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A family friend sent me a note with these ideas recently and I found it so impactful. I am sure we've all read stories or watched accounts on the news/social media where politicians, celebrities or even church leaders' secrets are revealed for all to see. Then think, how would you be if everyone knew all that you have ever thought, said or done? We all have things 'locked in a cupboard' from the past. How would you/your ministry be if the door were flung wide open?

Simply read these verses below from Romans 8 and let their truth impact you. ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." If God himself has pronounced the sinner justified, what can anyone else say. On the grounds of the life, death, resurrection, ascension and ongoing work of the Lord Jesus Christ for his people, God has wiped the slate clean. Romans 8:1 says, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

To use our earlier example, when God opens the cupboard door of your life it will be empty!! Let that impact you!

I know sometimes we feel condemnation weighing heavy on us and it is probable the devil wants to use that to hinder/stop us coming to our heavenly Father. But may these verses encourage you and draw you to prayer, as one who is right before him because of his lovely Son.

June 2021

1. Ireland:

As we meet with our workers in the

Republic of Ireland today for prayer and planning, pray that God will clearly guide as to the direction for ministry post-covid.

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

We continue to ask for wisdom, grace and compassion in our lives as we seek to guide the countries of SW Europe from our base here in Northern Ireland.

3. Netherlands:

This summer Wilna Shaw will retire from the English-speaking work in the Netherlands. From 1978 she served the Lord in many ways and different countries. Praise the Lord for the persistence she has shown. Pray for the period that lies ahead like taking care for her children and her mother.

4. Wondersurf:

We can praise the Lord, that the website is now available in the Arabic language, available under www.allayuhiboni.com

5. Sweden:

Pray that we will reach many new churches with our magazine about the work of CEF in Sweden.

6. Chris & Lynn Holt, Member Care

Pray that the workers will have opportunities to take a holiday break over the summer for refreshment after the demands during the COVID lockdown.

7. Portugal:

Praise God for answered prayer regarding the health of 3 of the mothers of our staff team members. Two had broken bones

following falls and the other had a heart attack. As the parents of the team grow older there are additional concerns and stresses which our workers are coping with

8. Finland:

Finally we will start having courses again! Our instructors Helena and Pekka will be teaching in the middle of Finland from today until the 12th. There will be two small separate courses at the same time. Please pray that everything will go well and the participants will get a good start into children's ministry.

9. Italy:

Praise God for the various bureaucratic permissions to complete the work needing to be done to the Camp Centre in the mountains outside Bergamo. Pray that this work may soon all be done, and that camps for all ages may be possible before the end of this year.

10. Switzerland:

We are thankful for the contact we have with two people who distribute Christian literature in two Swiss cities. They are also distributing CEF literature for children. Please pray that children will be drawn to their bookstall and many tracts and booklets will be distributed. Pray that the children will read it intently and mindfully and that the Lord will give them understanding of the Gospel.

11. Germany:

Please pray for the meeting of our national executive today, and for the annual general meeting tomorrow (both online). May the Lord lead all the discussions and grant that the right decisions will be made.

12. Latvia:

Twelve students today will finish the Preschooler ZOOM Course. Pray for God to help them apply the knowledge they have gained into ministry to children.

13. Bogdan Bassara, International Literature Director:

Please pray for Bogdan as he chairs meetings with co-workers around the continent from the 14th to the 18th to discuss the video ministry. We thank the Lord for all that has been produced so far by respective National Offices in various languages.

14. Finland:

Our office needs to be reorganised. We will gather together today and go through all the stuff and make plans. Please pray that we will make a good use of this small, but valuable space for our future needs.

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

Please pray for the integration of Greece into the South-West Europe Area. Ask God to help Greece to feel a part of what goes on in the Area and to help us as we seek to understand the ministry going on within Greece and how the team functions in that situation. Also, that we may know how we can best support the leaders and workers there.

16. Great Britain:

Pray that the online Zoom meeting with the GB Workers this afternoon will give them encouragement to strengthen and develop their online ministry to boys and girls and as they consider how to roll out the new Equip teacher training course.

17. Portugal:

Mitigations have meant that there will not be children's or teenage camp held in either the Camp Centre on the mainland or in the Azores. However, please pray that families and churches may be willing to use the Vendas Novas facilities this summer.



