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# WESTERN EUROPE

## Prayer Diary

April - May 2023

Dear Prayer Partners,

### *The value of a life*

*Nadav Ben-Yehuda was 300 metres from reaching the top of mount Everest, a dream that seemed so close to becoming reality, when he met someone who having reached the top was on his way back down. He knew immediately that the man was not going to make it if he did not help him. At that moment he needed to decide; would he fulfil his own plan or would he save the life of another.*

*Nadav didn't need to think about it for long and his decision that day is a reminder to us all that the life of a fellow human being is worth infinitely more than any plans or goals that we may have.*

*The Lord Jesus goes further to the heart of the matter in Mark 8, "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"*

*What a privilege to take the soul-saving Gospel to boys and girls in Europe. Knowing the value of one life, are you and I willing to give up on our own plans and ambitions for the sake of another? May God give us the courage to do all that it takes to win souls for Him.*

*Iulian Mangalagiu*

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## April 2023

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- 1 **Germany:** Today the Executive of CEF will meet online. Please pray for God's guidance as they discuss the various items on the agenda and for wisdom to make the right decisions according to His will.
- 2 **Latvia:** Pray that we can widely distribute Easter booklets that explain the meaning of Christian Easter.
- 3 **Greece:** Please, pray for all the Easter programs that are scheduled in many cities. May the risen Christ will become the personal Saviour of the children who will attend.
- 4 **Finland:** Please pray that all the Easter lessons that were sent to customers with 50% discount to celebrate our 50 years anniversary would be used to reach out to children all over Finland. May the Lord touch people's hearts this Easter with the clearly preached gospel message, adults, and children alike.
- 5 **Italy:** Please pray for the TCE classes that have been held and that God will call more people to get involved with the team in Italy.
- 6 **Lithuania:** Pray for more Easter clubs organized by churches in their areas. Praise the Lord for 11 believers who attended a series of Super Seminars in Kaunas area. Pray that they would faithfully evangelize children and disciple them in faith.
- 7 **Ireland:** We would value prayer for our Easter Conference (7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April). Pray for the Bible teaching, reports and missionary challenges that God will move in the hearts of His people and challenge them about the spiritual needs of the children and young people.
- 8 **Spain:** Pray for the 80 children who will attend the Easter Camp so that God makes them understand the message of salvation.
- 9 **Andrew and Beulah McMullan:** Please pray for Andrew as he shares about the work in SWE in churches on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Pray that God will give him the words to speak and that he will be an encouragement and challenge to each one who attends.
- 10 **Belgium:** In these months we strive to finish the redecoration project in the AEE office, in Brussels. We did have help from young people and retired people and are thankful for that. Pray that the Lord will bless the new Elim office. That it will be a place of refreshment in the dry situation of the city and country.
- 11 **Netherlands:** Thank the Lord for the opportunity to teach at the Gospel Mission Bible School. We are invited to teach 4 mornings about child evangelism, the Gospel to children, the Bible lesson and teen evangelism. Pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of the 18 students who are involved.
- 12 **Cyprus:** Please, pray for the volunteers who will teach some Easter programs in different cities of Cyprus.
- 13 **Latvia:** Pray for start of D6:7 study groups for teachers.
- 14 **Iulian and Anca Mangalagiu:** This spring, the directors for the SW Europe area ceased to work with CEF. We thank God for their service

to these countries. Please pray for a smooth process in appointing new directors for this area.

15 April **Ireland:** A number of Fellowship Evenings are taking place this month. Pray that as our Workers report and share about the work in their local areas that believers will catch the vision to be involved in sharing the gospel.

16 **Finland:** We have tried to think of different ways to celebrate this year our 50th anniversary. In addition to the monthly literature discounts, we are planning to organise some events in the fall and maybe launch a booklet that gives the Biblical basis for children's ministry and also publish a general brochure about us. Please pray that the Lord would guide us to spend our time and resources wisely. There is no need to focus on us as an organisation, but on the Lord who has been so good and faithful to us for more than 50 years.

17 **Greece:** Please, pray for the building of the two new cabins at the CEF camp in Thessaloniki. May all the work progress go smoothly and quickly with no problems or delays.

18 **Germany:** We thank the Lord for a very blessed conference for our workers and missionaries. Continue to pray that the Lord guides and gives us two workers with a calling to bring the message of the cross to the children in Berlin.

19 **Sweden:** Pray for the small Swedish team. Pray for health, strength and wisdom over the team.

