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Our Mission

European Christian Mission (ECM) exists as part of God's wider mission in Europe to spread the gospel that only the Risen Jesus is Saviour and Lord. We are evangelical and interdenominational, working with all the mainstream evangelical churches for the progress of the gospel in Europe – for we believe it only this message that can really rescue and transform its peoples. So in partnership with local churches we, as ECM-Australia & NZ, are passionate about sending well-equipped and well-supported gospel workers into thriving teams all across Europe.

The need of Europe

Although Europe finds itself in the middle of an ongoing economic, political and religious crisis, we believe that most fundamentally, Europe is in spiritual crisis. Although Europe has a well-known history of Christendom, not many still believe that God has central importance for life and society. With very few Bible believers and Bible-believing churches to reach Europe's millions, it is estimated that 97 per cent of people in this continent do not truly know Jesus. This makes it the least Christian continent on earth.

Strategy

In post-Christian Europe, people are increasingly turning their backs on the established churches and need to see what authentic Christianity and authentic churches look like. So then, the heart of our strategy to glorify God's Son in Europe is to plant new churches that reach out to those around them with God's word and God's love.

In the past 10 years, ECM has been involved in 158 church-planting projects. ECM is currently working in 80 projects.

The conviction to go against the tide

EDITORIAL

From the Australia & NZ Director

*Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path." Psalm 119:105 (NIV)*

Against the backdrop of the unprecedented degree of prosperity, cohesion and peace of the early twenty-first century, today's Europe – after the Global Financial Crisis and recent Migrant Crisis (where millions of new arrivals flooded the continent) – is increasingly dogged by all kinds of fears and uncertainties. Undoubtedly, Europe faces many challenges, not least an ongoing quest to find its soul, in other words, a spiritual and moral anchor that will help it navigate the choppy waters ahead. With the decline of the church, aggressive march toward secularisation, and rapidly expanding Muslim populations, what now gives Europe its overall cohesion and core values?

We ardently desire that people and nations in Europe come to know that God's word is a "lamp to my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105). Yet, anyone who is prepared to stand up for Jesus and biblical truth in today's Europe is likely to be labelled an extremist, bigoted or even worse. With this in mind, this issue of ECM News will feature an article on the lessons of the Reformation for

our ongoing mission in Europe, with insights from Rev. Dominic Steele. He will remind us that the progress of the gospel in Europe did not come without the conviction to go against the tide. There are a number of exciting stories from our missionaries about what God is doing in and through them, as they fight the good fight. In particular, I mention two testimonies, one from our newest candidates, Adi and Jennifer Grocott, who share about what has led them to serve in children's ministry in Timisoara, Romania, and another from my wife, Louise George, whose life and ministry continues to shine brightly for Jesus.

I also hope you enjoy the new format of ECM News which gives us more scope to expand upon our mission in Europe, the issues we face in preaching and teaching the gospel here, and the real-life stories of people changed for the glory of Christ.



**Matt
George**





ROMANIAN REVIVAL

Candidate missionaries: Adi and Jennifer Grocott, pictured with their children Anna and Luca, are preparing to train people in children's ministry.

The first thing you notice about Adi and Jennifer Grocott are their smiles. They are easy to warm to and display genuine interest in others. They also have an infectious enthusiasm for the gospel.

Despite the sleepless nights as parents of a toddler and a newborn, Adi and Jennifer are raring to go as ECM Australia and New Zealand's newest missionary candidates. Next stop: Timisoara, Romania, where Adi grew up and where Jennifer served in ministry for seven years. They have a clear focus: encourage and equip local Romanian churches to share the gospel of Jesus with children.

"In our years in Romania we saw that while churches were keen to have children as a part of their church services, many lacked the training and resources needed for reaching children in their communities, how to share the gospel with children and

to teach them how to grow in their faith," Jennifer says. "We also saw that in many places children were only taught a moral gospel of 'being 'good boys and girls', rather than hearing the lifesaving gospel of how we can have a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father."

