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Prayer Calendar April - May 2024

Dear friends,

Do you want the good news or the bad news? Normally the word “but” is used after good news, to let the listener know that it is not all good. However, not with the Apostle Paul. He starts with the bad news and then says, “but”. Good news follows because we read, “But God”.

I was so impressed recently when I came across this wonderful truth in Ephesians 2. I encourage you to read it!

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) ...

I wonder if you and I remember “but God” when we come to Him in prayer. We see many reasons around us to despair, to be discouraged or even to stop trusting that God is in control. Does our prayer life reflect our despondency? Or do we come confidently, expectantly, with requests that only God could answer.

As we read and pray through the calendar, may we remind ourselves that not one of the requests would be possible, but God... He is able!

May God bless you.

Iulian Mangalagiu (Regional Director, CEF of Europe)

April 2024

- 1 **Estonia:** Pray for TCE-2 courses. We have two different courses in different towns running in April. Praise the Lord for Easter Clubs held around the country. Pray that children will grow in the knowledge of God.
- 2 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** We praise God for the opportunity to attend the Portuguese 75th anniversary service in the Vendas Novas Camp Centre in February. Please pray that God will continue to build this ministry and that Miguel will know God's wisdom as he leads the ministry. We praise God for the opportunity to share about the work in South West Europe. Please pray as we attend deputation meetings over the next weeks that God use us to be a challenge and encouragement to His people.
- 3 **France:** From 3 to 6 April: the whole AEE France team meets for work meetings in the Paris region. May the Lord give us the wisdom to build well together, according to His plans.
- 4 **Finland:** Thank God for the Esther Camp package and the attractive video advertisement in Finnish! We got orders already in February. Please pray that many people who are organising camps this summer would hear about this option and benefit from it, so that many children would hear the good news during the summer all over Finland.
- 5 **Ireland:** We are planning a CMLC in Ireland this autumn. Please pray for students to enrol for the course and that God will challenge them about the need of new workers to serve in the vacant areas in Ireland.
- 6 **Germany:** Once again, we pray for the German CMLC (Oct. till Dec.). So far, we have two fully approved applications. We pray for 20 participants of whom four will be ready to join CEF in Switzerland and six to come to CEF in Germany.
- 7 **Greece:** The first two weeks of April, CEF camp will be full of working groups who will come to voluntarily help building different projects around the camp. We hope and pray that all go well with no hindrances, so that everything will be ready for the Easter camp on April 29th (Greek Easter is on May 5th)
- 8 **Cyprus:** On April 8th-13th will be an English-speaking Teacher Training seminar at an International Church at Limassol. Andrew and Beulah McMullan and Linda Corry will be teaching. On Saturday 13th, there will be also a children's day event. May God guide some of the teachers to become volunteers or even CEF workers!
- 9 **Sweden:** We praise the Lord for the 10 years that have passed since we reopened CEF in Sweden. We thank Him for all the children who have heard the gospel & we pray that more children will be reached in the years to come.
- 10 **Spain:** The teen retreat will take place in mid-April. We thank God for having been able to start these clubs with teenagers and we hope that God blesses this retreat and that the young people who attend enjoy communion and the Word of God.
- 11 **Linda Corry, Education Dept:** Thank you for your prayers for the Refugee Highway Partnership in February. Pray for wisdom as we are currently following up on new contacts made and that they will develop into strong partnerships that will help us reach many more children with the Gospel in Europe.
- 12 **Switzerland:** Give thanks to the Lord for 16 children who attended an Easter club of a church in Berne (it is the Church's first evangelistic outreach specifically to children). Pray for the children who attended and that the team will be encouraged to plan more outreach.

