

# EUROPE

March - April 2026 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

During these two months we have had some meetings in Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. In addition, I have been trying to finalize the list of the missionaries attending our Europe Field Conference in August. This is more difficult than you might imagine. We have missionaries in 20 countries in Europe. Some may be planning a furlough, and some have summer camps or Bible Institutes or colleges to work around. Trying to find a time ideal for everyone is just not possible. So, we do the best we can and vary the time from one conference to another. I believe, as per my last confirmation, that we will have a little over 60 of our missionaries present for this one. It is a time for updating everyone on any changes in the business office (Doug Cunningham, our comptroller will be there to answer any financial questions), changes in policy, answering insurance questions, sharing information on the progress of the work in each ministry, encouraging the missionaries through personal time and preaching (Dr. J.B. Godfrey, our vice-president, will be our keynote speaker), and just generally “getting away” for three days to recharge.

For the young people it is a special time as they meet other missionary kids who are “just like them!” We have our youth pastor and his wife (Seth and Kristen Pyles) going to conduct special sessions for the youth. Altogether, it is always a time when everyone, adults and youth, can relax and enjoy being around our missions family.

Carole and I do have a lot of extra expense connected with special things we do for the missionaries as well as travel. Any extra financial help you might be able to give will be deeply appreciated.

I have also been preparing for the upcoming Candidate School in June here at the Home Office. We have a good number coming and I am looking forward to having a small part in the teaching and encouraging them. Do please pray for these missionary candidates as they come. We need so many more! Remember that our Lord said in *Matthew 9:37b-38* **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.**

Please pray also for those missionaries who have answered God’s call and are already serving in Europe. These days are especially challenging. The conflicts in Ukraine and in Iran have had much greater impact upon Europe than on us here in the U.S. Our missionaries are paying \$9 - \$10 per gallon for gas now; also, they are facing possible rationing of fuel. This, as we approach the season for summer camps and other ministries. You can imagine what it feels like to pull into a gas station and pay \$150 or more to fill your tank!

We are thankful that God is still on the throne and that prayer changes things!

We are also thankful for you allowing us to be part of your missionary family.



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