

*As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.*

Luke 8:15

## ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

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In August 2023, you prayed for God to start a new, healthy church in Wales. By His grace, that prayer was answered when Penarth Evangelical Church officially formed in fall 2023. Praise God that preaching His Word is producing results — both in salvation as new believers join the church and in spiritual growth as members become more like Christ.



# PRAYERPOINTS

## EUROPEAN PEOPLES

*The first record of gospel advance into Europe is found in Acts 16, when Paul answered the call to go to Macedonia. For centuries, Christianity was the primary religion across this continent, but today, Europe has 230 people groups (over 12 million Europeans) who are unreached and still unengaged with church planting strategies. God has not forsaken Europe. He is at work, doing new things and opening doors for gospel advance, working in and through the nations to bring gospel access to people throughout Europe.*

## GOD IS DRAWING YOUNG PEOPLE IN SECULAR IRELAND TO HIMSELF

After 17 years serving in Birmingham, England, IMB missionaries Kenny and Kristy Dubnick felt God moving them to something new. They looked at their network of churches that had grown from 12 members to over 200 and knew they could confidently leave the work in the hands of local British partners.

The Republic of Ireland is the most unreached English-speaking country in the world at only 0.3% evangelical Christian; and it's becoming increasingly secular. Traumatized and hurt, many Irish are turning their backs on the Catholic Church and all that it values. Burdened by this great need for the gospel, the Dubnicks knew God was calling them again to go, this time to the Republic of Ireland, with the support and partnership of their church in Birmingham.

Only 20 evangelical churches exist among the 2 million people in Dublin, the Republic of Ireland's diverse, expensive, and transient capital city. Kenny and Kristy are now working with one of these churches — North City Baptist Church.



*North City Baptist Church in the Republic of Ireland. IMB Photo.*

They have felt an urgent need to share the gospel quickly because people don't always remain long in the city. And they've been amazed watching God accomplish in months what took years in England. They're seeing Him draw young people to Himself, bringing enthusiasm and innovative outreach ideas to their church. Recently, three new believers were baptized!

Pray for the work in the Republic of Ireland and the ministry of North City Baptist Church. Ask God to give them effective, creative outreach tools and ways to meet unbelievers. Pray that God will lead them and give them courage to share the gospel in a secular culture.

**1 FINLAND.** Pray for unity among the various church unions in Finland. Pray that pastors and the church union leaders will work well together in humility, grace, and wisdom. Pray that church leaders will heed God's call to boldly proclaim the gospel among the nations.

**2 POLAND.** Please pray for bi-vocational pastors across Poland. Pray that they will have strong marriages and family lives. Pray that they will find rest among all their responsibilities and that they will abide well in Christ. Pray for them to shepherd their churches well.

**3 NORTHERN IRELAND.** Pray for a team of missionaries in Northern Ireland as they minister to people in their community through trauma healing. Pray for the Lord's healing in the lives of those who are experiencing trauma, and pray for opportunities for them to hear the hope of the gospel.

**4 UKRAINE.** In addition to the physical war Ukraine has been in over three years, a spiritual war has also been raging. Missionaries have witnessed a season of harvest among the people of Ukraine. Pray that this season of church planting and kingdom growth will continue.

**5 CZECH REPUBLIC.** Praise God that missionaries in the Czech Republic have handed off leadership of a healthy church plant to local leaders. Pray for church leaders to continue growing in faithful obedience. Ask God to draw more Czechs to Himself through the ministries of this church.

**6 BARCELONA, SPAIN.** Pray for missionaries in Spain as they begin attending a new church in their neighborhood. Pray that they will demonstrate humility and develop a good partnership with

this new church. Pray that God will lead them to people who have a heart for the lost.

**7 EASTERN EUROPE.** Please pray for missionaries in a country in Eastern Europe who are engaging Muslims in their area with the gospel. Pray for connections and open doors. Pray for sensitivity and discernment for gospel conversations and ask God to draw hearts to Himself as only He can.

**8 EASTERN EUROPE.** As new evangelistic ads circulate online in Eastern Europe, pray for more engagement and for people's hearts to be open to gospel conversations. Ask God to open doors for the gospel to reach people in places that are difficult to access.

**9 LONDON.** Pray for missionaries to have more opportunities to have gospel conversations as they work to reach university students in London. Ask God to stir up the hearts of students to share the gospel with friends.

**10 EUROPE.** Pray for new missionaries to Europe who are studying language and adjusting to new cultures. Ask God to supply them with extraordinary faith and humility as they daily abide in Him. Through every new challenge, may their joy and confidence be found in Christ alone!

**11 PORTUGAL.** Pray for a women's Bible study in Portugal, where missionaries are seeing growth in community and biblical literacy. Ask God to reveal more of Himself and His heart to them as they study and pray. May they be burdened for those around them who don't yet know Jesus.

**12 BLACK SEA.** A team in the Black Sea region is taking exploratory trips to learn about unreached people groups living in

the western, mountainous regions. Pray for open doors to the gospel as this team expands into new, less-reached areas.

**13 QUEBEC, CANADA.** A young woman living a homosexual lifestyle was challenged by a friend to follow Jesus. After much resistance, she responded to the Holy Spirit. Today, she is following Jesus and bearing much spiritual fruit! Pray that she will continue to mature and be a powerful witness.

**14 ROME, ITALY.** For Roman Catholics, 2025 is a Year of Jubilee. Pilgrims from around the world come to Rome to seek forgiveness for sins. Pray that God will show them the futility of their works and their need for Jesus. Pray for believers in Rome to share the gospel boldly.

**15 HAMBURG, GERMANY.** A neighborhood in Hamburg has 100,000 people and not a single healthy church. After years of prayer, by God's grace, a team has formed to plant a church. Pray for a location for the church, for unity in the leadership, and for many to come to faith to the glory of God.

