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Prayer Diary

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Dear prayer partners,

The book of Haggai is a small book consisting of just two chapters yet; this small book has much to teach us about persistence in the work of God. The Jews had returned to their home country and had started to rebuild the temple, but this had been brought to a sudden end due to opposition. In the first chapter God rebukes his people for their interest in their homes and their welfare while the house of God had been left desolate. The Word of God was spoken through Haggai asking the people to “consider their ways”, to take a good long look at where their priorities lay. It is encouraging to read in ch 1 v 14 *“and the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel.....and the spirit of Joshua.....and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God.”*

We would ask you to pray that God will “*stir up*” each one of us at this time and that we will have a willing spirit to work for His kingdom. Pray that He will “*stir up*” others to get involved with the work of CEF that we will see the Gospel shared with many more children across Western Europe.

“Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure.” – D. L. Moody

Andrew & Beulah McMullan

December 2022

1. Switzerland:

Please pray for today's meeting with a family who wants to open their doors to children - discussing about a Christmas Club and ongoing regular Good News Clubs. May the Lord's hand guide all exchange of thoughts and prepare the way.

CMLC in Germany: Please pray for richly blessed last weeks of studies. Pray specifically for a young Swiss family with three small children. May the Lord direct the future steps of all students.

Pray for the workers among children in Switzerland, specifically for those who are using our materials. Pray that they will be greatly inspired by the Lord and blessed. Pray for the children who will hear about the Lord through them.

2. Greece:

Many Christmas Party Clubs are scheduled all over Greece. We sent the new Christmas story and flashcard (Emmanuel-God with us) to all the Greek cities where an Evangelical church exists, and we trained them through a ZOOM seminar. Please, pray that many children will hear the Good News!

Please, pray that God will open the doors to new schools, orphanages, Roma, and refugee camps this Christmas and that many children will accept Christ as their Saviour.

3. Latvia:

December 3, 7 and 9 – That every participant of CPC seminars will be motivated and equipped for new CPCs during December and January.

Praise the Lord for open doors for CPC, let many volunteers will take part.

4. Philip & Denise Annett:

Praise God for how He has helped Philip recover so well from his stroke in October.

Please pray for complete healing for Philip's speech.

Please pray for wisdom and strength in ministry and in our personal lives.

5. Member Care:

Please pray for workers who are grieving or separated from loved ones over the Christmas period.

6. Lithuania:

Praise the Lord for the online study group "Love God Most" with 30 participants. Each and every one was reassured and encouraged in reaching children's heart with the Word of God.

Praise the Lord for the Christmas online seminar with 30 participants and their plans to reach children with the Gospel this Christmas. Pray for their plans to come true and for God saving more children this Christmas.

7. Ireland:

Our Board of Trustees meet tonight. Pray that God will grant wisdom and guidance in all decisions made.

8. Denmark:

Please pray for a Christmas club in a very needy area.

9. Ireland:

The CMLC in Ireland concludes today. Pray that God will call some of these students into full-time ministry with CEF.

Pray for the many opportunities to present the Gospel over the Christmas period through school assemblies, Christmas Clubs and Carol Services.

Great Britain:

Praise God for Joanna, Priya, Corinna (all from Newbury), Megan (South Wales) and Sarah (Reading) as they complete the CMLC, testifying to God's faithfulness throughout the past six weeks as they graduate from the course at the Seaview Camp and Conference Centre in Kilkeel, Northern Ireland and trust God to lead them forward in the coming months.

10. Latvia:

Praise the Lord for JYC students. Today we finished this course.

Education Dept:

Pray that every volunteer who attended a Christmas Together workshop in the European region will use their training this month to organise and run Christmas Party Clubs.

11. European Multimedia Dept:

Thank the Lord for Emmanuel lessons that reached many destinations on time all over Europe to conduct the Christmas Together. Thank the Lord for Revival Movement printing and shipping the lessons.

12. Iulian and Anca Mangalagiu:

This month many CEF workers and volunteers are involved in taking the Gospel to children through Christmas Clubs. Let us pray for open doors and that many children would hear about Emmanuel – God with us.

13. CEF Europe Association:

Pray for the CEF Europe Association Executive as they meet online this afternoon to continue work on the constitution for the Romanian Association, establish the membership of the new team and finalise practical matters for the new CEF Europe HQ in Iasi, Romania.

14. Great Britain:

Pray that God would direct our steps in the GB Workers' online Zoom meeting this morning, as we pray for the ongoing Christmas Party Club ministry, consider future EQUIP courses and make plans for ministry in 2023.

15. Finland:

We have made two different *Bible reading Advent guides* to be downloaded from our webpages for free. One is for families, kids, and churches, the other one for schools. Please pray that many people, children, and adults, would be blessed by them and the gospel message would reach those who do not know Christ yet. We offered the new *Immanuel* lesson for free for a number of pastors who would be willing to try it during Christmas time at their churches. Please pray that the ones who got interested, would find this material helpful and inspiring.

