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"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."
Philippians 1:3-5

PRAYING FOR EUROPEAN PEOPLES

Only 1.2% of Europeans have a relationship with Christ. The task to reach Europe with the gospel is daunting, but not impossible. Though Europe's evangelicals are few in number, God is raising up local Christians to work with IMB missionaries and strengthen church-planting efforts. These essential partners are maturing through discipleship and leadership development, and they're breathing new life into contexts where Christian witness has been declining for decades.

Church planters find open hearts in atheist Leipzig

In 1989, people in Leipzig, East Germany, carried candles as they marched, praying for the Berlin Wall to come down. Today, after a history of Catholicism, Reformation, Nazism, and Communism, Leipzig is mostly atheist. Despite this history, Psalm 127:1 remains painted around the eaves of the old City Hall:

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain."

God is watching! IMB church planters Andrew and Judy Jones say that people in the city are open to talking about Jesus. The Joneses followed God's clear call to Leipzig with a vision to plant three churches around the city. Arriving during a COVID-19 lockdown, they adapted their usual strategy for chruch planting. Instead of getting out and meeting people, they researched and prayerwalked. During one of those prayerwalks, the Lord led them to a German pastor who also wanted to plant churches in the area. It's been a longer road than envisioned, but today a church-planting team is working and praying together to begin new work in the northern part of the city. Some of the German team members grew up in communist East Germany and provide great insights and cultural understanding. The work has progressed so that there are now two home groups and soon the team will offer a course called "Alpha," an introductory course on the Christian faith. Andrew and Judy have watched team members grow in their evangelism and their willingness to try new things. Please pray for this multicultural team to grow in number and in leadership.

Ask God to greatly bless their fall programs and bring light to Leipzig.

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

In August 2024 we prayed for the church in Malta to grow and unite. Since then, the tiny island nation has seen new believers discipled, more churches planted, and collaborative events and trainings mobilized. Praise God for His work where the Apostle Paul was shipwrecked and found "unusual kindness." Pray the gospel continues to go forth from Malta to the nations!

1 **Latvia.** Pray for churches across Latvia this summer hosting Vacation Bible Schools. A Baptist representative worked with local Christians to create a gospel-centered curriculum to reach children and their families with the good news of Jesus.

2 **Czechia.** A team in Central Europe is partnering with Christian university students to bring meaningful gospel access to their city. Pray that students will be Spirit-led and confident in sharing their faith, and that lives will be changed by the truth of the gospel.

3 **Bratislava, Slovakia.** Pray for workers serving on a new church-planting team in Slovakia. Ask God to give them wisdom, unity, and perseverance as they work alongside their Slovak partners. Pray they will effectively encourage local believers to share the gospel with the people of Bratislava.

4 **Russian Speakers.** In East Asia, Russian-speaking partners sow gospel seeds among diaspora Slavic peoples. These partners face great opposition and persecution. Pray for perseverance and peace amid suffering, and for great harvests in all the Slavic and Russian-speaking world.

5 **Romania.** Romanian Baptists have committed to sending 25 long-term missionaries through the IMB in the next five years. Praise God for their desire to join His work among the nations! Pray for wisdom, unity, and perseverance as they identify, equip and send these 25 missionaries.

6 **Armenia.** In Armenia, IMB partners have formed a new association of churches focused on reaching Armenia and the nations. Surrounded by Muslim countries, these partners are burdened to see the gospel go beyond their borders. Pray for boldness, wisdom and a fruitful harvest.

7 **Ukraine.** Pray for Alex, a pastor in western Ukraine. He leads an established church that has begun reaching a nearby Roma community in a village that has gone without an evangelical witness since 1967. Pray for wisdom, lasting fruit, and their first baptism planned for this summer.

8 **Australia.** Ask God to raise up local Christian volunteers to teach SRE (Scripture Religious Education) in the public schools in New South Wales, Australia. Students often come to faith through these classes, yet over 300 schools do not have SRE due to lack of volunteers.

9 **Sydney, Australia.** Please pray for unity, growth, and encouragement for new church planters working in areas of Sydney that have seen significant demographic change. Pray the local believers will find opportunities to meet people in their community.

10 **France.** Pastors in western and southern France serve faithfully amid a highly secular culture. Ask God for perseverance for these pastors and for other disciple-makers in church plants throughout Brittany and on the French Riviera. Ask God to raise up leaders for new gospel work.

11 **Europe.** Praise God a church plant in Europe recently baptized two new Central Asian believers. This opened doors for the church to learn more about Central Asian culture and work together to reach both Europeans and Central Asians with the gospel.

12 **Essen, Germany.** Essen is in the most densely populated area of Germany. It is a very international city with people from over 170 different nations. Please pray for a small group of Christians that meets weekly for Bible study as they begin evangelism training to reach their city.

13 **Vienna, Austria.** Pray for a church plant, where Austrians are being trained to make Christ known throughout Vienna. Pray that believers will be convicted of any evangelistic apathy and be radically convinced of the calling God has placed on their lives!

14 **Paris, France.** A new church plant in Paris suburbs is based in an area of more than 60,000 people with no evangelical church. "Pray for local partners and open doors as we seek to reach people through street evangelism, mercy ministries, café meet-ups, and relational investment," missionaries said.

