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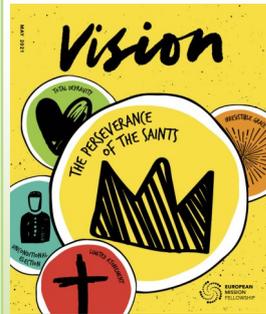
Prayer Highlights

New EMF missionaries in Portugal



It's a joy to be welcoming two new missionary couples into EMF, both serving in Portugal: Joel & Talita Lopes (pictured left), in Faro in the south of the country, and Diego and Stella Lopes (pictured below) in Lisbon, leading a church plant in the city to the south of the river. Both men, who are not related even though sharing their surname, are also involved in the Martin Bucer Reformed Theological Seminary. Please pray for the Lord to use these families greatly in the cause of the gospel. To find out more, visit our [website](#).

Don't think we can come ... we have never done zoom before!



A few months ago, our magazine 'A vision for Europe' was dedicated to members of our EMF family who, while still serving the Lord, have officially retired; and we recently held an online get-together for these good folk. For some of the around 40 people who came on screen, this was their first ever Zoom meeting! There were smiles on the faces of each person as they recognised old friends and felt the love of those with whom they had shared precious moments in the past. Thank the Lord for the faithful ministry of these EMF missionaries and staff, over many years. Please ask the Lord to sustain them. To read more, visit our [website](#).

Missionary Focus



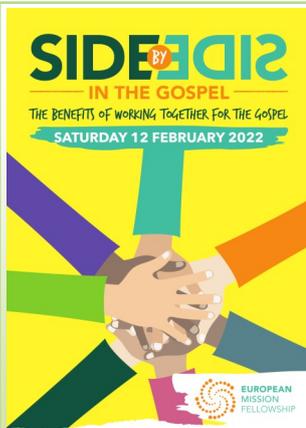
Our focus this month is on new EMF Missionaries, **Diego and Stella Lopes**. They are based in Lisbon, Portugal, where Diego leads the newly-formed evangelical church in Margem Sul (trans. South Bank), to the south of the river Tagus. Diego is from Brazil, and has ministered in both South Africa and Canada before moving to Portugal. Stella is Portuguese, but has spent many years in South Africa. In addition to pastoring the church in Margem Sul, Diego also acts as the Executive Coordinator of the newly-formed Martin Bucer reformed theological seminary.

Particular matters for prayer:

- For a larger place to meet with rooms for Sunday school etc.
- For the Martin Bucer seminary, with the advanced theological training course beginning in September 2022
- For the development of the leadership of the church in Margem Sul.
- For Diego & Stella and their family - Diogo, David and Esther.

Visit our Vimeo channel vimeo.com/channels/emf to see this and other EMF videos. Please do make use of this in your church meetings.

Upcoming Events



If you are based in Northern Ireland, please do reserve the date of **Saturday 12th February 2022** when we'll be having our first EMF conference of the year.

- "Side by Side in the Gospel: The benefits of working together for the Gospel"
- Richhill Presbyterian Church, Armagh
- 10 am - 1.30 pm
- Main speakers:
Manuel López Franco
Andrew Birch
John T Graham

To find out more, visit our [website](#).

Europe Needs the Gospel
EMF Webinar Series

EMF's Expanded Vision for Europe

Andrew Birch
EMF Mission Director

Darren Moore
Minister, Cheshamford Presbyterian Church

Further details at www.europeanmission.org/webinar

Zoom meeting ID 345-755-8772

Monday 7th February 2022
7.30 - 8.30 pm GMT

Our next webinar is a really important one:

"EMF's Expanded Vision for Europe"

where Darren Moore will be interviewing Mission Director Andrew Birch about an exciting enlargement of EMF's vision, to see new workers supported in some of the neediest parts of the neediest continent, and new churches planted.

- Monday 7th February 2022
- 7.30 pm GMT
- Zoom meeting 345-755-8772

To find out more, visit our [website](#). Recordings of previous webinars can be seen on our YouTube channel [@EuropeanMission](#)

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