16. Germany:

We thank the Lord for every Christmas Party Club during this Christmas season, and we ask that many boys and girls will trust Christ. In November the members of the National Board elected a new chairman and vice chairman. This month they will vote on some new Executive members. Please pray for God's guidance in this whole process. We thank the Lord for His provision and pray that He blesses and uses all these dear people to the glory of His name and for the best of CEF. The German Children's Ministry Leadership Course finishes on December 16. We ask the Lord to guide the steps of all the participants to serve Him among the children and we especially thank Him for those who are going to join CEF. Please pray for their time of practical training.

17. Estonia:

Pray for all Christmas Together events, that children will respond by accepting the Lord as their Saviour. Praise the Lord for the all trained volunteers. Pray that some of them want to join the teams to continue teach Good News Clubs.

18. Andrew & Beulah McMullan:

Please pray that Andrew will know God's strength as he brings a children's address at a couple of church services the Sunday before Christmas. Pray that God will open the hearts of the children to not only hear His Word but to understand their need of a Saviour.

19. European IT Dept:

Pray for Ruth N. as he is working on CEF Europe website (German Translation) and Area Pages. For patience and wisdom how to finish all the technical things so the website is working good and stable.

20. Sweden:

Thank God for the Christmas Clubs that will be held in December and praise God for all the children we could reach. Thank God that the Team leader in Sweden, Robert Åberg, could complete the CMLC this Autumn. Pray for guidance and God's way in the coming months.

21. Stephen & Grace Chambers:

Praise God for his help for us as a family as Stephen was away a lot during the autumn.

Praise God for help teaching at CMLCs in Ireland, Germany and for visits to some countries too.

Pray for the NW Europe leaders, workers and volunteers as they complete Christmas outreach this month. Pray everyone will have a good rest over the holiday period.

22. Norwegian Lapland:

Praise God for the missions and clubs that have been held this term.

Pray for Sarah as she faces difficulties starting GNCs in some towns.

23. Iceland:

Pray believers in local churches will be contacted, trained, and challenged to reach out with the gospel to children.

24. Denmark:

Please pray for a Christmas service in a big state church in Copenhagen where Dorthe will give the Christmas talk in a child friendly way. Many underprivileged families normally show up.

Please pray for 3 new monthly GNCs started in North Jutland this autumn.

25. Germany:

We thank the Lord for taking care of us financially during the past year and ask Him to be good stewards of all the resources He has entrusted to us, people, funds, and equipment. We also ask the Lord to protect our servers and all our technical equipment. We ask for our whole CEF Germany family that, according to Isaiah 2:5, we will walk in the light of the Lord.

26. Great Britain:

Pray that God will raise up National Directors for Britain to lead the growing ministry in England, Scotland, and Wales.

Pray for godly wisdom and guidance as Andrew and David develop conversations with another potential candidate. Continue to give thanks to God for enquirers wishing to volunteer with or join CEF Britain.

Pray for Karuna (Bournemouth), Lizzy (Bristol & Poland) and Joanna (Newbury) as they seek to fulfil their desire to reach children with the gospel in Britain.

27. Member Care:

Please pray for workers who are struggling with illness or caring for family members.

28. Education Dept:

Praise God for 26 CMLC graduates who completed their training this month – many are already involved or plan to be involved in fulltime ministry in CEF or with other mission organisations.

29. Switzerland:

Thank the Lord for His working so far. Please pray for fresh and new spiritual fervour for this coming year. The Lord is the head of the church and mission – may his countenance go before us (Exodus 33:4).

Please pray for our board members, contacts, prayer-partners and friends. Pray for successful handling of all office work, including inventory. Also pray for our volunteer worker in book-keeping.

Thank the Lord for the German literature team, especially for the persons working voluntarily. Please pray that the team will develop materials with the Lord's fingerprint on them, being a great help for workers and children.

30. Great Britain:

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

31. European Staff team:

Please pray for the team as we seek to encourage and support the CEF boards, leaders, workers, volunteers, and supporters of the four areas that make up the European region.

January 2023

1. Iulian and Anca Mangalagiu:

At the beginning of the year, in CEF Europe we have many planning meetings for the year ahead. Please pray that we would have wisdom in all the decisions that need to be taken and may we never forget to remain concentrated on the Lord Jesus, as it is all about Him.

2. Cyprus:

Please, pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of the children who heard the Gospel in one of the Christmas party clubs held in December. There are only volunteers doing children's work in Cyprus. Please, pray that God will raise full time children's workers in the four biggest cities of Cyprus.

3. Finland:

This year is our 50th anniversary year. Ask God to bless our plans to celebrate it!
We have suffered from some form of persecution over the past few years. Please pray that this year would be different, and our gospel focus would be appreciated, not opposed.

4. Lithuania:

Pray for participants of "Teaching preschoolers" and of "Super seminars" from several Kaunas churches. Pray that their ministry to children becomes more effective and more children get saved and grow in faith.

5. Stephen & Grace Chambers:

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.

6. Greece:

We have scheduled three weekend seminars to teach new Sunday school teachers and children's workers. May God raise some more workers to reach children.

7. Latvia:

Please pray for a large evangelistic event for the townspeople in Ocre. CEF leaflets will be distributed at this event.
Please pray for students for TCE 1 course.