18. Stephen & Grace Chambers, Area Directors NW Europe:

Thanks so much for your prayers for our children (Joel & Hannah) as they finished exams. We appreciate this so much. Pray they will know the Lord's leading when results come out in August. Please pray for them spiritually too, that they will know God more each day and take a stand for him.

19. Estonia:

Please pray for the camp which runs from today until the 22nd. Praise the Lord that many children can come together after 7 months of lockdown.

20. Austria:

Praise God for those who have contacted us recently about the work in Austria. One may be involved part-time, maybe even full-time eventually. Please pray as we meet together online in June to discuss how the Lord has been leading her in these days.

21. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

From today until Friday, we have our bi-annual European Leadership Advisory Group (ELAG) meetings. Unfortunately, we can only meet online again. Please pray that the Lord will guide our thoughts and help us to come to the right conclusions when we discuss the ministry in our countries and our departments.

22. Denmark:

Please pray for a summer event from today until the 24th in a very needy area with many Muslims.

23. Bogdan Bassara, International Literature Director:

Pray that many children during the summer camp ministry will get into the habit of studying the Word every day. Pray that the devotional books available in most of our European languages will help the children to continue with their Quiet Time.

24. Iceland:

Pray that God will bless and use the camp ministry this summer to transform the hearts and lives of the children and young people who attend.

25. Norwegian Lapland:

We will definitely not be able to have residential camps this year. We have been planning to have online children's camps from today until the 28th. We are thankful that Aud has agreed to teach for 3 days at each camp. Please pray for Sarah and I as we plan and co-ordinate it all. Please pray we will get the right helpers for the whole programme and that all the technology will run smoothly.

26. Italy:

Continue to pray for the recovery of Sara Pizzuti's father following major surgery. Pray that she may be able to manage her time well this summer with the additional concerns regarding her father's health and that there will be at least some opportunities for direct ministry with boys and girls.

27. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Today I'm supposed to preach in Villingen/Germany. It looks that I will be able to travel again. So please pray that the Lord will bless His Word.

28. Great Britain:

Praise God for the progress made during the April/May online meetings of the National Committee and for being strengthened by our newest committee member, Rebekah (Beks) Peters. Pray that God will provide us someone with legal experience in the charity sector as a successor to Jane Whitfield



29. Spain:

Pray for the Summer Camp that we will have at the end of this month with 60 children due to the restrictions. May it be a special time for children to hear the Gospel and may God take care of us all from any problems with Covid.

Denmark:

Today a summer camp begins. Please pray for protection and a wonderful camp with many decisions for the Lord.

30. European Partnership Ministry:

Please pray for more countries to be involved in supporting those in need. Pray that in 2021 we will have more partners with a heart for reaching children in Europe.

July 2021

1. Linda Corry, European Education Director:

Pray for the online CMLC (first module) this summer - that students from a number of countries in Europe will get involved in the ministry. Pray also for the planning of a high number of regular CMLCs in 2022. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest through these courses.

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

Please pray that we may have the opportunity to get involved with direct ministry to children this month. This becomes harder and harder to do the more involved we become at a leadership level, and yet it is the reason we became part of CEF a decade ago.

3. Wondersurf:

Please also pray that we will reach lots of children through our summer activity program on Wondersurf, and also for new workers for the Wondersurf ministry.

4. Iceland:

Please continue to pray for the development of church links and partnerships with other ministries in Iceland, so that many more children will hear the gospel and be saved.

5. Norwegian Lapland:

Please pray for the teens camp from today until the 7th. Pray that a good number will book and that it will be a blessing to the young people. Pray that God will bless Aud as she teaches and that everything will run smoothly.

6. Sweden:

Pray for our 5 Days clubs which will be held outdoors in several places in Sweden. Pray that we will reach new boys and girls with the Gospel

7. Finland:

In the summer there are many opportunities to share the gospel with people during special events. Please pray for open hearts and boldness to keep the good news available to those who are seeking answers.

Netherlands:

Pray for the summer work from today until the 9th in the Flemish city of Gent. Anneke and Marco and others will hold an open-air club during these days.

