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Prayer Diary

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Dear prayer partners,

Although we have not had the opportunity to hear the Lord Jesus pray audibly on earth, by God's grace, we are able to learn something about His prayer life through the words recorded in John 17. You can learn a lot about a person and their hearts desire by listening to them pray. The Lord Jesus prayed, "... that they may be one as we are one." He prayed for unity knowing that believers who are united will bring glory to God and will be able to stand strong in adversity. This prayer was already being answered in Acts 4:32 "All the believers were one in heart and mind."

What joy for the Lord Jesus to see His heart's desire fulfilled in the early church.

There is something special about unity. Look at the birds of the air! Have you seen them fly in a V formation? Those who study wild geese have found that it is much easier to fly this way. The wind force against them is distributed equally among them all and as a result 25 geese can fly up to 70% further together than they could if they were flying alone.

The Lord Jesus knew that we would be more effective serving and praying together and His prayer was that we would be united.

Let's join our hearts together for the souls of Europe's children and may, together, we rejoice in all that God is doing in answer to our prayers.

Iulian Mangalagiu

October 2022

1. Switzerland:

Pray for the planning of "Christmas Together" workshops in November. May we be able to encourage and motivate staff to run Christmas clubs in December.

2. Greece:

Please, pray for the promotion of CEF work in two big conferences. 300 Greek ladies will be challenged to pray and be involved in children's work and two big CEF Projects, (Hope for Ukraine) and Wondersurf.com will be presented in Sarajevo, at the European Evangelical Alliance "Hope for Europe" conference.

3. Germany:

The German CMLC with students from Germany and Switzerland begins today and runs until December 17. Please pray for wisdom to teach and to learn and that God will call some of the students into full time ministry.

Stephen & Grace Chambers, Area Directors, NW Europe:

Please pray for Stephen as he teaches at the CMLC in Germany from today until the 7th. Pray the students will be challenged, encouraged and blessed by the classes on the biblical basis of child evangelism.

4. Lithuania:

Pray for an online training course "Love God Most" planned for Monday evenings starting on October 10th. Pray for the participants commitment to study and for changes to take place in their ministry.

5. Portugal:

Please pray for Miguel who has been appointed as Ministry Co-Ordinator in the country. Pray that He will know God's help, strength and wisdom as he has a period of training for this position.

6. Italy:

Please pray for the TCE 1 and TCE 2 courses that are planned to begin this month. Pray that God will bring students and that they will catch the vision to reach the children in Italy.

7. Belgium:

Pray as we are in a transition time over the coming months. Pray that the work will continue and expand and that more Flemish children will be reached.

8. Finland:

A nationwide Media Mission organised by many Christian churches and organisations together reaches out to adults and children during this month. We (CEF of Finland) have contributed to the children's website and ask you to pray that many families and children would find those pages and understand the gospel through videos, games, films, activities etc. even if they do not attend different live-events.

9. Denmark:

Today we celebrate 75 years of ministry in Denmark. Please pray for a blessed day where the burden for the kids will be passed on to the next generation.

10. Norwegian Lapland:

Pray for a week of Children's Mission in Kautokeino from today until the 14th. Please pray specially that Sarah and I will get into the school in Kautokeino to give out the invitations. There are normally over 100 children and many parents who come each day.

European Multimedia Department:

Today the students of the CMLC in Kilkeel, N Ireland will start to go through the CEF Literature Survey classes. These are important classes as we want more people to use the CEF literature but also be involved in creating it. The Lord can send us more co-workers. We continue to pray Luke 10:2.

11. Andrew & Beulah McMullan, Assistants to the Area Director, SW Europe:

Please pray that God will give us His Words as we share about the work in SWE at a promotional meeting this evening.

12. European Multimedia Department:

The online Multimedia Advisory Group is meeting for three afternoons to discuss the current multimedia projects. Pray that the Lord will guide Bogdan as he chairs the meetings and everyone who is contributing.

13. Latvia:

Pray for students for Junior Youth Challenge training course which we plan to start on October 18th.

14. Estonia:

Praise the Lord for the good and effective tools that we have for different kinds of trainings.

15. European IT Department:

Pray for Ruth as she is working on the redesigning of our CEF Europe webpage and CEF Areas. Pray that the CEF Europe website and all other pages will really represent the ministry well and communicate about the great need for sharing the Gospel with Children.

