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Prayer Calendar

December 2023 – January 2024

Dear Prayer Partners,

Let us be joyful and tell them.

In Psalm 66 the writer reflects on the goodness, protection, and the grace of God in preserving His people through prayer and obedience. The writer understands that God was good to them right from creation (v1-7), also for God's protection even through times of trials (v8-12) and in the writer's own life he acknowledges the goodness of God in answered prayer (v13-20). Not only does he reflect on what God has done, he calls the people to "come and hear" (v16) of God's goodness and says, "I will declare what He has done for my soul". The Psalmist had determined that he was not going to keep all the things God had done to himself but, that he was going to tell them to those around.

As we reflect on what God did over two thousand years ago when He sent His only Son into the world to make a way for sinful man to again be accepted by a Holy and Just God. This is a wonderful reason for us to be joyful. Therefore, we too should be like the Psalmist, determined to call the children in and share the greatest story of Joy ever revealed to mankind.

CH Spurgeon said "Pray for your children. Wrestle with God for them night and day." Let us pray for the children of Western Europe, that they will trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. We pray that you and your families will know God's blessing over this Christmas season as you reflect on what God has done for you.

Andrew & Beulah McMullan

December 2023

1 **Portugal:** From 30 November to 2 December, we will have our team retreat. Pray for us, that we can adjust and prepare in the best way for what comes ahead in ministry. Pray for the trips of Andrew MacMullen (from Ireland) and Clara Barcelos (from the Azores), that they may arrive and return safely.

Education Dept: Praise God for the Instructor of Teachers level 2 course which just finished (1 December). Pray for the 13 new TCE 2 instructors as they begin teaching this course in Germany, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine and Ireland.

- Continue to pray with us that God will raise up the right person to oversee and develop our online training projects on the BibleMesh platform.
- 2 Dec **Greece:** On Saturday Dec. 2, many children, teenagers and young people will gather for one day event at CEF Camp. Please, pray that the weather will be good, so that many children will attend and hear the good news of salvation.
Latvia: CT workshops will be December 2 Latvian and Russian. Pray for our volunteer training teams – clear shared vision for reaching more children in Latvia.
Praise the Lord for one more TCE Level 2 instructor. Viktorija just finished this course.
Pray for open doors in places where we go with Christmas programs. Let God open our eyes to see new opportunities to serve together with local churches.
- 3 **Finland:** Please ask the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of children who will be taught using *Joy to the World* lesson and will receive new *Joy*-leaflets. Pray for revival among children in Finland!
Bless our new worker Riina when she is spending time with children in all her afternoon clubs during the week. Help her to get to know the children on a personal level and share the gospel message with them.
- 4 **Cyprus:** Please pray for the Board in this country that God will encourage them with open doors to reach the children. Pray that God will call the person of His choice as a full-time worker in this country. Please, pray for new doors to open and more CPC's to be held in the country by our trained volunteers.
- 5 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** Please pray as we share with young people at a High School today that we will have a word from God and that He will open their hearts to not only hear His Word but to obey it and live their lives for His glory.
- 6 **Estonia:** Pray for Christmas Party Clubs (CPCs) around the country. Every child in Estonia is worthy to hear about the greatest gift God has given to the world. There are 166,000 children age 0-14 in Estonia. Pray for effective use of Christmas booklets in three languages. Praise the Lord for wonderful tool for teaching and reaching children with the Gospel.
Ireland: Pray for the Christmas Clubs which will be conducted this month. We trust that many boys and girls will hear and understand the true meaning of Christmas.
- 7 **Iulian & Anca Mangalagiu:** *"If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here..." Exodus 33:15*
This verse was in our minds often this year. Praise God for the knowledge of His presence in 2023. May this verse reflect our lives in 2024 too!
- 8 **European Communications Dept:** Please pray for... us as a team (Yasmina, Ruth and Iulian) as we work together, that we would know God's wisdom and guidance.
... for creativity as we seek to share about the ministry in different countries.
- 9 **Sweden:** Pray for the CPCs in Gothenburg, Lund, Ljungskile, Uddevalla, Lilla Edet. Pray that CPCs also will be held in other towns.