Timisoara is a long way from Jennifer's family home in country NSW. But God had a plan. Having grown up in a Christian family, she was first challenged to cross-cultural mission after completing high school, and spent three months in Athens working in a refugee camp.

After university in Canberra, Jennifer headed to Romania in 2003 with mission agency International Teams. There she ministered to disabled children and young adults in government-run institutions, as well as helping with children's ministry in local churches. While working together, a friendship between Adi and Jennifer grew, and they married in 2008. While Eastern Europe is a long way from the Australian bush, Jennifer says she has fallen in love with the country and its people.

"I love that the culture centres around

Ministry bears fruit

family and relationships and that people have time for one another,” Jennifer says. “People value friendships and relationships and invest in them.”

Adi is a born-and-bred Romanian who became a Christian in his late teens through street evangelism. It was his involvement with his local church that led him to his first job, working at a night shelter for the homeless in his city. As a result he was introduced to International Teams that ran a day centre for street children and youth.

Adi was convicted of the desperate physical and spiritual needs of these young people. He continued to work with street children for several years before studying social work at university. During this time Adi, was exposed to the needs in local churches and sensed God’s call to a new direction in children’s ministry.

The fruits of their ministry are evident. On a return visit to Romania after being

PLEASE PRAY

■ **Pray for God to raise a team of supporters to partner with the Grocotts.**

■ **Pray as they adjust to being a family of four with the birth of Luca Allan Grocott.**

■ **Pray that they would serve diligently and faithfully seek God’s glory in all they do.**

■ **Pray for Adi to be able to finish his study by the end of the year.**

in Australia for two years, they were greatly encouraged that youth they had worked with had continued running the program, and had also encouraged and equipped other people in another two villages with the training and resources they had given them.

“It was so exciting to see God at work and the exponential impact that can be made when you train others to teach

rather than just doing it yourself,” Adi says. “It is our desire to train local churches to share this, so that all children through all parts of Romania get to hear and respond to the life-saving gospel of Jesus Christ.”

The Grocotts are hoping to be able to return to Romania by December and are praying for 100 per cent financial support to do so, God willing.

The couple will not be receiving a salary from within Romania and it is their desire to be freed up in order to serve in this ministry full time. Please pray for God to enable their return to Romania.



Kids' program at a Romanian village.



PASTOR SPARKS REVOLUTION

Little is known today of the extraordinary events that led to the fall of communism in Romania – and it all started in Timisoara, where Adi and Jennifer Grocott will undertake their ministry, Madeleine Koo writes.

In July 1989, as the Iron Curtain was being ripped apart across Eastern Europe, former Protestant pastor Laszlo Tökés spoke out against the Romanian communist despot Nicolae Ceausescu. Tökés, the assistant pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Timisoara, dared to speak out against the atheist regime that had starved the people and razed rural villages.

On the 16th of December, a public protest gathered around Pastor Tökés' home in response to an attempt by the government to evict him. This was the catalyst that ignited a revolt from the general population against the communist regime. Over the coming days, thousands gathered in the streets. Protest grew becoming violent as government troops fired on the protesters, killing hundreds of people. This was the beginning that led to the downfall of the communist regime in Romania.

Charles Colson writes in his book *Being the Body*, "Tökés mourned for his town and his country. The secularism of the atheistic regime had bitten deep into the hearts of the people. Still, he knew the church could help set those hearts on fire. His Reformed faith had given Tökés eyes to see what could happen when the church understood its identity, when the people stopped

thinking of their faith as just a Sunday morning ritual and understood that the church was the community of the people of God that could infiltrate the world".

While the communist regime may be long gone, in part due to the Christians in Timisoara, today Romanians still urgently need to hear the good news that brings true freedom. As Operation World explains, a legacy of brokenness endures from the days of Ceausescu's regime and the country has a moral vacuum being filled with every kind of social evil.

"Substance abuse, prostitution, pornography, human trafficking and challenges to child welfare are widespread and Romania has one of the highest abortion rates in the world, with three or more abortions for every child born," according to Operation World.