8. Ireland:

Remember the young people as they meet together for JYC & SYC that they will strengthen each other in their faith and be bold to witness for the Lord. Pray that God will call new workers, especially for the Republic of Ireland, to fill some of the vacant counties.

Pray that each of our Workers will walk close with the Lord, following His leading and guiding.

9. Austria:

Continue to pray for some direct ministry that is happening among the children and pray for follow up to a new contact.

10. The Netherlands:

Thank the Lord for two new workers who commenced work at the start of the new year. Elise de Koning as ambassador of our work. And Lydia de Jong will focus on administrative and office work. Pray that they will be a blessing for the work. Pray for the CityKids project in Zwijndrecht. Emma is leading this ministry and pray that non-religious and Muslim children will know Jesus as their personal Saviour.

11. European IT Dept:

We are grateful that Daniel F. is recovered, and he started to be involved in Bible Correspondence Course ministry again. He will work part time on this platform.

Pray together with us for the strength and health as he works on the development of this platform.

12. Sweden:

Pray for new contacts with pastors and leaders and for open doors for the gospel to children in Sweden.

13. Estonia:

Pray for over 20 000 Ukrainian refugee children in Estonia, that we can help them in many ways – teach the Gospel in regular GNCs and Party Clubs.

Praise the Lord for saved children during CPC and pray for the follow-up work with them.

Pray that all the booklets will find grateful readers and response.

14. Great Britain:

Pray for the National Committee as we meet today in London and on zoom to review the progress of our strategic plan and finalise priorities for 2023.

Pray that the impact of these action plans will increase the number of workers and strengthen and support the current workers to reach more girls and boys with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

15. Education Dept:

Pray for Galina (CEF Germany) as she takes up her responsibility as western European education coordinator this month.

Pray for the Candidate Orientation Training planned for 16-20 this month.

Pray that those who attend will gain a clearer understanding of God's will for their lives and CEF.

16. Andrew & Beulah McMullan:

We praise God for the opportunity He has given us to serve Him in SW Europe in this new year. Please pray for the Candidate Training Orientation week from 16th January. Pray as Andrew brings a devotion each morning that he will be led by the Spirit and that each one will be blessed, encouraged, and challenged through God's Word.

17. Finland:

Please pray for our training ministry. We have shifted towards shorter one-day training courses. Please ask wisdom for us to tailor the best possible sessions for each group. Pray that many churches would ask for training from us.

18. Denmark:

Please pray for the teacher training event in Copenhagen.

19. Norwegian Lapland:

Pray for Sarah, Ida and the local committee as they seek to evangelise children in new areas.

Pray for safety in travel from town to town and for boldness to proclaim the gospel.

20. Member Care Dept:

Praise and thanks to God that the Member Care Code of Practice has been completed, part of our vision from God. Please pray it will be an effective foundation and useful tool to bless all the workers in CEF and to glorify God. Please pray the CEF leaders and those in authority will have wisdom and judgment, that they discern God's will each day, and that they know His peace and joy. We have become increasingly aware of the burden and weight of responsibility pressing on leaders.

21. Belgium:

We want to redecorate the office in Brussels from the end of February. Pray for the right resources and people.

Pray also that the preparations in January will happen in order to do the redecoration later on.

22. Philip & Denise Annett:

Praise God for how He has helped Philip recover so well from his stroke in October.

Please pray for complete healing for Philip's speech.

Please pray for wisdom and strength in ministry and in our personal lives.

23. European Leadership Advisory Group (ELAG): pray for the European Leadership Advisory Group this week in Iasi, Romania that God will give to every leader wisdom and to the whole team unity in our oversight and development of CEF ministry throughout the European region.

24. Greece:

The building works in the CEF camp continue and a Portuguese couple will come for a month to help us. Please, pray for a good co-operation and for the works to progress well, so that we have the camp ready by the summer.

25. Education Dept:

Pray for Galina (CEF Germany) as she takes up her responsibility as western European education coordinator this month.

26. Belgium:

On Saturday 28th January we will organize a Training4Trainers for the Belgium team. Pray that the Lord will bless Marilou Basurto, Anneke Breet and Marco Baan regarding the organization.

27. Denmark:

January 27-29th Please pray for a teen training event this weekend.

28. Germany:

Today we have our Executive's first meeting under the leadership of a new chairman and with mostly new members. May the Lord guide us and give wisdom from above in all matters. Some of our leaders and workers are struggling with health problems. We ask that the Lord will grant them good health so they will have enough strength to serve Him daily.

29. Norway:

We praise God for the work up north in Lapland. Please pray for contacts in the southern part of Norway – for training, equipping and supporting of local believers in the task of sharing the gospel with children.

30. Lithuania:

Pray for a volunteer for Lithuanian site "Wondersurf" to work with content. Pray for more volunteers and workers to join the ministry.

31. European Multimedia Dept:

Pray for the work that must be done on the next camp material to be used in 2024. Thank the Lord that the Survival Camp is now translated into many languages and will be used at camps in 2023 across Europe.

Thank the Lord for new materials for Go and Tell. Pray that children will want to share the Gospel with other children. Pray for translations to be made into all European languages.