16. Ireland:

The Autumn Week of Prayer will be held from today until the 23rd October. Pray that many believers will lift up the children and workers in Ireland before the Lord.

17. European Education Department:

The Western European Education Advisory Group will be meeting today and tomorrow (online). Pray for profitable and fruitful meetings as we pray and plan and seek to strengthen the training ministries in this part of Europe.

18. The Netherlands:

Praise the Lord, in September we did sell the office building in order to relocate our national office in a different part of the country. Pray that He will lead us to find something appropriate for building the ministry in our country.

19. Denmark:

We have lots of autumn break events being held this week, pray that children will come and hear God's Word.

20. Spain:

Please pray for the mailing that we are going to send out to 2000 churches in Spain with booklets of "Things you need to Know" and "Do you Wonder Why". We will also inform them about training possibilities.

21. Iceland:

Please pray for the possibility of Christmas workshops and clubs to take place as a part of the Christmas together project which is happening around Europe. Pray people in local churches will be trained and challenged to reach out in this way.

22. Sweden:

Pray for our Annual Meeting in Gothenburg today. Pray for wisdom over the board when we take decisions for the coming year.

23. Austria:

Please pray for contacts of the Lord's choosing who will be interested in evangelising children and discipling them in their faith.

24. Norwegian Lapland:

Pray for Children's Missions in Tana from today until the 28th and in Vestre Jakobselv from the 31st Oct to 4th Nov. This Mission will start with HalloVenn (alternative to Halloween) Please pray that many children and adults will come to that and that the children will continue to come the rest of the week.

25. Germany:

We thank the Lord for 20 years of Bible correspondence ministry, the Mailbox Club of CEF in Germany. Please pray for an ongoing flow of new children joining, doing the lessons and inviting their friends.

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

Please pray for the Chambers family as Stephen is travelling more this autumn in Germany and Sweden. Please pray for Stephen as he teaches Galatians at the Children Ministry Leadership Course (CMLC) in Kilkeel at the end of Oct/ start of November. Pray God would challenge the students about staying true to the gospel in their lives and ministry.

27. Great Britain:

Praise God for interest from church leaders in Wolverhampton, East London and Oxford and the chaplains from "Kick", to receive the "Equip" online foundational training course to help train their children's workers to teach the truth of the Bible more effectively.

28. Iulian Mangalagiu, European Regional Director:

We praise the Lord for His provision for our ministry in Ukraine and for the project Hope for Ukraine. More than 125,000 backpacks were distributed and millions of booklets were printed so children all over Europe can understand the message of the Gospel.

29. Great Britain:

Pray for Joanna, Priya, Corinna (all from Newbury), Megan (South Wales) and Sarah (Reading) as they start part 2 of the CMLC course, in person at the Seaview Camp and Conference Centre in Northern Ireland for the next six weeks, completing it on 9 December.

30. Finland:

Please pray for our small literature team that we would make wise decisions how to spend our limited resources. Pray for each of us that we would stay healthy and focused. Pray also that the reputation of our literature would be good so that different churches would not hesitate when ordering literature from us.

31. Ireland:

We are conducting a Transition Year Programme for young people who are taking a year out of their studies. This will commence with a 4-day residential (31st Oct-4th Nov), and follow up with practical experience serving the Lord in their church or work experience that relates to ministry.

November 2022

1. Iulian Mangalagiu, European Regional Director:

Christmas Together

This month, our workers are involved in training thousands of volunteers so they can organize Christmas clubs. Pray that each of them will catch the vision to evangelize boys and girls during Christmas time.

2. France:

From today until the 6th we will have the national meetings of the CEF France team. May the Lord encourage us and help us to plan projects together to reach the children of France.

3. Lithuania:

Praise the Lord for the present workers, and volunteers. Pray that the Lord will help them to keep serving Him.

4. Latvia:

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry. Pray that every activity reaching children will be covered with prayers. Pray for prayer groups for every Good News Club.

5. Germany:

We pray for the meeting of the German National Board today that the Lord will guide all the discussions and decisions. We urgently need new members for the National Board. Please pray that God will lead us to find the right people who are willing to serve.

6. Belgium:

Pray for the planning of a refresher meeting for Francophone trainers from Belgium/Luxembourg in January 2023.

7. Greece:

Pray with us for the two weekends of teaching TCE-1 (1st and 2nd part) in Athens. We need more co-workers for the almost one million children in Athens. May God raise up more interested people in doing children's work.