**Great Britain:** Hope for Europe Project. Pray that the delivery by Royal Mail Door to Door drop of 150,000 copies of the "Do You Wonder Why?" and "Meet the King" booklets in April to homes in England, Scotland and Wales will be gospel seeds sown and bear much fruit in the lives of girls and boys and their families.

20 **Member Care:** Pray for wisdom for the CEF leaders in Europe as they implement the recommendations of the recently completed Member Care Code of Practice.

The Code of Practice was presented to the leaders in Europe in February and has been well received.

21 **Iceland:** Please pray for Stephen & Grace Chambers who are responsible, as Area directors of NW Europe, for the work in Iceland. Remember the volunteers who already serve, especially in the summer camp ministry. Pray for the planning and organisation of camps for this summer.

22 **Norway:** Thank God for the ministry in the North in Lapland. Pray for the board, for the workers and volunteers. Pray for the Lord to speak to the children through his word.

23 **Great Britain:** Pray that God will raise up National Directors for Britain to lead the growing ministry in England, Scotland and Wales. Pray that God will direct our steps to the person(s) He is calling. Continue to give thanks to God for enquirers wishing to volunteer with or join CEF Britain. Pray for **Karuna** (Bournemouth) as she continues with her weekly TCE 1 training until 24 April. Pray that the

- practical experience in children's ministry in local churches where she lives will help her becoming confident to start a weekly club.
- 24 April **Ireland:** 24<sup>th</sup> April - we will be having a morning of prayer specifically focusing on the forthcoming summer ministries.
- 25 **France:** From 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a zoom exchange with each worker individually. May the Lord guide these talks and may it be useful for each worker.
- 26 **Great Britain:** Pray for **Lizzy** (Bristol & Poland) and **Joanna** (Newbury) as they seek to fulfil their desire to reach children with the gospel in Britain. Pray that God would call them to join the team in Britain.
- 27 **Germany:** Recently we had a major issue that showed how much we depend on a functioning IT environment. Please pray for all our technical equipment to work well and for God's protection from hackers or viruses.
- 28 **Member Care:** Pray for Chris and Lynn as they prepare to be House Parents again at the CMLC in Sibiu in the summer.
- 29 **European Staff Team:** Pray for the European staff team as they participate in the CEF of Europe Retreat 29th April - 4th May in Sibiu, Romania.
- 30 **Netherlands:** After many years we thank the Lord we can plan a national retreat with the team of the Netherlands.  
Pray for a blessed time together in Amerongen. Pray that the Bible studies about the life of Noah will be a spiritual empowerment and that the team sessions will strengthen the team spirit.

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## May 2023

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- 1 **Latvia:** Pray that we can finish preparing the materials for the Camps and that we can offer them to the camp teams at the beginning of May.
- 2 **Spain & Portugal:** Pray for the latest preparation details for the CMLC in Portugal. May God help us in all the preparations, and he calls students to serve him with CEF in Portugal and Spain.
- 3 **Sweden:** Pray for the Summer planning. Pray for more volunteers.
- 4 **Greece:** Please, pray for two big one day children's events coming up. On 6<sup>th</sup> May we will have more than 100 children in Athens and on 13<sup>th</sup> May we will have it in Thessaloniki, with evangelistic lessons, verse, puppet plays, games and food. God may talk to the children's hearts.
- 5 **Ireland:** We are having our Equip 23 Conference in Dublin tomorrow 6<sup>th</sup> May. Pray for those who are taking part and sharing about equipping believers to teach the next generation.
- 6 **Italy:** Please pray for the Board and Assembly meeting today that they will know God's presence and discernment as they plan for ministry in the coming months.