- 10 Dec **Greece:** Many CPC have been scheduled in many locations in Greece. Especially the last two weeks before Christmas, we'll be going to schools, orphanages and other institutions. Please, pray that God will bless all the CPCs, so that there will be no problems and His Word will be sown in good soil.
- 11 **Spain:** Let us pray that God opens the hearts of children and that many can hear the true meaning of Christmas with the material of Joy to the World, in a Spain where less and less is talked about Jesus and less importance is given to Christmas. That many people and churches can hold Christmas parties.
- 12 **Lithuania:** Pray for remote towns and villages that God would open doors for Christmas Party Clubs to be organized in such places. Praise God for donors to print Christmas programs and booklets in Lithuanian language. Pray for each booklet to be distributed and read by children. Pray for more churches to go outside their congregations and evangelize children this Christmas season.
- 13 **Germany:** We thank the Lord for every opportunity to conduct workshops for "Christmas together". We had a nationwide online seminar and a number of local workshops. Please pray that all of those trained do not only reach children in their church but also from outside. Pray that their experience will be a motivation for doing even more next year. Many people bought the "Joy to the World" lesson from our shop. Pray that they and the children they will reach will benefit from the lesson and will get to know Christ.
- 14 **Netherlands:** Thank the Lord for 2 TCE-1 groups that we currently have. One by Zoom and one in presence. Also, a TCE-2 group. Pray that these 37 believers may go on to serve with the Gospel among the children in their neighborhood or church.
- 15 **Germany:** The workers of the Tuebingen local office use the opportunity to get into schools and Kindergartens by playing the Christmas Story with their Biblical Puppet Theatre. From Nov. 30 to Dec. 1 they are in Tauberbischofsheim and surroundings and on Dec 15 in Boeblingen. Pray that the children will be deeply touched by the message and begin to love Jesus.
- 16 **Stephen & Grace Chambers:** Please pray for us as we lead a Christmas club in our home church today. We praise God for all the leaders who come to help in the various parts of the programme. Please pray that many children will come along, enjoy our time together and respond to the gospel. Also please pray that believing children will be strengthened in their faith and families connected to the church.
- 17 **Belgium/ Luxembourg:** Thank the Lord has given the opportunity to organize after years and years the first TCE course in Antwerp, Flanders. Pray that the Saturdays of teaching will be a blessing for the 6 students.
- 18 **Multimedia Dept:** Thank the Lord for the Joy to the World lessons that arrived on time to be used at Christmas Clubs. Pray that the booklets Joy that is to be distributed across Europe in many languages, will end up in the homes of children and that entire families will find the great and real joy.

- 19 Dec **Digital Dept:** We praise the Lord for all the opportunities when children can hear the Gospel. Unite platforms are one of the opportunities when children can watch Gospel videos and be under the influence of God's word.
- 20 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** Pray as we take time to visit financial and prayer supporters this month that they will be encouraged by what God is doing in Southwest Europe and how He is answering prayers.
- 21 **Germany:** Claus and Maria Ehrh in the Ruhr area get entrance into schools in Advent. Pray for these Christmas Clubs in schools, that the Lord will strengthen them and that many children will be touched by the Gospel.
We pray for the Christmas specials of all of our regular Good News Clubs that the children will bring their friends along so that they will hear the Gospel, as well.
- 22 **Netherlands:** Jose Baan is leading a fantastic evangelistic Girls Only Club in Alblasterdam. Pray that the work among these teenage girls will give eternal fruit. And pray that the Lord will add new girls!!
- 23 **Iceland:** please pray for the development of the work in Iceland. The camp ministries take place in the summer, which is great, but it would be a blessing to the local church if we could have a full-time worker there to train, equip and support other believers in the work of evangelising and discipling children.
- 24 **Britain:** Pray that God will raise up National Directors for Britain to lead the ministry in England, Scotland and Wales. Pray that God will guide our steps and lead us to us the person(s) He is calling. Continue to give thanks to God for those wishing to volunteer with or join CEF Britain. Pray for **Karuna** (Bournemouth), **Iza** (Bristol & Poland), **Sarah** (Reading) and **Joanna** (Newbury) that God will guide their steps and show them how to fulfil their desire to reach children with the gospel in Britain. Pray that God would call them to consider joining the team in Britain.
- 25 **Ireland:** Pray for those missionaries from Ireland who are serving overseas and are not able to return home for the holidays. Pray they will know God's presence and peace with them during the Christmas season.
- 26 **Norway:** Please pray for Ida, Sarah and volunteers as they travel widely to reach children in some of the most remote locations in NW Europe. Pray for their safety and pray for many more children to hear the gospel and to respond.
- 27 **Switzerland:** Please pray for Daniela as she works day to day in the National Office – pray that she will know the Lord's presence with her and that he will help her to complete all the different tasks.
- 28 **Ireland:** Pray for the New Year Camp which will be held in Seaview Camp Centre. It was fully booked out within hours of going live. Pray for each young person who attends that they will be encouraged and blessed over the weekend.
- 29 **Britain:** As the first online CEF GB TCE 1 course completed module 2 in November and as Module 3 starts in January, pray that this will enable more volunteers to learn how to reach children in Britain with the gospel. Pray for some to consider further training with a CMLC course, later in 2024.