- 13 April **Iulian & Anca Mangalagiu, Regional Director:** Praise God for the opportunity to attend the Eastern European workers conference online. God is working, but there are many challenges. They need our prayers and support.
- 14 **Bogdan Bassara, Multimedia Dept:** Thank the Lord for the *Happy Easter* booklet that is distributed around Europe from the middle of March to the middle of May as Easter in Eastern Europe is celebrated on May 5th. Pray for many children and their families that would read the Good News. Pray that God will use it!
- 15 **Vilijam Valentini, Digital Dept:** Please pray with us for the Unite materials and development of animated videos and audio materials. We believe this is a good way for children to have access to good and quality gospel-centred materials.
- 16 **Claire Bain, European Partnership Ministry:** Please pray that God would raise up more believers to support the shortfall project for workers who need support each month to carry out their ministry. We pray for a new generation of prayer and financial supporters for future generations of children who need to hear the gospel.
- 17 **Netherlands:** Pray to the Lord for the '75 clubs-campaign'. May the Lord touch the hearts of children's workers, pastors, elders and generous believers to take part in this campaign.
- 18 **Belgium/Luxembourg:** Praise the Lord that we were able to train 9 students for the TCE-3 course in March. Pray that the Lord will use these trained people to reach out to boys and girls.
- 19 **France:** Every month, we have a time of prayer via zoom in connection with the Olympic Games. Let us pray that the members and friends of EEA (CEF in France) will be present to surround the projects with our prayers.
Lithuania: Pray for everyone who participated at the Easter seminars in 3 towns and 1 Zoom seminar. Pray for God to open their hearts to reach unchurched children and distribute the booklet "Happy Easter".
 Pray for the CEF Conference planned for April 20th in Kaunas and for many children workers to come, get encouraged and motivated to evangelize and edify every child they come into a close contact with.
- 20 **Greece:** On April 20 there will be the 30th Children's Conference in Thessaloniki, a day's event for children with an evangelistic lesson, verse, review and other games with the theme: The Big Race. Please, pray that many children will be touched by God's Word.
Netherlands: praise the Lord we could organize a weekend camp in June for children from 7 to 12 years. Pray for the preparations which are needed. On 20th April we have the event to prepare the camp.
- 21 **Finland:** Please keep praying for Riina, our new worker, who has a lot going on every day of the week. Actually we ask you to pray for balance that she would also find time to rest and be charged even though she enjoys her work so much. Pray for the children she meets with regularly that they would learn to know God and would grow in their faith.
- 22 **Germany:** We ask the Lord to open doors for regular ministries in schools and kindergartens, because, this way, we will reach more unreached children.
- 23 **Linda Corry, Education Dept:** Continue to pray for the 5 CMLCs planned this year in different locations in Europe. Pray for students to attend who have a calling and passion for reaching children with the Gospel.
 Personally – this month I will be travelling to Cyprus and Sweden to help with various training ministry. Pray that I will know God's leading and wisdom as I prepare. Pray that I can be a help and encouragement to the students who will attend as well as the CEF workers.

- 24 April **Lithuania:** Pray for more prayer partners and more supporters for the ministry, especially for the new future workers. Pray for God's will for Dorote concerning the full-time ministry with CEF.
Pray for dedicated volunteers for summer day and residential camps this summer (June and July). Pray for parents to allow their children to attend a CEF camp and for finances.
- 25 **Sweden:** Pray for a special seminar with Linda Corry & Stephen Chambers in Gothenburg. *"The importance of evangelizing Children in a secularized society"*.
- 26 **Portugal:** Gratitude for the celebration of 75 years of CEF Portugal. For all the support received in prayer and for everyone who was able to attend.
Gratitude for the team of workers we have, even though they are few, we thank the Lord for the unity and constant support we feel with each other, and for all the work that is being done.
- 27 **Sweden:** Please pray for a special 10th anniversary conference which takes place today in Gothenburg. Please pray for Neil & Jenni Harkness with Anna, Stephen & Grace Chambers, Linda Corry, Robert Aberg and Jon Voss (board chairman) and others who will take part.
- 28 **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.
- 29 **Switzerland:** Many churches, organisations and individuals are receiving a letter from us – please pray that they will be motivated to pray for the "Do you know the King?" distribution campaign, to give and to order and distribute to children themselves. Actual distributions are planned for the pre-Christmas period 2024.
- 30 **Germany:** We ask the Lord to grant our literature team (workers and volunteers) wisdom and creativity to produce literature and multimedia items which will serve to help teach children effectively.

May 2024

- 1 **France:** Pray for sports day and distribution projects (Gospels, children's booklets, Gospel bracelets) related to the Olympic Games.
- 2 **Estonia:** Pray for the Mothers' Day Party Clubs and family focus this month. Praise the Lord for good material for 5-Day-Clubs and for preparation of the Summer missionary course.
- 3 **Cyprus:** Please pray for the two monthly GNC's that are taught by volunteers in Nicosia. May God bless the children who attend. We pray for God to raise a couple to lead the work of CEF in Cyprus.
- 4 **Britain:** Please pray for more churches to welcome Priya & Corinna to do ministry.
- 5 **Sweden:** Pray for opportunities for mass distribution of literature during May & June.
- 6 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** Please pray for safety as we travel to Poole for the GB board meeting and that God will guide to a National Director for the work.
- 7 **Germany:** Let us pray for the preparation of the Summer work – that we will find enough helpers and that the materials and the equipment will be ready in time.
- 8 **Spain:** We want to pray to the Lord and give thanks for each of the volunteers who help us with so many things in different areas of the ministry. Prayer, committees, camps, Good News Clubs, office tasks, translations, layouts, National