"Poverty is still common, with widespread unemployment and economic instability, caused to a large degree by rampant and entrenched corruption. Divisions in government reduce its effectiveness; major strides forward are needed in its legal, education and healthcare systems as well as police and local administrations. Pray for leadership that has the wisdom to chart the right path and the integrity to implement the right policies."

Pray for the people of Romania.



PRAYER

fuel for our missionaries

**ROSS
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Serving in
Waterford,
Ireland



I travelled here to Ireland about six months ago. One Bible passage really stands out as a perfect description of my experience so far: “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”.

Here are some examples. I was away for a weekend with a Viking re-enactment social group and an openly gay man from another social group whispered to one of our members: “Is Ross really a minister? Then why doesn’t he hate me?”

Or when one of the girls from the same group just hours later said: “You are the first Christian I’ve actually met. Why would you pick Christianity instead of anything else?”

Or driving home from a board game night with another friend, who said: “Hang on, did you say you studied theology? We have to chat about that at some point soon.”

Or swimming with another mate: “So what do you actually do at church? Like, what’s the point?”

Chatting with a teen at youth group: “Can you get me a Bible to read?” (This is a huge deal here in Ireland).

Or even sitting at my kitchen table chatting with my roommate/landlord,

who asked: “Why do you think that Jesus is the only way to God?”

Now I didn’t want to turn that into a list of cheesy questions from an evangelism textbook, but there you go. I really did have all of those conversations, because the harvest really is plentiful.

There are people all over the place, almost busting, to meet a real Christian in person, to examine how we act, or ask their burning questions, or even just to chat to about their past experiences with church.

So praise God for the plentiful harvest He has prepared. Praise Him for those who are here taking these opportunities, and continue to pray for more Christians to be here so they can be bombarded with evangelistic opportunities.

One such group of Christians recently joined us for a week, and they had the chance to share the gospel with more than 50 children over a four-day outreach kids’ club. At the end of the week we had to ponder whether we could even have that many kids at church. What a fantastic problem to have.

God has been doing an excellent work here in Ireland, and it has been a pleasure to see it firsthand.



MURRAY & FÉY COTTER **Serving in Tirana, Albania**

Over the past year, two men from our church in Albania began to visit believers in the city of Poliçan. They began visiting Poliçan because that is where many of our members first heard the gospel and started attending church before moving to Tirana for a better life.

Many people, including the missionaries, moved away and the church dwindled until there were no church meetings, except for one strong belief. Last October, Murray and some of the men from our church began to visit and meet with the men who used to have a strong link with the Poliçan church. They started doing a short Bible study together.

While we were on home assignment for three months, our pastor, who also came to Christ in Poliçan, continued to meet the believers. He ran a six-week course called “The

History of Marriage”, which was quite well attended considering the size of the church.

After Murray returned to Albania, he once again began to take the group of men with him to Poliçan. But rather than going fortnightly, it has turned into a weekly visit, which is quite a commitment as it is more than two hour’s drive each way from Tirana. In July they began an Abundant Life Bible study course. As the marriage course was attended by a mixed group, the Bible study has continued with about 15 men and women who attend regularly.



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RICHARD & ALI M **Serving in Berlin, Germany**

“Hi, what’s your name ... and where are you from?”

And so begins the umpteenth conversation we’ve had here in Berlin. People can be from anywhere. Occasionally

I (Richard) even meet a German who was born in Berlin! In almost three years of being here, I’ve only met a few.

So what are the others all doing here? Everything including prostitution (especially in the summer), university study, career ladder-climbing, spiritually “finding themselves”, or escaping familial, cultural or religious backgrounds. Many have several factors drawing them to Berlin.