- Great Britain:** As the coronation of King Charles III takes place, pray that the distribution of thousands of copies of the “Meet The King” booklets will prompt children in Britain to discover Jesus, the King of Kings for themselves and put their faith in him.
- 7 May **Finland:** Thank God for the interest in our new *Survival Camp* - package, especially among men. Please pray that the effort we put into translation and adaptation would not be in vain, but would bear fruit in the lives of many children who go to camps where this material is being used. Pray that many camps would be organised this summer and pray for those who are planning camps at the moment that they would hear about this package, choose the best ideas for their situation and put a lot of emphasis on the *John the Baptist* Bible lessons.
- 8 **France:** From the 8th to the 11th of May there will be a course on child evangelisation in the Bible Institute in Geneva. Pray that the students will be sensitized to the spiritual needs of children and that they will form relationships with future church pastors.
- 9 **Cyprus:** Andrew and Beulah McMullan will visit the CEF ministry in Cyprus for the first time. They’ll meet the N. Board, the volunteers and share news in a number of local churches. Please pray that their visit will be fruitful for the glory of God and the progress of the work among the children.
- 10 **Ireland:** 10<sup>th</sup> May - we will be holding our Members’ Meeting. Pray for each Local Committee member who attends that they will be encouraged and challenged regarding ministry in their local areas.
- 11 **Iulian and Anca Mangalagiu:** Please pray that God will give us wisdom in knowing how to use as efficient as possible the Hope for Turkey project to help children learn about God – the only hope. As the distribution of brochures or other evangelistic tools is not possible, we need to work through churches. Please pray for good contacts.
- 12 **Belgium:** Pray for finishing the AEE/IKEG website for both the Flemish speaking part as well as the French speaking part. Pray for a smooth launch!
- 13 **Member Care:** Pray that God will use the Member Care literature Chris and Lynn distribute to encourage and strengthen the workers throughout Europe.
- 14 **Lithuania:** Pray for preparation for summer camps, for volunteers and for families that they would be able to pay the increased prices for camping. Pray for sponsors for those who cannot afford sending kids to CEF camp.  
Pray for new workers and more volunteers to be equipped for reaching children through training and materials.
- 15 **Andrew and Beulah McMullan:** Please pray as we visit Cyprus from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May that God will go before us preparing the way and that we will have many divine appointments during this visit.

- 16 May **Germany:** Pray for the preparation of the summer work (5-day clubs; campsite ministries), that we will have enough volunteers and that they will be trained in advance if necessary.
- 17 **Iceland:** Please pray for new contacts to be made – we have communicated recently with several churches. Pray they will respond and we can train, equip and support them in their ministry of evangelising and discipling children and linking them to the local church.
- 18 **Great Britain:** Praise God for the opportunity for David has to share of the ministry of CEF at Lansdowne Church, Bournemouth's monthly Mission Prayer Meeting this evening.
- 19 **Austria:** We praise God for a recent meeting with some who are interested in training and equipping others using our materials. Pray they some can be enthused to commence the ministry there.
- 20 **Finland:** We are so thankful to have Satu who mails all the literature orders at the office/storage we have up in the north. Actually, we are totally dependent on her! Would you please pray that God would send someone that could help Satu every now and then, so that she would not feel too much pressure during the peak seasons or in case of illness?
- 21 **Great Britain:** Praise God for interest in training from church leaders in different parts of Britain. Continue to pray for the chaplains from "Kick" as they complete the **"Equip"** online training course in May.
- 22 **Norway:** Please pray for contacts in the southern part of the country.
- 23 **Greece:** Please, pray for the financial funding of the building works at the CEF camp in Thessaloniki. May God will put the burden in the hearts of many Christians to support this building work, as it will be a great tool for the building of the lives of many children.
- 24 **Switzerland:** Please pray for Daniela as she works in the office. Pray for the Lord to send us workers so we can begin to work directly with children soon.
- 25 **Southwest Europe** Leaders meeting. Pray for the country leaders in SW Europe as they gather with the Regional Director and Department leaders to consider the way ahead for the ministry throughout the European region.
- 26 **Ireland:** Some school-based 5-Day Clubs will be commencing this month. We are thankful for the opportunities to reach into schools with the gospel message. Pray that children will be enthusiastic in attending the clubs.
- 27 **EPM:** we praise God for all he has provided and pray he continues to provide for us throughout the year. Pray for new contacts to start supporting the shortfall ministry.
- 28 **Education:** Please pray for Linda and the team and also all those involved in education ministry in countries as they prepare many for the task of proclaiming the gospel to children throughout Western Europe. Pray for Galina as she begins to get to terms with the role of Education Co-Ordinator for Western Europe.

- 29 May **Leadership Development:** continue to pray for Philip and Denise – pray for ongoing recovery for Philip and for the writing projects that Denise is involved in.
- 30 **Multimedia:** Pray for wisdom for the many responsibilities Bogdan has. Praise God Sarah can be back doing some part time work soon – pray she will know God's help in the days ahead.
- 31 **Germany:** Ask the Lord to send more workers into His harvest field of children in Germany and that more churches get a vision for child evangelism so that they will be willing to partner with us to reach many more children.