- 30 Dec **Sweden:** Thank God for every child that heard the Good News during Christmas, through the CPC, distributed tracts and through our WonderSurf-calendar.
- 31 **Britain:** Pray for David Cook (Chairman), as he follows up the recent meeting with the new Principal of Moorlands College and meets with the new Principal of Oak Hill in December to explore how CEF ministry can be more widely presented to the Bible College students and that CEF training could be integrated in Bible College courses.

January 2024

- 1 **Estonia:** Pray especially for the Christmas Party Clubs during the school holidays January 1-7. Pray that children will respond to the Gospel. Pray for the opportunities to start regular children ministry in new places.
- 2 **Cyprus:** We praise God for the new, monthly, preschool club that has started in October in co-operation with the MOPS. May God bless our volunteers who teach in those clubs and the children who attend.
- 3 **Finland:** Please ask God to open new training opportunities this year. Please pray for the combined Good News Club for disabled young people from two locations led by Kaisa and Tuomo. Ask God to give them a good start for the new year, as there seems to be opposition from the staff of the other care home, even though earlier the group of interested participants was big.
- 4 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** Pray that the workers in SWE will be encouraged as they begin this new year in ministry and that God will give them an increased vision and burden for the children and young people in their area.
- 5 **Portugal:** Please pray for the trainings and Christmas Clubs. Both the workers and the Portuguese CMLC students are working hard on training others and running Christmas Clubs.
- 6 **Sweden:** Pray for more prayer partners, volunteers and new workers. Pray for the Swedish board as they lead the work forward. Pray that we can find new members to the board.
- 7 **Ireland:** Our workers in the Republic of Ireland meet for prayer and business today. Pray for continued unity and blessing. Pray for the vacant areas and counties throughout the island of Ireland. We are looking to the Lord to send more workers to reach the children and young people.
- 8 **European Communications Dept:** Financial help for the different software programs we might need to help us stay relevant and up to date in this ever-changing world of technology.
- We hope to start sharing information about each country in January, we hope and pray it will be a great help in promoting ministry across Europe.
- 9 **Latvia:** CPCs will be until mid-January. Pray for wisdom and strength to organize the CPC and begin the follow-up work. May God prepare the hearts of the children.

