

## EUROPE

March-April 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

These two months have been quite busy with meetings and activities at the Home office. In March and April, we had Mission meetings in Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and Maryland. In addition to these meetings, Carole and I cooked for the Action Conference at the Home office. We prepared food for about 100-120 visitors and staff. This year we did one German meal to give the visiting pastors a taste of food on that mission field. Everybody seemed to enjoy it. We have a couple more meetings coming up before the full summer schedule at the Home office.

Candidate School is just around the corner, and although there are no new candidates for Europe, there are several candidates for other fields around the world. We do praise the Lord that He is still calling laborers to His harvest. Please pray for the first week in June as these new candidates come for the week of approval and training as well as for the second-year missionaries who will be completing their second week of training as they look to finishing up their deputation process. It is encouraging to see how churches are responding to the need of these missionaries. Several of our missionaries are completing their deputation more quickly than anticipated because of your generosity and vision.

Of course, after Candidate School in June, the rest of the summer is filled with two separate weeks of Camp BIMI plus Enrichment Week for furloughing missionaries and then in August, the annual Directors planning meeting. So, unlike the song that says, "summertime and the livin' is easy," it really is not "easy" here. However, it truly is "blessed." Camp BIMI is almost full already and we expect to see the Lord move on the hearts of these young people who have evidenced their interest in God's call to missions. Please pray that God gives safety to all those traveling to the different events and that the Lord will control the thoughts, speech, and action of those who teach and administer. We want to do our best for the glory of God.

On a personal note, Carole and I just had our annual "wellness check" at the doctor and both of us got a good report – not perfect, but good. We have the normal things that come with getting older, but we praise the Lord that we are still able to serve the Lord and have nothing going on that limits the fulfilling of our ministries. I would ask you to pray for our continued good health. We have a lot we still want to get done.

As always, we again thank you for praying for us, for financial supporting us and for your friendship over the years. We can truly say with Paul Phil. 1:3:

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;"

Your friends,

Ed + Carole Hembree