So, how does one seek to draw people to Christ in this widely diverse city? Very simply, we die to ourselves and live for Christ, but, it’s not simple at all. Every day is a fight to put off the old nature and put on the new. To “live for Christ and consider everything else rubbish for the sake of knowing Him”, has a swimming-up-stream feel. But, the longer we walk with Jesus here, seeking to be led by the Holy Spirit and knowing our Heavenly Father’s favour, we keep coming back to this necessary sacrifice of worship – “dying to self” and “living for Christ”.



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fuel for our missionaries



SIMON & DANIELLE BALL **Serving in Waterford, Ireland**

This is our eighth year in Waterford, Ireland. In recent times we have seen some encouragements but also faced challenges. One great encouragement is a local Irishman ("T") who became a Christian a few years ago. I, Simon, have been discipling and mentoring T, and he has been taking on more preaching and leading at church. Another encouragement is to see growth in the youth at our youth club, Pulse. Many of these youth came through our kids' club years ago, and some are getting closer to making decisions as to whether they will follow Jesus.

Our greatest challenge at the moment is health. Danielle was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis a few years ago and her condition has deteriorated in the past year. She is often in pain and finds it difficult to sleep, and her energy and capacity have been greatly reduced. It is

similar to having chronic fatigue. As a result, she has to reduce her ministry load drastically and is not able to get out and meet people as much. Danielle has been seeing a new doctor who is looking more holistically at what is happening, and she has begun a range of new treatments. Please join us in praying that God would bring healing. Please pray also for wisdom as we work out what we can now do with our reduced capacity.



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JAMES & CAROLYNN WEBB **Serving in Cordoba, Spain**

We're grateful for a recent trip to the UK to visit James' home church in Brighton and Hove.

A highlight was a Spanish night when lots of old and new friends came along to enjoy tucking into olives, jamon and tortilla while we talked about life and ministry in Cordoba.

People showed their partnership with us by

praying for Spain, the Cordoban churches and ministries, as well as for many of our local non-believing friends. Time with James' family in London was also a blessing.

Back home in Spain, children start school much earlier than in Australia. Toby, 3, starts in September, and will be going with some of his best friends from daycare and the park. Pray that he will settle into a new place and routine well and pick up his Spanish again. Pray that we will continue to develop our friendships with the other parents.

Gabriel, 1½, is growing up healthy and well and is happy to go with the flow.

God has kept us longer than expected in Cordoba, for which we're thankful, but we know we need to seek His guidance for the future. Pray for clarity, unity and wisdom to know where and how to best serve Him and the gospel over the coming years.

The Spanish ECM prayer days are 19-22 October. Pray for a good time talking, praying and being with our co-workers in other parts of the country.



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A DANGEROUS MESSAGE FOR EUROPE



Theological ground zero: Dominic Steele stands at the door where Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses in 1517.

By Matt George

Is there persecution of missionaries in today's Europe? This is far from the picture that many people have of the life of Christian workers in Europe. It might be easier to imagine them in more comfortable surroundings, perhaps sipping lattes in trendy cafes. Certainly, no European country makes Open Doors' Watch List of the top 50 countries where persecution is the most severe, unless you count Turkey which comes in 37th¹. That said, the Rev. Dominic Steele, minister of Village Church Annandale, and the keynote speaker at our Consider Europe evening in July, believes missionaries in Europe are called to a life of persecution for the sake of the gospel.

In a startling talk, Dominic spoke of the true gospel as a dangerous and subversive message for Europe, one that goes against the tide and stirs up opposition. To stand up for Jesus in today's Europe means to risk being labelled an extremist or worse. To preach the gospel can even lead to being labelled as "anti-gay". One of Dominic's friends, a well-known celibate Anglican minister in England who describes himself as "same-sex

attracted", is accused in LGBT circles of contributing to yet more gay suicides and discrimination. His "crime" is simply to advocate for the biblical view of marriage and sexuality within the Anglican Church. Across much of Europe, anyone who dares to publicly declare that Jesus is the risen Lord and judge, the one who commands obedience in all sexual matters and in the nature of marriage, is likely to be ostracised.

