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Sasko & Ira with their daughter Abigail started Elion Media Ministry, Serbia

TUESDAY 1

Francis is taking meetings here in the UK, raising funds for the next Tender Heart day care centre. Ask the Lord for generous hearts to give towards this project which will enable lives from the slums to be transformed by training in computers and sewing. Day care centres change lives through children's education and provide a place for village pastors to be trained. Thank you for praying with us regarding the search and purchase of the right land in the right location for the new centre. It was amazing how the Lord provided the best possible affordable place for us using the money we had raised for the land. F & A, South Asia

WEDNESDAY 2

Our time in India last month was especially blessed. Gareth spoke 24 times in 14 days while Malou got alongside many of the ladies. Thank you for praying for us. We are joining MV Doulos Hope today for 6 weeks in the Philippines, firstly in Puerto Princesa then later in Cebu. Malou will spend a week visiting her mum and some of her family in the north. Gareth will be running a preachers' workshop as well as ministering on and off the ship. Gareth & Malou

THURSDAY 3

Due to incomplete files, an error was made by the project manager which resulted in us at Pe Lunca not being able to reopen the centre and the school. Pray we can resolve this as soon as possible and that we don't lose our license. We do not bribe so pray for the inspectors and the various agencies doing the inspection. Tijs & Jessica, Romania

FRIDAY 4

Chris and Sharon together with 3 others are travelling to India, visiting friends and partners. Pray for the Lord to anoint them in every opportunity he has opened, good health and strength, safety in all their travels, time to enjoy and rest plus unity on the team. Give thanks to God for the trustees of AMEN: Chris & Sharon, Janet and Simon. May they have insight and understanding of the different ministries AMEN partners are involved in.

SATURDAY 5

Pray that Grace & Light programmes will always proceed according to God's will. Ask that the Lord of the work will raise helpful partners for our operations in various countries as well as teams from all over this nation to further the Lord's kingdom. Tassie, Nigeria

SUNDAY 6

One of the Batanes islands called Sabtang has no evangelical church. Plans have been made by Grace Ministries to meet the few believers in Sabtang twice a month. The team will consist of myself and the 8 young men I have been mentoring and discipling to do the work of the Lord. A few things need to be organised: the meeting place; transport of villagers to the venue plus provision. A small boat regularly goes to Sabtang from the main island which is a pleasant trip when the weather is fine. As we step out in faith, pray we will experience God's presence. leading and anointing and that those we will be meeting will desire to grow in faith, to share in the needs, such as meals, travel expenses and overnight accommodation. May they be like Dorcas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, who did many acts of kindness (Acts 9:36). Jerry & Gea, Philippines

MONDAY 7

Join us in praying for a vision given to us at VMM to reach 25,000 villages by December this year. We had reached 10,000 but this is bigger and again, only God can bless our labour in him and provide for the outstanding bills that need to be paid as we move forward in faith. David & Jeba, South Asia

TUESDAY 8

My wife Rosanne is suffering with back pain at the moment and sadly has had to take time out from her usual activities. Please pray for the Lord's supernatural healing to restore her. John, Romania

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We have found a family of Jesus followers in the village of Savalori but we are not aware of any other believers there. We are embarking on reaching out to this place which, as you can imagine, will be challenging. We need your prayers that God's work will be done in His way and in His strength. \$ & B, South Asia

THURSDAY 10

Recently, Ricky expressed his desire to serve the Lord through OM's ship, Logos Hope. The Logos Hope community, with around 60 different nationalities, is a genuine expression of international goodwill and understanding. The crew and staff are all non-salaried volunteers, serving in various professional capacities such as seafarers, engineers, electricians, nurses, teachers, and cooks. Sponsorship from friends, family, and civic organizations enables crew members to serve on board. Ricky hopes to join the ship in Sierra Leone at the end of this month. We are trusting God for a financial breakthrough to cover his monthly support of £150 per month. Other expenses will include flight tickets, visa, medical insurance and vaccinations which amount to another £1500. He plans to serve on board for the next two years. Please pray together with us for our son Ricky. Roy & Ponna, India

