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Prayer Calendar

August - September 2023

Dear Prayer Partners,

At the time of writing, it is wonderful to be in Portugal for the commencement of the Spanish/Portuguese CMLC. When we were making final preparations for the students coming some doubts, fears and questions started to enter our minds. What if the students don't come? What if we have missed something? Have we enough food? Have we set the right budget? Doubts, fears, and questions!

I wonder how you feel today? It may be as you think of the many challenges in family and ministry life it is easy to become concerned and anxious, fear and doubt can easily discourage us and cause us to ask questions. Why is family life so difficult? Why do people not want to hear about Jesus? Am I wasting my time? Why is it so difficult to get people interested in my ministry?

Paul writing his final encouragement to the Christians at Philippi told them in Philippians ch 4 v 6-7 to be "careful (anxious) for nothing". What was he really saying? No matter what is happening around you, no matter what circumstances you face, no matter what people say about you, your faith in Christ, or about your ministry do not get anxious about these things but take them to God in prayer giving thanks for all your circumstances even though you do not understand. Why should we do this? Verse seven says that God is offering us a peace that goes beyond our understanding. One commentator says, "The peace of God is that tranquility of mind freeing the believer from fear and worry". God is offering you that peace today even though you may be filled with doubts, fear, and many questions. What does He want you to do? With a thankful heart for all your circumstances go to God "make your requests" known to Him. Elisabeth Elliot said, "The first thing you should do before crying on anybody's shoulder is to open your hands and lift your pain to God." Why should you take time to pray?

He is the only one who "can keep (guard) your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus".

Andrew & Beulah McMullan

August 2023

- 1 **Finland:** Some of the workers and volunteers are meeting on the 1st and 2nd of this month. Please pray for us to get to know each other better and for a special and blessed time together.
Iceland: Please pray the Lord will supply the needs for camps held this month.
- 2 **Sweden:** 2nd - 4th Pray for the 5-Days Club in Holsbybrunn this week.
Greece: Please, pray for Stefanos as he speaks on Aug. 2nd in a big young people's conference in order to give the challenge they need to follow the Lord.
Latvia: Praise God for the camps so far this summer and pray for all the children and young people who heard God's word. Pray they would understand and respond in repentance and faith.
- 3 **Estonia:** Pray for the children who trusted the Lord during summer camps and 5-Day Clubs, that they might grow in the knowledge of the Lord.
Multimedia: Thank the Lord for the new Persian Adventure camp material based on the Life of Esther, which will be used in the summer of 2024. Pray that the translation and publication will take place in all 38 European languages.
- 4 **Spain & Portugal:** Pray for the 8 Portuguese students and 3 Spaniards who are doing the CMLC course in Portugal, so that some of them can be part of the CEF team in their respective countries.
- 5 **Education Dept:** Praise God for His help until now with the two CMLCs going on in Romania (full 12-week course) and Portugal (first 6-week module). In total 33 students representing 16 European countries are taking the training. Pray that God will call many of them into fulltime ministry.
- 6 **Germany:** For the southern part of Germany the month of August is the time of camps and other summer activities. Please pray for the camps of the local works in Franken (August 7-11), Tübingen (10-13) or Munich (12-18). May the Lord give lasting fruit.
- 7 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** 7th – 11th Please pray as we teach at a HBC this week that the children will come with hearts prepared to hear God's Word and that He will work in young lives.
Greece: The CEF worker, Sotiria Dino, will be teaching around 70 teens in a Bible camp, Aug. 7-15 Please, pray for all the teens to be touched by God.
- 8 **IT Dept:** Please pray for the development of a good website for Farsi-speaking children. Sister Rosa from Turkey will organize GNC Online and IT is helping with technical things.
Digital ministry is significant for the future. In CEF we already have digital platforms like Wondersurf and BCC, but our prayer is that in the future we will see many more digital evangelistic materials present in countries.
- 9 **Lithuania:** Praise the Lord for summer ministries reaching 100+ children and 5+ children trusting Jesus as their Saviour. Praise the Lord

for more than 20 volunteers in three cities where summer outreach was taking place.

Italy: Please pray for a national director to lead the ministry in the whole country. Praise God for the children that have been reached in the new camp centre over the past months. Pray God will save many of them.

10 August **Portugal:** Thanks for the camps in Vendas Novas in July and for having the CMLC course. Let us pray for the team developing the camps in the Azores this month.

11 **Ireland:** Pray for the camps taking place throughout this month and especially for the camp centre staff as they have had a busy summer. We are so thankful for camp ministry, and the opportunity this presents to spend a week with children living out the gospel before them.

12 **Greece:** We praise God for the 38 teens that came at CEF Camp at the end of July! There were some refugees, some immigrants and some very difficult teens, but at the end of the week they wanted to know more about the Lord and three prayed for salvation. Please, pray that God will continue to work in their hearts.