15 **Spain.** Pray for a new team forming in Valencia, Spain, as they lead evangelism training in local churches in multiple languages. Pray for unity, clarity and insight, and that these efforts would result in fruitful outreach and collaboration.

16 **Balkans.** Pray for local believers who are sharing their faith in the Balkans. Ask that they will find jobs that allow flexibility and provide for their

family's needs so that they can share the gospel broadly. Ask that more believers will be raised up, equipped, and sent out.

17 **Italy.** Please pray for trainings across northern Italy, gathering pastors and leaders from around the country. Pray that these local leaders will rediscover the biblical call to form healthy churches that multiply and plant other churches.

18 **Norway.** IMB team members in Norway are meeting with young adults from their church for bi-weekly Bible study and discipleship. Most of those same young adults are now discipling new believers and seekers themselves. Pray that these meetings will multiply and bring growth and maturity.

19 **Ireland.** Pray for an Irish couple who have moved to a new neighborhood. They want to get to know their neighbors and share the gospel. A group of believers will participate in their housewarming, praying God's Kingdom will come in that community.

20 **Wales.** Praise God for equipping and involving ordinary people in His service. Pray that every member of Penarth Evangelical Church will be a part of God's mission. Pray for men being trained up as pastors to rightly handle God's Word.

21 **Ireland.** Pray for IMB team members in Ireland who have started working with a new church plant in North Dublin. Pray God will lead them with wisdom and grace so they will be able to mentor, train, and encourage this new church plant to grow and reach their community.

22 **Wales.** Radyr is a suburb of Cardiff, Wales and has long been identified as an area that needs a healthy church, but churches in the area lack qualified church planters. Please pray that God will provide more qualified pastors to lead church plants in places like Radyr.

23 **England.** Pray for continued opportunities for evangelism in Liverpool. "Ask the Lord to open hearts and lead us to spiritually curious people who are ready for deeper conversations about Jesus," IMB team members said. "Pray for new partners to raise up and strengthen gospel work."

24 **Canada.** Nearly 370,000 South Asians live in Vancouver. Pray for a national partner using English to bridge cultural and language differences. Pray faithful believers will support this church plant, and that many who hear the gospel will encounter Jesus and respond in faith.

25 **Canada.** College students make up nearly half a million people in the Greater Toronto Area and are one of the area's largest unreached groups. Many identify as spiritual but not religious. Pray that believing students will see their campuses as their mission field.

26 **Europe.** Across Europe, Global Missionary Partners from other European nations, Brazil, and the Middle East are mobilized for Kingdom work. Living across cultures is difficult, and multi-cultural teaming adds another complex layer. Pray for unity, understanding, and patience.

27 **Europe.** Global Missionary Partners bring a cultural perspective and relational skills that strengthens teams, increases capacity for ministry and reflects the global nature of God's kingdom. Pray for these partners as they pursue Great Commission work together in culturally diverse locations.

28 **Portugal.** Pray for the Global Missionary Partner (GMP) trainings happening several times a year in Lisbon, Portugal. Thank the Lord there are many GMPs all around the globe who want to join in sharing the gospel on IMB teams. Pray for more GMPs to be trained and sent out.

29 **Hamburg, Germany.** Pray for a church plant in East Hamburg called Anker Gemeinde. The church baptized two new believers and is now searching for a room or building to rent. Pray for God to provide a meeting space, for more people to believe, and for God to be glorified in this district.

30 **Europe.** Pray for training events across Europe, as IMB teams equip their local partners with effective tools for sharing the gospel and planting healthy churches that multiply. As Europeans awaken to their need for Jesus, pray for Christians to grow in faith and boldness.

31 **Poland.** Pray for a developing church-planting work in a city in Poland. Pray that Baptist representatives will have wisdom and insight to effectively support the local church's efforts. Pray for local partners to abide deeply in Christ, feast on His Word, and share boldly.

Partnering with local believers to reach the nations in Sydney

For Ken and Kathy Woods, IMB missionaries in Sydney, Australia, partnering with local Christians has always been a vital part of their church-planting strategy.

Over the last several decades, Australia has accepted immigrants from many countries, and Sydney's communities reflect that diversity. In the city, new immigrants tend to gather where they find other people from their background or country.

The Woods work with and encourage local Christians to move into these communities and share the gospel with immigrants who need the hope of Christ and may have come from countries where access to the gospel is limited. Recently, they prayerwalked in one of these areas and discussed ways to witness to the various people groups.

Another way they partner with local Christians is by helping host outreaches, such as a "sausage sizzle" in a local park, which provides opportunities for gospel conversations with the community.

Where churches have started among a people group, the Woods have come alongside to help raise up and develop leaders from the next generation.

Local Christians hosting a "sausage sizzle" in a park. IMB photo.

"We praise God that He has provided ways for us to strategically partner with local believers in sharing the gospel in Australia," Ken and Kathy said. "It is exciting to unite with them in prayer and the proclamation of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior."

Please pray for Ken, Kathy, and their partners as they share the gospel with the lost and strengthen the church in Sydney.

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