8. Denmark:

Our national director Dorthe is teaching refugee children at a summer camp (8th - 12th) for Farsi speaking families. Most of the families are very new believers and many adults and children are traumatized.

9. Latvia:

Several camps are planned for July. Pray for that God will help us to make them happen.



10. Germany:

May the Lord call someone to take over from Lilli Koeppen and lead the local work in the Prignitz area in Eastern Germany.

11. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Thanks for your prayers for me as I preach in my home church in Nümbrecht, Germany. I haven't been there for nearly a year and would like to visit some friends and supporters.

12. Estonia:

Pray for the JYC camp running from today to the 18th. Pray for the spiritual growth of the teens and for team leaders to give life-changing messages.

13. Bogdan Bassara, International Literature Director:

Please pray for Tibor and Bogdan as they continue to teach classes at the online CMLC. Thank the Lord for all the students that can learn how to use CEF literature in their ministry.

14. Italy:

Ask God to lead Stephen and the National Board in their quest to appoint a new National Director to lead the ministry in Italy. This need becomes more pressing with each passing month, yet we want the choice to be God's choice and according to His timing.

15. Great Britain:

Together in Prayer. Praise God for encouraging prayer mornings for the CEF family in Britain and in The Netherlands. As we continue to support each other in prayer, pray that we will rejoice in seeing how our faithful God answers our requests in the next two months.

16. Spain:

Pray that the Five Day Clubs can be reactivated in person in many places across Spain, and that many children will be reached.

17. Chris & Lynn Holt, Member Care:

Pray that the Lord will comfort those workers who have lost family members or friends during the COVID pandemic.

18. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

We are very thankful for a very smooth change of leadership in Central Europe from Sebastian and Georgina Edelmann to Darko and Lidija Adamek. Please pray that the Lord will grant us the same smooth transition in Eastern Europe when Jakob leaves on 1 March 2022.

19. Ireland:

Please pray as our workers conduct day camps this month. Pray that the children and young people will be encouraged as they meet together.

20. Stephen & Grace Chambers, Area Directors NW Europe:

We are currently in the early stages of planning a visit to Iceland and would appreciate you praying about this. The summer is very busy for them with all their camps. We are especially praying about the timing, so we can meet the team of volunteers there and also arrange some meetings with others about the development of child evangelism in the country as a whole. Pray for new contacts to be made and a suitable time for all involved.

21. Lithuania:

Pray for the summer day camps and residential camps to reach boys and girls in Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipėda areas.

22. Philip Annett, Leadership Development Director:

Please pray that our department will make good progress over the summer on the building of a new website for National Directors. Pray that this new tool will be helpful and relevant for these leaders.



23. Switzerland:

Pray for Melanie L who just started working in bookkeeping on a voluntary basis.

24. Great Britain:

Pray for the CEF workers in Britain as they review the content of the new online foundational training course, called "Equip" and prepare to offer this course to churches in Britain to help train those who serve in children's ministry.

25. Portugal:

Ask God to bless the continuing collaboration of the CEF Portugal Board and the workers/missionaries. Ask God for Stephen to have much wisdom as he represents the views of the board to the workers and the feedback of the workers to the board.

26. Finland:

Pekka Siitonen has been working for us for a long time. He will retire officially on the 1st of August. However, he will still keep reaching out to boys and girls as a volunteer. Please pray for Pekka to find a good balance in this new stage of his life.

27. European Partnership Ministry:

Pray for ministry partners who gave in the past and are now struggling financially. May God's presence be near and their strength each day be in Him.

28. Great Britain:

Continue to give thanks to God for more enquirers wishing to volunteer with or join CEF Britain. Pray for Izabela (Poland) and Liz (Switzerland) as they come towards the end of their online CMLC training.

29. France:

May the Lord renew the strength of the 3 people who work in the national office (Victoire, Anne and Marguerite). They are invaluable for the entire CEF France team.

30. Philip Annett, Leadership Development Director:

Please pray for wisdom and creativity for our team as we work on developing a new training program to help develop and strengthen the National Committees across our region.

31. Christmas Together:

In our training, Christmas Party Club (CPC) training had the highest number of students, over 16,000. In anticipation of greater freedom this year to hold CPC ministry, let us start praying now for ten times the number of participants, and that they will also reach ten times as many children as last year.

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