13 **Cyprus:** We thank the Lord for the weeklong VBS that was held in July in Larnaka. Many children came and were interested in the Gospel. Please, pray that the volunteers will be able to help them grow spiritually.

14 **Switzerland:** Please pray that we will find a new person doing the bookkeeping. Also pray for all initial training into the subject. We are currently considering doing a distribution campaign with tracts/booklets into mostly unreached areas of Switzerland (8 cantons in the centre of the country). Please ask the Lord for clear guidance.

15 **Stephen & Grace Chambers:** Please pray for Stephen, Grace and family this week as they are involved in an outreach to children with friends from their local church.

16 **Lithuania:** Pray for the children who heard the Gospel this summer that God would grow Gospel seeds in their lives. Pray for the saved children that they have a Christian contact for discipleship.

17 **Education Dept:** God willing at the end of the month we will start to record video segments for another course we plan to launch on the BibleMesh self-study platform (2024/25). Pray for Gerd-Walter as he teaches 'on camera' and for Tim as he records and then later edits the various video segments.

18 **Estonia:** Pray for the successful start of new school year and seminars held August 19th and 26th in several towns. For the fresh vision for many trained teachers and strength from the Lord to continue with solid Gospel teaching.

19 **Germany:** A well-known local church in Essen is holding an international summer festival today. Our local ministry in the Ruhr area is responsible for the children's programme. Please pray that we will be able to share Christ with children from different backgrounds.

20 **Stephen & Grace Chambers:** Please pray for Stephen as he teaches the book of Galatians to students at CMLC in Romania. Pray for Grace and the family at home in NI.

- Multimedia:** Today, CMLC students in Portugal will begin a literature survey class. Let us pray that even those who do not become CEF staff will still be able to use CEF literature in their future ministry.
- 21 August **Greece:** We will speak every morning in a Bible Conference Center (Aug. 21-27). May God challenge His people to pray about the children's work.
- 22 **Norway:** Praise God for the summer work that has taken place already in Lapland and pray for all that is to come.
- 23 **Sweden:** Pray for more workers & volunteers into the harvest field.
- 24 **Ireland:** We have the opportunity to promote the work of CEF at two large missionary conferences this month (Kinfire in Kilkenny and Bangor Worldwide). Pray for good contacts and renewed interest in the work of CEF.
- 25 **Austria:** Please pray for Stephen Chambers, at the end of this month, as he visits Austria and has a meeting with a young couple and their church leadership. Pray the Lord would work in all of us for his glory and for the extension of gospel proclamation among children in Austria.
- 26 **IT Dept:** From the very beginning of the IT department, Ruth is involved in web design and communication through the Internet. Please pray for Ruth's creativity and wisdom as she is working on different projects for CEF Europe.
Pray with us for the development of Wondersurf, BCC Online, and animated videos. To reach every child we need to use digital resources to communicate and share Gospel. Children in Europe need Jesus and digital resources can help so children can be under the influence of God's word.
- 27 **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.
- 28 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** 28th – 1st Please pray as Andrew teaches at the final week of CMLC in Portugal that He will know God's help and that God will give the students a desire to be more involved with reaching the children in Spain and Portugal.
- 29 **Iulian & Anca Mangalagiu:** Praise God for the National Directors from Europe who have attended the recent NDI (National Director Institute) to be better equipped for the ministry that God has called them to. May they know His help as they put what they have learnt into practice. We are so thankful for the opportunity to invest in the lives of children. During the summer time we were able to open the Aslan library and hold a Holiday Bible Club at the headquarters in Iasi. May God work in the hearts of these young lives for His glory.
- 30 **Lithuania:** Pray for Teacher classes in five towns starting August 30 and finishing September 8. Pray for teachers to be equipped to effectively teach the ways of God to children this coming new school year.
- 31 **Britain:** As the next EQUIP course begins in September, pray that God will raise up more participants who will be able to discover the basics of reaching children with the gospel and be confident to teach the truths of the Bible to children in their churches.

