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Mediterranean Gospel House, located in Larnaca, Cyprus, was founded in 2017 by Every Home for Christ and is managed by Pastor Emanuel Estephan.

**Please pray for Lebanese Pastor Emanuel Estephan & his American wife Ana Maria** who have committed their lives to the ministry as they have always been passionate about building the kingdom of God.



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# No Longer Alone



## Cyprus Every Home for Christ

**A**s a refugee from an Asian nation, Sonia felt uprooted and adrift in Cyprus. To her, the Mediterranean island was foreign, a strange land with strange people, but at least one thing was familiar. Sonia had her boyfriend with her.

That lifeline was lost when Sonia became pregnant. Her boyfriend refused to believe that their baby was his and he left her. Sonia found herself abandoned, with a baby on the way and in a land far from her home. She was shocked, heartbroken and — most of all — more alone than she had ever felt in her life.

“She was broken,” the Every Home for Christ team in Cyprus says. “She felt that she had made the worst mistake of her life.”

A year and a half later, Sonia was still living in Cyprus. The only change to her situation was that she now had a 9-month-old son named Christo to support. Little did she know that the name she had chosen for her child would foreshadow how her life would soon change. Christ was about to enter the picture. The Every Home team in Cyprus met Sonia while conducting a gospel outreach. She told them her story and confessed the mistakes that had led to her desperate situation.

After listening, the team told Sonia that her sins could be completely forgiven. It was a message that dared Sonia to hope again.

“She was open to the gospel message and touched by the Holy Spirit,” the Every Home team remembers. “She felt so unworthy of God’s free gift of salvation but so happy to hear that the Lord accepts sinners who repent and trust him.”

The Every Home for Christ team invited Sonia to church and she and Christo began to attend a church meeting on Wednesday nights. It wasn’t long before Sonia knew she wanted to give her life to Jesus.

“She was truly rejoicing in the Lord, His Word, and fellowship with the church members,” the team says. “Sonia prayed with tears, confessing her sins, showing repentance and calling on Jesus to enter her life and make her a new person.”

Almost immediately, Sonia wanted to be baptised. So after a Sunday service, the

church body gathered on the shoreline and baptised her. Through tears of joy, Sonia shared her testimony:

“Now, I am a new person in Christ Jesus. I belong to His kingdom and to his people. Truly, God restored my life. I will witness to his grace all my life.”

Sonia once felt alone, burdened by sin and with nowhere to belong. Now, she has a church family that will love her and most importantly, she belongs to Jesus.

All over the world, there are people who feel like Sonia felt, trapped in their mistakes, desperately seeking relief, searching for a place to belong. Whether they know it or not, they are searching for a Saviour.

When you share the truth and love of Jesus, you send the Good News of the Saviour to those who most need to hear it, and the stories of their lives change from stories of tragedy to stories of victory.



A photograph showing the lower half of a person wearing a bright green dress and dark green shoes, walking on a light-colored path that leads into the distance. The background is a blurred asphalt road.

# How You Can Hear God's Voice To Know His Will

Let me begin by applauding your desire to know God's will; this is often a sign of spiritual health. God guides those who are willing to follow. That's the first key—are you truly willing to obey even if it's not what you want to hear?

## **Some Things Are Crystal Clear**

When it comes to knowing God's will, His Word makes many things clear. For example, we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and we are to love others as we love ourselves. We are to repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

## **When You're Truly Desperate for the Presence of God**

We are to worship God, and be holy and set apart for His glory. We are to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit. We are to do good deeds, witness to others and make disciples. However, there are many circumstances in life in which the Bible does not give specific instruction. For instance, the Bible doesn't say who to marry or where to work. When there is no instruction regarding God's will on a specific topic, the Bible provides principles that will always lead you in the right direction.

## **If You're Not in the Word, the Word Won't be in You**

Although I can't outline God's specific will for your life, God provides guidance for the journey.

The best way to know God's will is to be filled with His Spirit, pray for direction and obey His Word. For example, I'm alarmed at the number of couples who are convinced that God is leading them toward marriage, yet they engage in premarital sex and are considering living together before marriage.

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I'm equally amazed at the number of people who don't have a servant's heart, who don't apply the Word, who don't spend time in prayer, who don't display humility and yet, they think the Spirit is leading them.

Let me be clear: God directs us to make "wise" decisions that correspond with His Word. Disobedience leads to disappointment.

Before making an important decision, ask, "Is God truly guiding me?" If you're not sure, then wait. And always remember: If you're not in the Word, the Word won't be in you and your spiritual vision will be very cloudy.

### **Three Keys: Pray, Stay, Obey**

To reiterate: One of the best ways to know if God is truly guiding you is to pray, stay, and obey—pray for direction, stay in His Word, and obey His principles. J.I. Packer has said, "God is more likely to direct me through wise teaching than through inner voices." Packer isn't discounting the work of the Holy Spirit, but he is cautioning against "inner voice" impulses fuelled by our own sinful nature and desires.

Unfortunately, Satan, the world and our flesh all work against us. God's leading calms your heart, but the flesh wants to rush. God leads, but Satan pushes. God calms, but the flesh obsesses. God encourages, the world discourages. God reassures, but the world frightens. God enlightens, Satan confuses. God convicts, Satan condemns.

The need to pray, stay, and obey is absolutely vital when it comes to knowing God's will—partial obedience is the same as disobedience. Obeying the Word leads us in the right direction. Truth conquers deception and exposes sin; it prevents danger instead of leading us into danger.