FRIDAY 11

After the holidays, we started our programmes with Casa Vietii clients and have registered two young mothers. The centre is full of life with different activities for children in English and also in German. Praise God with us for sending Genoveva and her sisters to daily conduct children's activities. It was a blessing to many. Do remember the children in prayer. Mia, Romania

SATURDAY 12

Pray that the books written about the dark side of Yoga and the GB road (red light district) will enlighten many and draw them to the hope found only in Christ Jesus. We're so encouraged by your prayers and excited to share all that happened as the Holy Spirit worked in the brothels. Another book is going to be published entitled 'Not Mere Forgiveness'. This book will explain that the message from God to us is more than forgiveness - it is life! T & S, South Asia

SUNDAY 13

Our board, with leaders from evangelical churches in Serbia, has decided to continue the HUB Bible school ministry. We are in the process of recruiting new leadership to nurture and execute this vision. Please pray for the next steps for the Bible school

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A city to city conference in which Elion Media Ministry was involved.

and also for God's provision for this ministry to be a blessing across Serbia and the Balkan region. Sladjan & Jaroslava, Serbia

MONDAY 14

There are 38 children at present at El Shadai children's home plus 2 older teenagers. They are from different situations, some with painful pasts, but by God's appointment, they have found themselves in a loving and secure home. Almost all of them come from the majority religion but through our love and teachings about Jesus, they have opened their hearts to Him. Although we are short of funds to support 10 of our children, God has provided just like the fish and bread he multiplied to feed thousands. Pray for sponsors - a small amount goes a long way here. We need regular giving. JP, South Asia

TUESDAY 15

Give thanks to God for his provision. We have 6 new sewing machines for the new class. We have 44 ladies on training and 18 will be graduating on the October 26. Nine of the ladies have come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. We will also be conducting 2 ladies retreats this month. R. South Asia

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WEDNESDAY 16

Praise the Lord! Some of the ladies in our sewing class professed faith in Christ and have been baptised and are now attending church. They come from the majority religion but through the devotions we hold, they have come to an understanding of the gospel. Ladies who have gained skills in sewing are now able to earn money. R & P, South Asia

THURSDAY 17

Joni's house and the community centre, a building project in Opovo, are progressing well. While we daily navigate the details and challenges, we are encouraged by the steady progress and remain hopeful of completing the construction within the next six months. While we plan to start operations by spring next year, we trust in God's perfect timing. We ask for your prayers for clarity and vision as we work to plan activities for the coming year. We also need to have the right staff and volunteers for this project. Sladjan & Jaroslava, Serbia

FRIDAY 18

Marijne and her husband Henk came to live in Romania in 2022 to serve with Perspective Danes. They had just returned from spending time in Holland when Marijne was taken ill and died last Friday. Please pray for Henk who has returned to Holland for the funeral and for their son and daughter and grandchildren. We thank God for Marijne's willingness to leave behind home and family and to serve God and the poor of this area. We remember Jesus' words "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age and in the age to come eternal life." (Mark 10:29, 30). John & Rosanne, Romania

SATURDAY 19

Please remember in your prayers those of us who work at Casa Vietii (House of Hope) plus my mother, who is not well these days. Mia, Romania

SUNDAY 20

Praise God! Brother Balu who was paralysed 3 years ago is regularly coming to our church services and his body is recovering. We also praise God for Rekha, the wife of Roshan, who is now carrying their child. Please remember her and their needs in prayer. S & B, South Asia



Sasko filming at the Feuer conference.