8. Finland:

Please pray for our hybrid course participants that they would finish the course and put what they have learned into practice. Ask the Lord to send more people with potential to attend the course, and open our eyes if there is something that we should change in order to further improve the course.

9. Austria:

Continue to pray for some direct ministry that is happening among the children.

10. The Netherlands:

Pray for God's help for new potential workers. We need to find a new office manager. Two people are interested. Also pray for Janet, Lisa and Thirza who have their internship and are involved in children's ministry.

11. Denmark:

Please pray for a pastor's conference this weekend where Dorte has been invited to teach, pray that good connections can be made.

12. European IT Department:

Praise God for platforms like Wondersurf and Bible Correspondence Course Online. Praise God for every child who spends time there to learn more about God or gets more information about who God is. Pray with us for more ideas on how to create places where children will be able to hear and learn about God.

13. Sweden:

Pray for the children in Sweden, many of them have a fear due to what is happening in Europe. May God give them hope for their futures.

14. European Education Department:

There are 9 students studying at the Children's Ministry Leadership course in Germany at this time. Pray that God will call workers into the ministry from this group for both Germany and Switzerland.

15. European Multimedia Department:

Please thank the Lord for the *Immanuel – God with us* lessons that have arrived in destinations across Europe. Pray that it will reach teachers who will be able to impact children with the Gospel message during the *Christmas Together 2022*.

16. Hope for Europe Project:

Pray that the targeted mass distribution of "Do You Wonder Why" booklets in several areas of Britain will awaken in the children who read them a desire to find out more about who Jesus is, how to trust and then follow him as their Saviour.

17. Switzerland:

Many booklets such as "Meet the King" are being ordered. Please pray for the distribution at Christmas markets, children's clubs and other occasions.

18. Portugal:

Pray that there will be many opportunities to hold Christmas Together training sessions in churches and as a result more children will be reached with the Gospel at Christmas.

19. Italy:

Please pray for the Italian Board members as they meet together today to discuss ministry and plan for the future. Pray that God will raise up a National Director for the work.

20. Estonia:

Please pray for all our Christmas Together events, so that many children will hear the Gospel of Jesus and trust Him as personal Saviour. Pray especially for refugee children from Ukraine and for opportunities to reach them with the Gospel.

21. Norwegian Lapland:

Pray for a Mission in Karasjok from today until the 25th November. There is a problem now with getting the use of the church. Please pray we will get a suitable place and that many children will come. Pray that Sarah and Olaug will be able to start a weekly GNC in Karasjok.

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

Please pray for someone who can come to help us in the role of Assistant Area Director. This is needed to develop the work, especially in Austria, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.

23. Andrew & Beulah McMullan, Assistants to the Area Director, SW Europe:

Pray that God will give us a vision for the work in South West Europe and that He will use us to be an encouragement to National Boards and workers.

24. Spain:

We have the workers retreat in Spain from today to the 27th. May it be a time of blessing, refreshment and guidance for our workers.

25. Hope for Ukraine:

Pray that the "Do You Wonder Why" booklet, distributed with the summer issue of Sharing the Vision in Great Britain and available in English, Ukrainian and Russian, will help boys and girls to begin to understand why some of the devastating things are happening in this world and to trust Jesus for salvation and follow him in their young lives.

26. Lithuania:

Pray for more opportunities to start Good News clubs so more children can hear the Gospel.

27. Finland:

We had an idea to send *Immanuel* PowerPoint-lesson to 50 pastors for free for them to use it at Christmas service. Ask God to bless this investment so that the adults and children in these services would hear the gospel presented with attractive visuals.

28. European Multimedia Department:

3.1 million *Do you wonder why* (DYWW) booklets have been printed across Europe this year! We thank the Lord for every child that had an opportunity to read the Gospel message. Right now, the Christmas leaflet *Best Celebration Ever* will be distributed together with DYWW in almost 30 countries. Pray that many children will understand the real meaning of Christmas.

29. European Education Department:

Pray that God will raise up someone to join the European education team to manage the development of the new online educational platform. This will enable us to make certain modules of the CMLC training available as self-study programme.

30. Great Britain:

Pray for the National Committee as we meet this afternoon via zoom to review the progress of our strategic plan and agree priorities for 2023. Pray that the impact of these action plans will strengthen and support the workers to reach more girls and boys with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.