

CEF worker in Europe will have a strong support team and all of us may be faithful in keeping them informed and encouraged with how God is blessing the ministry.

#### 21. Thursday – North Macedonia

Praise the Lord for all three groups of students (*CityKids*; preschoolers; *Junior Youth Club™ (JYC)*) who started and completed the courses. May the Lord use them for the salvation and spiritual growth of the kids/teenagers!

#### 22. Friday - Hungary

Pray for more full time workers based on Luke 10:2. We ask for 5 new workers in the coming 3 years. We pray especially for co-workers and future successors in those counties where the local workers have already retired but still continue to serve in part-time: in Tolna & Baranya and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg. Pray that God will lead the National Director and the staff to invite the right people into the ministry. Pray also that 2-3 students from our country can be sent to the CMLC in Sibiu, Romania this summer.

#### 23. Saturday - Albania

Please pray for God's provision to make the necessary urgent repairs on our National Office in Durres.

#### 24. Sunday – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Pray CEF will have new workers in new areas and that many children and teens will be reached with the Good News. Pray churches will see the importance of children's ministry and will support this work.

#### 25. Monday - Slovenia

Please pray for Toncka who has been fighting against a disease for a while. Her body is weak but her spirit is willing. She would like to be active again during the summer season and continue her work especially among the Romani people.

#### 26. Tuesday - Serbia

Praise God for the new children and teens coming to activities in Niš. Pray they and their families will be open to the Gospel and studying the Bible. Pray we will make new contacts and reach children through festivals and parties, and that they will come to GNCs and camps.

#### 27. Wednesday - Montenegro

Thank God for the GNCs in Bigovo, Konik and Podgorica. Pray they will grow and lives will be changed through God's Word. We pray new doors will open for more GNCs in places that have been unreached.

#### 28. Thursday – Central Europe

Pray for a smooth transition as Sebastian prepares Darko and Lydia for the future ministry of leadership in the area.



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*Exodus 10:9* "Moses said, 'We will go with our young and our old. We will go with our sons and daughters...'"

### Pharaoh's Bargain

All of the children of Israel had to leave Egypt in order to worship the LORD. Moses asked Pharaoh to let all the people go including the children. Moses was very concerned that they too would participate knowing that for the children, it meant life itself.

Pharaoh understood the fact, unlike many Christians of our day, that children are greatly influenced by what they hear and see when they attend worship together with the adults. It was why he has bargained, "The Lord be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go!" So he didn't agree to let them go.

Whoever occupies the souls of the children has the future of a nation in his hands. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of a religious order is quoted to have said: "Give me the child for the first seven years and I will give you the man." The communists in many countries have forbidden the young ones to attend the church meetings. Similarly, in numerous Muslim countries, it seems to be forbidden to speak about Biblical faith to young ones below the age of eighteen. (Although in other countries they forbid sharing about Christ, and especially converting to Christianity, at all.)

Do you see the parallels between Pharaoh and all the different isms? They are willing to allow men and women to worship God, but not children.

Are we on the side of Pharaoh (and on the side of Satan) or on the side of Moses (and with him on the side of God) who was not willing to move forward without the children and the grandchildren? The LORD is about to raise up true worshippers for Himself who will inherit the promised land.

For Christ,

*Sebastian Edelmann*

### 1. Friday - Greece

Please pray for Mark P., the new children's evangelist in Athens. He teaches letters, numbers and a Bible lesson to 20+ Gypsy children every day in a Christian centre close to a Gypsy camp in Athens. The kids are very difficult and wild but they love him. May God bless Mark and strengthen him to continue this work and provide change for eternity in the lives of the children.

### 2. Saturday - Serbia

Pray CEF will have more workers and that God will bless everyone in children's ministry. We pray the churches will support their teachers and will encourage them by arranging training for them and praying for their work and for the children in their cities.

### 3. Sunday - Bulgaria

Pray for the workers meeting from 4-6 February. Pray for God's encouragement and leading as we plan the summer activities.

### 4. Monday - Romania

We have a Lego® camp planned at the CEF centre in Sibiu from today until the 8 February. Pray that during this camp, children will understand better who God is and how they can live for Him.

### 5. Tuesday - Croatia

Pray for the *Teaching Children Effectively™* (TCE) 1 course in Karlovac that we have planned to start in January. We hope that these training sessions will enable teachers to evangelise boys and girls.

### 6. Wednesday - Czechia

Pray for the CEF worker Karin R. She is fully involved in many activities in her region and she needs the volunteers/helpers to share this burden. May God give her strength and persistence.

### 7. Thursday - Moldova

Pray that God will raise up full-time CEF workers in the county of Vulcanesti. Pray especially for Vasile and Ljuba as they promote and present this need in the local churches of this area.

### 8. Friday - Kosovo

Pray for the children and the youth who have come to a saving knowledge of the Lord. May they be steadfast in the faith and walk in the truth.

### 9. Saturday - Slovakia

Today we plan to hold a local conference in Banovce. Pray for a new worker for CEF for this area and also for new volunteers who will organise *Good News Clubs®* (GNCs) as a result of this conference. We plan to teach also some TCEs in the spring in Slovakia. Please pray for vision for GNCs for the participants of these courses.

### 10. Sunday - Poland

Please pray for the winter camp which we plan in cooperation with another Christian organisation in their centre in Kiczycze for children from the Silesia District. May the Lord use the Bible teaching and every activity to turn boys and girls to Himself.

### 11. Monday - Turkey

Pray for the preparations, as we would like to have a TCE 1 training course in Istanbul.

### 12. Tuesday - Hungary

Pray for the future ministry of CEF in Budapest and its agglomeration. As one of the staff has left CEF and Zsuzsi, another worker, is on maternity leave there are no full-time local workers serving there. Pray for Gábor, the National Director, as well as the local committee that they will receive guidance from the Lord how to proceed and develop the ministry in this area again. We urgently need new workers in the ministry!

### 13. Wednesday - Bosnia and Herzegovina

Pray the GNC and other activities in Novi Travnik will be blessed and that many children will come with hearts open to the Lord and His Word. Pray believers will be faithful and persevere in walking the path the Lord has for them.

### 14. Thursday - Bulgaria

Pray for Dora, a local CEF worker, as she recovers after chemotherapy. Pray that she would be able to reach out to the children in the area of Haskovo soon again.

### 15. Friday - Bereg Camp (Hungarians in UA)

Praise the Lord for our CEF camp centre, which is used to make Christ known week after week all around the year. Praise the LORD for the motivating dedication service, which we had last September.

### 16. Saturday - Cyprus

Please, pray that more children will visit the children's and teen's websites we have in the Greek language. It's a wonderful way for the Gospel to go into homes that are not open otherwise. The children can read Bible stories and learn about God's love and salvation.

### 17. Sunday - Czechia

There is a big need of new local workers in our country. Pray for young people who will use the opportunity to study at the *Children's Ministry Leadership Course™* (CMLC) in Romania this summer. May God give them a great vision for reaching the unsaved children and a great understanding of the power of God!

### 18. Monday - Poland

Please pray for the LEGO® event organised in Malbork in the northern part of Poland together with a local church. Please pray for a smooth cooperation and His work in children and parent's hearts through His Word. May the Lord give us strength and courage to speak to the people of the city!



### 19. Tuesday - Montenegro

We pray workers in children's ministry will grow in number, be encouraged by their churches, and see fruit for their labour. Pray children and their families will be changed by the Gospel and will be lights in the world.

### 20. Wednesday - Romania

From 20 - 23 February, we have a seminar in Sibiu on how to care for the support team. Pray that each