MONDAY 21

We partner with another charitable group in our area in an old people's home which has about 100 residents. We help in providing their needs and minister the gospel to them. Pray they may know Jesus Christ and find peace in their hearts. R & P, South Asia

TUESDAY 22

Pray against discrimination that the Roma children experience who have 'restarted' school. We want to see them blessed with good behaviour and the capacity to obey. Praise the Lord for all the help provided by sponsors enabling 120 children to receive their necessary school materials! Tijs & Jessica, Romania

WEDNESDAY 23

The school year began this week and the number of children in our after-school club is growing. Perspective Danes have just employed Paula, a Romanian young lady, who has recently finished her social work training and has worked with us as a volunteer in recent years. Please pray about how we will now transport the Rora village children back to their homes after our club. The bus company which did it at a very reasonable price has closed down and new quotes are way too expensive. Public transport is very infrequent in our area while hitching a ride and giving the driver a contribution is common practice.

John & Rosanne, Romania

THURSDAY 24

Give God the glory for answering your prayers and ours for the one-day evangelistic youth camp we held last month. Over 80,000 attended. Days before the event there was a heavy downpour, but on the day itself, it stopped raining and the air was fresh and pleasant. Months of spiritual and physical preparations went into this endeavour. Our 1100 missionaries in different villages had the task of inviting the youth and finding sponsors for various needs: vehicles to transport them to the venue and back; food & water; contributions to the cost of equipment etc., etc. In one village, Fatima and her team raised over £1000 and saw 500 attend! Above all things, it was the very presence of the Lord on that day who spoke powerfully through the worship, the Word, the testimonies and the drama presentations. "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' (Matthew 25:21). David & Jeba, South Asia

FRIDAY 25

Many we know have been severely beaten for being believers and for sharing the gospel in their village. They are our close friends with whom we have worked and spent time in prayer together. One of our brothers was left to die. Another associate of ours was beaten by a gang, leaving him with deep lacerations on his eyelid, a badly bruised face and torn clothes. This is now becoming a common occurrence. The Lord promises that He will "never leave us or forsake us". Even when it's hard to hear this news, please take heart and know that the Lord was persecuted and it is an honour to walk in the glory of His love when we are persecuted. Pray for people who have been part of the prayer movement that they may be witnesses in the midst of pain. T & S, South Asia

SATURDAY 26

There is a great need for proper theological training among village pastors which we want to address by giving them a chance to study. We have identified about 30 to 40 leaders who could really benefit from it as many have never had any Bible training. The 2nd floor of our recording studio is where we plan to set it up for this purpose. Ask the Lord to make this vision he has given come to pass. We plan for the training to be credited by the Bible school which has offered us this affiliation. JP, South Asia

SUNDAY 27

Pray for my wife Alison and my children Abigail and Joel. Ask the Lord for good health and strength, his provision, protection and for the work of Tender Heart. May the Lord give all the workers a deep commitment to unity, servant heart and love for the people they are serving. Francis, South Asia

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MONDAY 28

My mother Sonabai is getting older and weaker yet she is still farming in vineyards, living alone 300 km (186 miles) away from where we live. Soon the responsibility of caring for her will fall on me. Ask the Lord that we might trust him wholly to grant us peace, wisdom and the ability to care for her alongside the ministry and our family. S & B, South Asia

TUESDAY 29

Remember our own children who have also returned to school. Marie-Lou is now in the big school for the first time, clasa 5 (6th grade). Lowie is in clasa 4 (5th grade), and Rosalie in clasa pregătitoare (1st grade). Lowie is often a target and has difficulty expressing himself while Marie-Lou has struggled quite a bit with her stature as she is generally the smallest in the class. Other children do not always exhibit good manners. Tijs & Jessica, Romania

WEDNESDAY 30

Pray for new Christians to stand firm in the faith and for all the children to attend church. Ask provision for the special camps and retreats happening this month. We need a training base in area C. and want to see the Lord grant the desires of our heart. R, South Asia

THURSDAY 31

El Shadai children's home needs quality solar panels as a source of electricity to cope with soaring energy bills. This will also help to cover the facility for the aged people in the compound. JP, South Asia