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral on October 31 – commonly identified as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation – Dominic warns us not to be overcome by nostalgia. We commemorate one man's brave act of faithfulness to the scriptures in the face of the tsunami of opposition stacked against him. Yet he would not be silenced. His "crime", for which he was condemned by the Roman Catholic Church's religious court, was that he refused to recant the biblical gospel. He would not compromise on what was also considered to be a dangerous message at the time: that God

Following Jesus: the cost is personal

saves by Christ alone, by grace alone and, by faith alone, not by works and most certainly not by submitting to the Pope. In his famous statement at the Diet of Worms in 1521, “Here I stand, I can do no other,” Luther bravely decided he

would rather be condemned than betray the word of God. Only by God’s grace did Luther escape execution at the hands of his many enemies.

Dominic also recounted other great Reformers who were willing to face persecution for Christ’s sake. In his talk, we had the privilege of seeing highlights from a DVD series he has recently compiled called *Ideas that Changed the World*, which aims to expound the four dominant ideas of the Reformation through the lens of four great Reformation thinkers. He casts the spotlight on John Calvin, who is rightly famous for the crowning work of systematic theology of the Protestant Reformation, “The Institutes of the Christian Religion”. Calvin is also lauded for his reforming work in the city of Geneva. What is less well-known is that early on in his time as Pastor of the church there, he was exiled because of his insistence that Scriptures must be

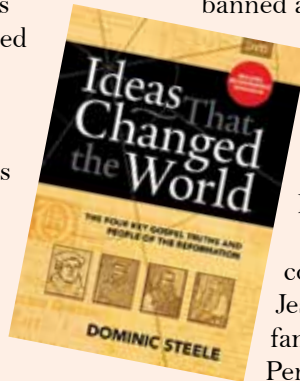


Dominic Steele and cameraman Sid Tinney at the Reformers Wall in Geneva, Switzerland.

preached, applied and obeyed. We also saw highlights from the life of William Tyndale, the great English Reformer, who gave up his life to translate the Bible into English. Dominic estimates that 70 per cent of the King James Version of 1611 owes itself to Tyndale’s ground-breaking work. Tyndale’s Bible translation was banned and burned in Henry VIII’s

England. He was imprisoned, tortured and eventually strangled to death in 1536, and is purported to have said as his dying words, “Lord! Open the King of England’s eyes.”

Dominic spoke of the personal cost of him deciding to follow Jesus. He grew up in a Catholic family, in the parish of St Agatha’s, Pennant Hills, where he served as an altar boy. Dominic remembers confessing his sins to his local priest. “I was never told that Christ had forgiven me, but that I would be forgiven if I performed works of penance.” In the late 1980s, Dominic heard the good news of the Christ who had indeed given his life



Ideas that changed the world

to set him free from guilt and shame. As he came to trust in Christ alone for his salvation, Dominic experienced the social cost of burning bridges with family and church.

Luther and other great Reformers, stand in a long line of faithful witnesses that stems back to the great prophets of old. Using 1 Kings 22 as his main text, Dominic challenged us to be like Micaiah who, like his Lord centuries later, stood alone in speaking the word of God against the overwhelming flow of the tide. In contrast to the lying 500 prophets of Ahab's wicked kingdom, Micaiah preached a true word from God: Ahab would be defeated and killed at Ramoth Gilead. It was not a message that people wanted to hear or believe, yet it was true and powerful. So too today the gospel may be regarded as "toxic", yet for those who are being saved it is the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Cor.1:24). Where are the dedicated followers of Jesus in our day, who will preach the truth regardless of the cost? We must pray for more Micaiahs in Europe!

Dominic's challenge to ECM is simple and twofold. Above all, Dominic says, the biblical gospel must be preached in Europe! Dominic has been a supporter of Louise and me from the time Village Church sent us off to Portugal with ECM back in 2004, and now as I serve as Australian national director. Dominic challenges us that the central task of ECM is to raise up workers who will give up their lives to make Christ known in Europe. It may well be that the workers we send conduct a ministry without a great deal of thanks or fruit. In all probability, even the most culturally sensitive ministry of the gospel will stir up persecution there because, sadly, our message is cast as dangerous. So we pray that God would send us workers



who will count the cost. This is what is needed so that hard-hearted Europe can rediscover the great truths that awakened and ignited it 500 years ago.