September 2023

- 1 **Education Dept:** (1st September) God willing 22 students will graduate from the 12 week CMLC course in Romania today. Praise God for each one and that He will call them to reach children in their countries with the Gospel – Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia & Ukraine.
Sweden: Pray for an outreach with the Gospel of John in Gothenburg in the beginning of September.
- 2 **Estonia:** Pray for TCE-1 course, that new teachers will be trained and encouraged to start childrens ministry in their areas.
- 3 **Spain:** Pray for all the activities that start again in September. For all the Good New Clubs, for different evangelistic campaigns, for several days of training, for the start of activities with teens and for the start of the TCE1 in Barcelona.
- 4 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** 4th – 8th Sept Please pray for strength and wisdom as we teach at a children's mission each night this week and that it will be an encouragement to the church.
- 5 **Germany:** We continue to ask the Lord to enable us to start a local ministry in Berlin; there are so many immigrant and German children who need to be reached with the Gospel.
- 6 **Greece:** In the beginning of September (6-9), we will hold our last CEF camp just before the school starts. Please, pray that all the children will hear God's voice and surrender their lives to the Lord.
- 7 **Switzerland:** Please pray for the Online TCE course starting September 7 in Germany. We would like to invite interested persons from Switzerland to join - pray that this course is looked at a great opportunity.
Britain: Pray for David Cook as he joins with the International Board of Trustees in CEF IHQ, Warrenton, Missouri, to review the global ministry of CEF.
- 8 **Cyprus:** Please, pray that God will raise a couple to be full time workers in Cyprus. There are only volunteers who do the monthly GNC's.
- 9 **Austria:** Please pray for the Lord to supply all we need to commence and develop ministry in Austria.
- 10 **Lithuania:** Pray for our volunteer, a young lady Dorote, who is interested in a deeper ministry to children. Pray for God to lead her into CEF ministry.
- 11 **Education Dept:** The next Candidate Orientation Training (online) is planned for 11-15 September. Pray that many who attend this training will be motivated to get more involved in CEF ministry and then attend CMLC training.
- 12 **Britain:** Pray that God will direct our steps in the GB Workers' online Zoom meeting this morning, as we clarify objectives and confirm plans for 2023 and review the progress of the summer ministry and promotion of CEF at Keswick and Aber conferences.
- 13 **Norway:** Pray for the team of workers and volunteers as they serve the Lord this month in GNCs, JYCs and missions.

- 14 September **Iulian & Anca Mangalagiu:** It is always a joy to receive an application for full time ministry. God is still calling young people to serve Him. Let's pray together to the Lord of the harvest to continue raising up workers for His harvest field.
The Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation for everyone who believes. May we never stop being amazed by what God can do when His Word is faithfully taught in the lives of children. Let's pray for the faithful proclamation of His Word around Europe.
- 15 **Portugal:** Gratitude for the CMLC. Preparation for the school year that starts on September 15, for wisdom and open doors in new churches.
- 16 **Greece:** Please pray for the start of all Sunday schools and Good News Clubs, so that it will be a blessed and fruitful year. On Sat. 16 we will teach a one-day seminar for Sunday school teachers in a very big church in Athens. Keep us in your prayers!
- 17 **Ireland:** 17th – 21st Sept we will be conducting our staff conference. Pray that each worker who attends will be spiritually and physical refreshed through the teaching of God's Word, seminars, reports and times of relaxation and fellowship together.
- 18 **Multimedia:** Thank the Lord for Boxes of Books, which equips most European countries with Good News Club and 5-Day Club curriculum materials. Let us pray for all who donate funds so that this project can continue to supply teachers.
- 19 **Estonia:** Praise the Lord for Tetyana, who graduated the first half of CMLC. For God's vision and provision to coordinate the ministry among Ukrainian refugee children in Estonia. Pray for everything needed for her to take IOT-2 in Germany.
- 20 **Sweden:** Pray for our preparation for Christmas Together, that many good contacts will be made.
- 21 **Denmark:** Please pray for new gospel contacts to start and develop the work of training, equipping and supporting believers in Denmark.
- 22 **Germany:** We are thankful for a number of retired workers who continue to help CEF. Others are approaching the age of retirement. Please pray that the Lord strengthens the ones who are still involved in ministry and calls the right people to take over from those who retire completely.
- 23 **Finland:** We have been praying for new workers for several years. Praise God that we have a new worker Riina starting on the 23rd of September. She will be working among children and teenagers in her area in the Central Finland. Please pray for her to have a good start!
- 24 **Italy:** Please pray for the team as they make decisions on the website and online shop.
- 25 **CEF Europe:** Leadership Development Conference in Istanbul. Pray for vision, wisdom and encouragement as the leaders meet for training and fellowship and for God to reveal how to recruit and train more workers to reach even more children in Europe. Pray for Gerd-Walter Buskies as he shares God's word each day, Gary Cousins as he takes some seminars and the president of CEF Inc, Jeremiah Cho, will also join us.
- 26 **Switzerland:** Please pray for opportunities to talk about CEF Switzerland in churches and prayer groups. May the Lord open doors according to his guidance.

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September **Belgium & Luxembourg:** pray for the training team who are continuing to train churches and volunteers in the area. Pray for Anneke as she builds the ministry in the Flanders area and pray for someone from this area to join the board.
- 28 **Multimedia:** Let's pray that the millions of "Do you wonder why?" and other booklets that were distributed across Europe this year will help children become interested in the Gospel and eventually be saved. God can use these paper missionaries!
- 29 **Finland:** Helena is busy with lots of work but let us pray that God would use her in a special way this fall when she teaches children and adults and helps our literature team to see the big picture!
Please ask God to use Sari and Marjo who are teachers to be the fragrance of Christ at their schools. Please pray that God would also use them as part of our literature team.
- 30 **Ireland:** 30th Sept we will be holding our Autumn Conference. This is a time of reporting and sharing with our supporters about the ministry conducted throughout the summer months and the promotion of Christmas Together.