please pray that people will consider child evangelism as a "next step"