Secondly, Dominic concluded his talk by reading Tyndale's letter to a secular governor of the time while imprisoned and facing execution. Here the Reformer asks specifically for a warmer coat and above all, the Hebrew scriptures. He seemingly takes his lead from the apostle Paul, who said to his protege Timothy "when you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all, the parchments." (2 Timothy 4:13) Dominic then asked: Are we like Paul and Tyndale as those who will bring the word to Europe or are we like these men Paul wrote to, as "cloak carriers", that is, those who facilitate the spread of the word by their practical support? In other words, are we preachers of the word or "cloak carriers" regarding God's mission in Europe? These are two essential tasks that must be carried out if we are to see a new Reformation in Europe. We pray that many of you, our readers, might give yourselves to these two tasks for God's glory!

¹ <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/>

TESTIMONY



OUT OF RUBBLE, DESTRUCTION CAME FAITH

By Louise George, 11 years serving in Portugal and our director's wife

I grew up on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Life was easy and happy, however as a high achiever deep down I felt others would only love and accept me if I kept achieving.

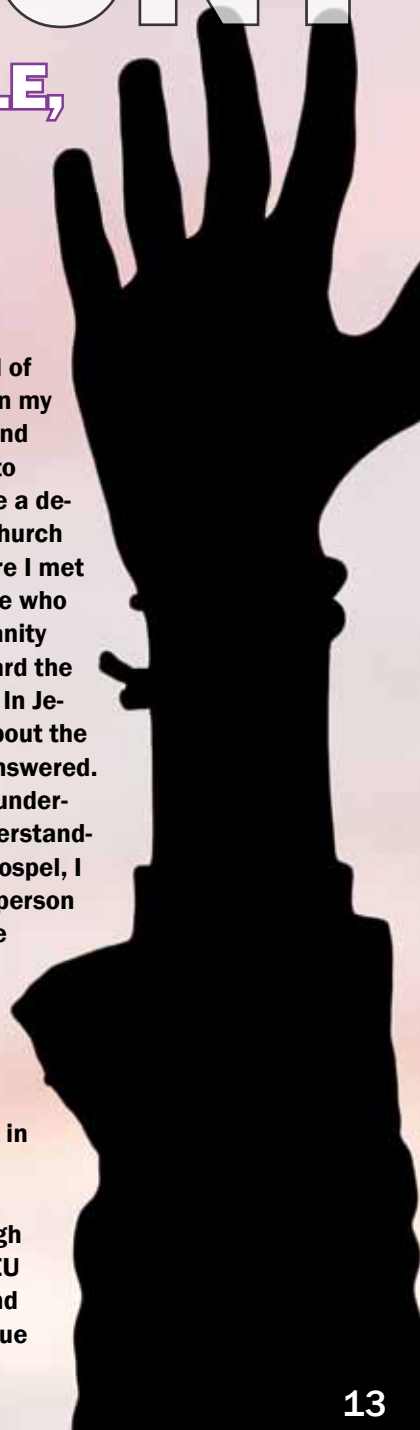
God was also in this category. God was someone in my mind who was distant, impersonal and needed me to keep achieving in order to be accepted by Him.

All of these presuppositions about the world, God and myself turned upside down when I became an exchange student in Japan.

During a devastating earthquake while there, for the first time in my life I was confronted with death. I lived with a family of Buddhists east of Tokyo, quite far from the epicentre, yet I began to wonder if the God I knew from Christmas and Easter services as a kid actually provided answers to the questions I had about the meaning of life and the destiny of those who had died in the quake.