**16 GERMANY.** Every summer interns from the U.S. come to Germany to share the gospel on university campuses. Typically, over 200 students from all over the world hear the gospel. Pray for these seeds to take root and grow. Pray for the salvation of university students in Germany.

**17 HUNGARY.** Transition is common for Russian speakers in Hungary. Pray that Russian-speaking churches will creatively reach out to these Russian speakers who desire community and stability. Pray that believers will remain encouraged, invest deeply, and boldly share the gospel.

**18 BALKANS.** Partnerships with local believers in four Balkan cities are growing. Pray for God to guide each conversation and every effort at engaging the lost. Pray for a mighty move of the Spirit, opening hearts to "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

**19 BALKANS.** Pray for a church in a Balkan country to grow in rich, deep biblical teaching. Ask for their small groups to study Scripture together. Pray for the Lord to clothe IMB missionaries in Christlike humility as they serve in various roles in the church.

**20 EUROPE.** Some missionaries in Europe are facing health challenges. Ask God to give them encouragement, comfort, and protection from the enemy. Praise God that He is both powerful and trustworthy, and that His Word continues to bear fruit even in the midst of trials and suffering.

**21 BLACK SEA.** A village in the Black Sea region once had zero believers. Now, over 30 believers are gathering regularly for Bible study! Praise the Lord for plans to break ground on a church building soon. Pray for this church and for many more people come and draw near to Jesus.

**22 BLACK SEA.** As a team in the Black Sea region engages with local churches, pray for more local partners to heed the Spirit and understand God's heart for the nations. Pray that many will join missionaries as they go and share the gospel in the city and unreached villages.

**23 LILLE, FRANCE.** Two missionary families will be returning from the U.S. to France this month. Pray that God will give them fresh focus, direction, and wisdom as they seek creative opportunities to expand God's kingdom strengthen churches in Lille and beyond.

**24 NORTH OF ENGLAND.** August is slow for ministry in England, but it's a time to watch and pray as the Holy Spirit works through gospel sharing, Bible studies, and discipleship. Pray that seeds planted will lead some to salvation and help others grow closer to Jesus.

**25 NEW WESTMINSTER, CANADA.** Most people in New Westminster claim to follow no religion. Pray for missionaries there as they share the gospel with non-believing neighbors. Pray for the Lord's spirit to be poured out on New Westminster, for many to turn to Jesus, and for many new churches to be planted.

**26 LATVIA.** In summer, Latvians enjoy spending time outside before winter returns. Summer camps provide opportunities to reach young people with the gospel. As these camps continue in August, pray those who attend will be transformed through the Word of God.

**27 CZECH REPUBLIC.** Czech university students are open to considering the truth of the gospel. Pray for Czech Christians to be bold in sharing their faith and to wisely respond to students' objections and questions. Pray for students to be convinced that Jesus is worthy of their devotion.

**28 HUNGARY.** A new church plant in Hungary is gaining momentum. The main focus is praying for the lost and sharing the gospel, and missionaries are seeing signs of growth. Each week brings reports of new gospel conversations and new people attending. Pray for God's kingdom to grow here!

**29 COPENHAGEN, DENMARK.** A small church plant has taken a step in faith to move into an old state church building. This is the biggest risk this church plant has ever taken. Pray the Lord draws people to Himself to build up this little church for His glory!

**30 NORDIC PEOPLES.** Pray for God's Church to grow in Nordic countries, where many Christians feel isolated in their faith. Pray for believers there to connect with each other, be equipped, and encourage each other to live faithfully despite cultural pressures, apathy, and difficulty.

**31 OSLO, NORWAY.** A team in Oslo is hosting volunteers. Pray for effective ministry that leads to long-term spiritual growth. Pray that gospel seeds planted will take root in receptive hearts, bringing people to Christ and into faithful Christian community.



*Baptist college mission team in the Republic of Ireland. IMB Photo.*

## GOD OPENS DOORS IN SPAIN FOR GOSPEL WORK

As God calls people from the nations to the nations, He opens doors for the gospel to advance. In Spain, over 75% of Spaniards consider themselves Christians through Catholic Church membership. Their faith relies on church tradition and good works, not on Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

In Seville, IMB missionaries Rusty and Jennifer Ford were stretched thin, faithfully serving several church plants and training local believers. Gospel advance among Spaniards has been hard and slow. Thankfully, God provided ministry partners.

"God has been blessing us with many partnerships to help reach Spain with the gospel," Jennifer said. "We want to partner with local believers and churches as we plant more churches. God allowed us to work with Spanish leaders passionate about reaching the lost, and together we're committed to discipling locals to become future leaders. He opened doors for us to work with the Spanish Baptist Convention, mentor new church planters, and train churches in evangelism! God is not only sending missionaries but raising up leaders among local believers



*A believer is baptized in Seville, Spain. IMB Photo.*

and giving Spanish churches desire to partner with us. We are not alone! God works through partnerships."

In an area of Seville where spiritual ground was difficult, Rusty and Jennifer see incredible growth. Recently, a woman came to faith after one month of discipleship and was ready for baptism after two!

Praise God for raising up people to share the gospel in Spain. Pray He will continue providing workers for the harvest.

### 2024 FAST FACTS

## EUROPEAN PEOPLES



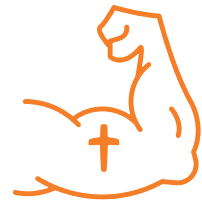
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# 8M

Ukrainians fled their  
country when the war  
started. **90%** are women  
and children.



Many in the **Catholic**  
and **Orthodox**  
church hope their  
works will save them.



*Statistics based on IMB Global Research  
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