- Pray for full support for all 6 workers this year. Ask God for a larger ministry team – prayer partners, supporters and dedicated volunteers.
- 10 Jan **Spain:** During the months of December and January, a new project will be presented in different hospitals in Barcelona to be able to work and share one day a week with children in the terminal phase or with chronic illnesses. Pray for good acceptance of this project by the directors or people responsible for these hospitals.
- 11 **Lithuania:** Pray for volunteers who would come to Kaunas GNC and minister to difficult children from dysfunctional families. Men are especially needed.
- 12 **Portugal:** Please pray for the preparation of "For Camp", the training camp for volunteers, which will take place in February. May the Lord guide us in preparing a new generation of volunteers.
- 13 **Belgium/Luxembourg:** Pray for promotional material we want to make available for the ministry of AEE.
- 14 **Germany:** As Christmas Together is not an end in itself, please pray that Christmas Clubs will lead to many new Good News Clubs.
We thank the Lord for providing for our every need during the past year. May He grant us the new friends and prayer partners we need in the year ahead of us.
- 15 **Greece:** Jose' and Maria Guerreiro will come as volunteers for one month, to help building the fence at the Greek CEF camp. May God give them a blessed time, health and strength to do their work.
- 16 **Britain:** Pray for the National Committee as we meet in person and online today to review the strategic plan 2023-25, the recent conference and training programmes and finalise the conference in late February. Pray that the impact of all this will enable more girls and boys to be reached with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.
- 17 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** Please pray as we share about the work in our home church tonight that God will guide us in our words and that He will raise up more people to support us in prayer and financially each month.
- 18 **Education Dept:** Pray for the final preparations for the Candidate Orientation Training planned at the beginning of this year. Pray that those who will attend this online course will be able to complete one of the CMLCs later in the year and come into the ministry full-time.
Continue to pray for Carol as she writes book 3 in the D6:7 series – Know God's Heart. Pray that God will guide her clearly in the development of the content. Pray for those of us giving input and that God will give us one mind and heart in the next phase of this special project.
CEF of Europe: CEF Europe Association Members' meeting. Pray as we meet online that God will guide our conversation and direct our decisions as we consider the way forward and plan for the future.
- 19 **Portugal:** Please pray for Pastor Miguel Sousa, in coordinating the ministry in Portugal, that the Lord will continue to give him the ability to learn about CEF's ministry and team leadership, with all the new challenges that lie ahead.
- 20 **Switzerland:** The Lord heard the prayer for a new bookkeeper. We are thankful that we found Markus S. who gladly started in November – as

- a volunteer. Please pray for the Lord's blessings for him and a good, efficient and successful familiarisation with the work.
- 21 Jan **Ireland:** As the Good News Clubs recommence for another session, praise God for each teacher who seeks to share the gospel with the children in their local areas.
- 22 **Iulian & Anca:**
We have European Leadership Advisory Group (ELAG) meetings are planned from 22nd – 26th January. Pray with us for wisdom and clear direction for the mission in 2024. May we be faithful to His leading and may God be glorified in our lives.
- 23 **Switzerland:** Thank you for praying for the distribution of evangelistic booklets (we mentioned it in October and November). Together with the board members, we decided not to rush but rather pray and try to include more partners – churches and individuals - into the project. Please pray even now for the preparations and realization for next year.
- 24 **Austria:** Please pray for a visit to happen to Austria to meet with a young couple who are interested in the ministry. So far this has not happened as planned – pray we will be patient to wait on the Lord's timing.
- 25 **Norway:** Please pray for the GNCs/ JYC in Lapland. Also pray for the development of the work in the southern part of Norway.
- 26 **Digital Dept:** Bible Correspondence Course Online (BCC) is a great tool for children to read lessons and give answers. We praise the Lord that the number of children involved on this platform is growing. As Daniel Fer wrote, "nineteen persons trusted Jesus this year through this platform. And some of them joined local church!" Praise the Lord.
- 27 **Multimedia Dept:** Thank the Lord for the Northern Ireland Revival Movement Association and all they print and ship for CEF Europe and all around the world. Thank the Lord for every teacher who has been equipped and can continue to serve in 2024.
- 28 **Switzerland:** Pray for the successful handling of all office work, especially the inventory which is to be done in the beginning of January. Pray for a good co-ordination with CEF Germany as far as layout work to be done in the German literature team (Daniela).
- 29 **Greece:** Please, pray for all the clubs being held at the Roma Gypsy camps in Central and North Greece. Sotiria Dino, our CEF worker, will continue teaching those clubs travelling for one week every month, despite the absence of our other co-worker, Mike Petko, who was driving for her so far. May we have more workers and volunteers, so that more clubs can be taught.
- 30 **Digital Dept:** Please pray with us for development of Unite animated videos so we have more and more content that can be available for children in Europe.
- 31 **Switzerland:** Give thanks for our board members, prayer-partners and friends and pray for them. Pray for a fresh spiritual fervour, for our Lord's leading and protection in 2024. Pray for workers into the field of children in Switzerland.