God in his grace, had of course been working on my heart all those years, and at age 17 upon return to Sydney He moved in me a desire to go to my local church and find out more. There I met some other girls my age who invited me to a Christianity Explained course. I heard the gospel and responded. In Jesus all my questions about the meaning of life were answered. He opened my eyes to understand the Truth. In understanding and believing the gospel, I was also freed to be a person who did not have to live for others' acceptance of me. Christ loved me and accepted me; I did not need to fear others' opinions. What freedom we have in Christ!

I experienced a big period of growth through student ministry with EU at Sydney University and by God's grace I continue on in Christ.



PRAYER POWER

They asked – you prayed – God answered. Georg Hämmerle (ECM Austria) reports from the field about the prayer and outcome of a recent kids' ministry camp.



Prayer: Ask God to move powerfully in all the people at camp and the neighbours around.

Outcome: We had many good contacts with the neighbouring people in the town of Sulzberg. Almost everyone was very positive about our



work with the kids! God also worked powerfully in the leaders and the kids. It was a truly God-filled atmosphere, many kids committed or recommitted their lives to Jesus. This has been a unique experience in six years of kids' camp. It felt as if the tree was ripe ... you could kick against it and the fruit wouldn't stop falling. God is great! This has been an experience of massive encouragement. Our prayer is that the seed will remain in their hearts and continue to grow instead of getting picked away by the evil one.



Prayer: Praise God for 108 kids who registered.

Outcome: 105 kids finally arrived, 35 from church and 70 from outside.



Prayer: Praise God for an energetic team that put lots of hours and love into preparing for the week.

Outcome: With 30 kids' leaders and seven people in the kitchen, there was a fantastic harmony and a great partnership. It is a miracle when so many people are united and



Georg and Sandra with Romi, 6, Ruben, 4, and Rosalie, 2.

Kids' camp goes wild



get along well with each other; God did great work among the staff.



Prayer: Pray for lots of sunshine – it's a real camp with real tents!

Outcome: The weather was perfect despite a rainy forecast. It was especially good for the finale with the kids and the packing up day.



Prayer: Please ask for lots of fun and beautiful friendships.

Outcome: We had stacks of fun and many beautiful friendships did form. There were lots of tears when saying goodbye.



Prayer: Please ask for wisdom and love in difficult situations such as homesickness.

Outcome: There were not too many difficult situations but lots of good opportunities to grow in life and faith skills.



Prayer: Please ask for protection from the evil one and from accidents.

Outcome: There were no accidents or sickness. The worst thing was that two girls accidentally cut themselves while carving wood.



Prayer: Please ask that the seed will be planted in good soil and that much fruit will grow from it.

Outcome: There was a stunning amount of response in faith – hopefully the seed gets through to the hearts.



Prayer: Please ask that the kids will go home and shine like a bright light for their families and talk about Jesus.

Outcome: Lots of kids have church-distant families/parents.

Please keep on praying that they will see positive outcomes from their kids and that they will become curious/longing for this life-changing Jesus themselves.

Please pray also that they won't be suspicious about us and that they won't destroy the little plants.



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■ **Teaching English in Poland** Six months in Rabka. Join the English Point Language Centre, serving 40 students.

■ **Vision trip to Portugal** Do you want to see ECM's work in Portugal first hand? Consider participating in a "vision trip" to pray for the nation and projects. You'll also see first-hand what it means to work in mission within the Portuguese culture. ECM workers in Portugal are also seeking church teams who would come over for a week to do evangelism through music, dance, drama or sports. Both these projects would be ideal for church youth groups to foster young people's fire for overseas mission.

■ **Church planting in Slovenia** The Balkan Project is seeking young people willing to serve for a two-year period church planting in Slovenia. This work involves relationship building through music, sports and children's ministry. Language learning will also be required.

For more details see our website or email admin.oz@ecmi.org

Service Enquiries: Admin support in Sydney

We are seeking a person with good relational skills and a heart for mission to help mobilise potential gospel workers across Europe, Australia and NZ. You will support ECM workers as they seek to raise up new missionaries. This role will entail 6-12 hours a week, at the ECM office at Croydon.