- Board, campaigns and so many other things. Thank you very much to the Lord for each of these people. We ask that the Lord will bless their lives.
- 9 May **Switzerland:** Pray even now for the distribution project "Do you know the King?" in fall/winter 2024. May the Lord prepare many children and parents so that they will accept the booklets, receive and respond in faith to the Gospel. Pray for Markus S. who is volunteering in bookkeeping. Pray for wisdom and strength in all his work.
- 10 **Iulian & Anca Mangalagiu, Regional Director:** Praise God for the young people who have started to serve God in recent months. They are an answer to prayer as we look to the Lord of the harvest. Pray they will love serving God and be blessed in their ministry.
- 11 **Ireland:** We are conducting an 'Equip 24' conference on 11th May in Dublin. Pray for the speakers and those who attend, that this conference will enable them to reach the next generation for Christ.
- 12 **Vilijam Valentini, Digital Dept:** WonderSurf - For many years, this website has been an excellent tool where children can learn about God and have fun. One of the important parts of this website is the message centre, where children can ask questions. Please pray for every person who is answering these questions, for wisdom, and for the Lord guidance in writing answers to children.
- 13 **Claire Bain, European Partnership Ministry:** Praise God for the Hope for Ukraine project and for workers who are faithfully serving Him despite the challenges. Please pray for God's provision for this project too!
- 14 **Stephen & Grace Chambers:** Please pray for the children in the countries of Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Pray the Lord will send more workers and volunteers to reach the children with the gospel and that they will be saved as a result.
- 15 **Belgium/Luxembourg:** Pray for the desire to reach more children by Good News Clubs. There is a lack of courage in the hearts of the believers in our countries to go out in public areas to evangelize. Pray that the Lord will give examples to follow how to evangelize the unreached.
- 16 **Portugal:** Preparations for the CMLC (2nd part), for each of the students who attended last year, and that they can get the resources for this second part of the course. May the Lord raise up more CEF workers from this group of students. -Preparations for the summer season, may the Lord give us opportunities to get closer to the community where the camp centre is located. Pray for the initiative of 4 CEF Portugal partner churches, for the church planting project in Vendas Novas.
- 17 **Britain:** Pray for David as he represents CEF Europe with the International Board of Trustees and then attends the International HQ Conference in Warrenton, Missouri from the 11th-17th May. Pray for wisdom, understanding and unity as the meetings consider the revised and updated constitution and bylaws for approval and new appointments for the officers of the Board.
Linda Corry, Education Dept: Pray for the European Education department meeting this month (18th). We need much wisdom as we will discuss many important topics related to our training ministries in Europe.
- 18 **Greece:** On May 18th is the 17th Children's Conference in Athens, where many Gypsy Roma, refugee and orphan children will be invited for the day's evangelistic event. May God will touch many hearts. Many youth groups will come to CEF camp for their retreat. We pray that many young people will be interested in helping in our camps as camp councillors and be involved in the children's work. We need more volunteers and co-workers.

- 19 May **Finland:** We will be attending the Western European Connections Conference as a team. Please pray that God would give us a special time getting to know each other and also colleagues from other countries.
- 20 **Western Europe:** Please pray for the Connections Conference which commences today and continues 20th- 24th May. Pray that Harry Robinson will be filled with God's Spirit as he opens his Word each morning and that workers will be encouraged and enthused to fulfil the great commission of going into all the world.
- 21 **Britain:** Please pray for the fourth and final online Teacher Training 'Equip' course tonight. Please pray that students would be able to use what they have learnt in their home churches.
- 22 **Germany:** We thank the Lord for Christfried and Sieglinde Schmidt, who – even though they are retired – do a lot of promotional work in the spiritually needy areas of Eastern Germany. May their ministry lead to the start of new local CEF offices.
- 23 **Britain:** Please pray for the Toddler Group at Woodford Evangelical Church today. Pray that relationships would develop and for a few families to attend a Sunday Family Service.
- 24 **Stephen & Grace Chambers:** Please pray the Lord will send someone to help us as assistants in the coming months. We really need help and support if the work is to develop and not just be maintained as it is at the minute.
- 25 **Finland:** Please pray for our preparations for starting TCE 1 -courses again after a few years break. The first course will be held in June. Pray that God would send just the right people to benefit from this intensive course. Pray also that our few volunteer instructors would be able to join and get back to the TCE-mode!
- 26 **Ireland:** That God will supply all the leaders and volunteers needed for the summer ministries, and that each worker will know God's leading and guiding as they make plans and preparations.
- 27 **Britain:** Pray for a strong finish to GNC and JYC ministries.
- 28 **Bogdan Bassara, Multimedia Dept:** Thank the Lord that the *Esthers' Persian Adventure* camp material is ready to be used this summer across Europe in many languages. Pray for the camps and Holiday Bible Clubs that will start already in June and will be run for the next three months. Pray that the Bible teaching will reach boys and girls.
- 29 **Linda Corry, Education Dept:** Pray for a special 'Christmas Together' webinar training event planned for CEF workers in Europe on 29th May (preparations start early!) Pray that technology will work well. Pray that many of our workers will be able to attend. Pray for those of us organising and preparing for this event.
- 30 **Western Europe:** Please pray for God's guidance and leading as planning begins and continues for the summer ministry, particularly as it is the Olympic year.
- 31 **Britain:** As Megan gets married today, please pray for God's blessing, that He will always be the centre of Jonathan and Megan's life. Ecclesiastes 3:12

Many thanks for your prayerful interest and support!!