### **Hearing but Not Doing**

Often, we follow the wrong voice because we live in deception. We hear but do not do (cf. James 1:22).

Worshipping God and applying the Word saturates our spiritual lives just like a slowly dripping water source renews a dying bush. A plant that was once dead, barren and unfruitful can once again be alive, active and fruitful as the result of being watered. You too can hear God's voice and regain lost ground by allowing the Word of God to saturate your heart and mind.

**Satan's ultimate plan is to distance us from God and "to kill, steal and destroy" (John 10:10).**



The NKJV Study Bible offers these five points in regard to how the enemy plants thoughts in our minds:

1. **Doubt:** Makes you question God and His goodness.
2. **Discouragement:** Makes you look at your problems rather than God.
3. **Diversión:** Makes the wrong things seem attractive so that we want them more than the right things.
4. **Defeat:** Makes you feel like a failure so that you don't even try.
5. **Delay:** Makes you put off doing something God wants you to do so that it never gets done.

### **The Slippery Slope of Sin**

As noted earlier, sin is deceptive—it blinds our spiritual eyes and leads us away from God. It deceives us into a false sense of security while justifying poor choices. Sin excuses wrong behaviour and prevents us from fulfilling the will of God, but obedience redirects us and brings clarity and joy to our lives.

Imagine how encouraging it will be when you saturate your mind with God's Word on a daily basis and remove many of the distractions and discouragements of life. Begin today.

### **Hearing a Familiar Voice**

If you're searching for God, I encourage you to look to the One who has the answers and surrender your life to Him. No matter what you have done or have experienced you can turn to Christ and get on the right track: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Once you know the Good Shepherd, then you will hear His voice and know His will. Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27).

One famous quote captures it well:

**"A true measure of a person is not who they were, but who they will become."**

It's all about Who you know!

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"How to Hear God's Voice to Know His Will"  
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in Southern California.



On behalf of the women  
of Malawi and Zambia,  
THANK YOU SO MUCH  
for all you are doing to  
give us a fresh start in life.

Thank

With more fresh food and  
clean water our health has  
improved and we are able to  
work in the fields, to increase  
our crops and our income,  
give our children nutritious  
food to eat and send them to  
school.

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Thank you so much.

We are so grateful!



# Malawi & Zambia Families Still Need Our Help

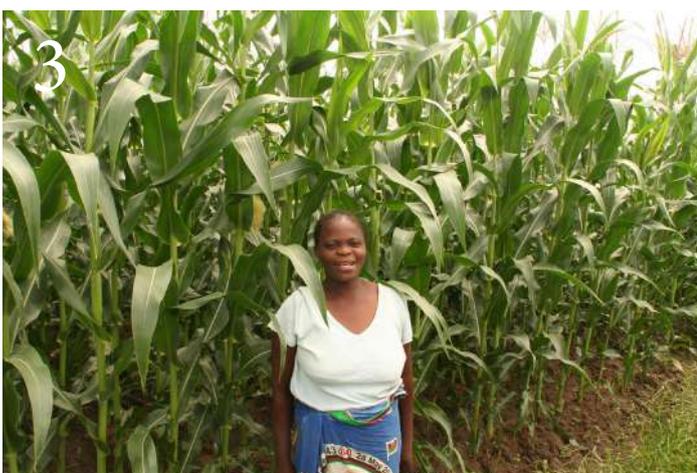
Food is one of the most basic human rights and needs: without adequate, nutritious food, people are unable to work and in some cases, live. Almost a billion people in the world today are chronically undernourished and many more are food insecure, meaning that they do not know where their next meal will come from. **Helping subsistence farmers grow more food is a major way we can lift rural communities out of poverty.** Over more than 15 years your help has meant that thousands of farming families have been lifted out of poverty. **This is why we keep helping!**



EHC trains men and women farmers in conservation agriculture which utilises natural methods and enables crops to survive drought. Each village forms a committee of local men and women who supervise the project and lead farmers are trained in each community to train others, thus multiplying the long-term benefit of the training. Government agricultural workers assist in the training.



Wherever possible, climate friendly methods are used such as planting trees, using mud stoves which maintain the heat without using wood, planting in pits so that water run-off from the rain maintains moisture to the plants, using manure from the animals as fertiliser wherever possible and planting seed that can be used more than once. EHC stays in a village for 3-5 years before moving on to other villages so that the benefits to the families are sustainable long-term.



EHC teaches and implements sustainable farming techniques which are practical on a small, rural scale such as organic agriculture, diversifying crops to include maize, cassava and bananas, training farmers to plant and maintain vegetable gardens and giving them access to the resources they need to be successful... seed, fertiliser, watering cans, ploughs, hoses, water pumps and wells.

# Let's Pray!

## MARCH 2022

**Bible Readings:** This month the daily text will be taken from the book of 1 Chronicles and 2 Chronicles. For those wanting to do the one-year Bible reading program these chapters are in brackets.

**1 PRAY FOR DICK AND DEE EASTMAN** Dick is the International President of Every Home for Christ with a large responsibility for EHC ministries across the world. **1 Chronicles 11: 1 - 24 (Genesis 1 - 4)**

**2 PRAY FOR DIPLAVE POKHREL** Currently Diplave is in Nepal, his home country, and is planning to be married to a Nepalese girl. Pray God will guide him. **1 Chronicles 11:25 - 47 (Genesis 5 - 8)**

**3 PRAY FOR ERIC AND LORRAINE LEACH** Pray God will guide Eric in his leadership as Executive Director in Australia and New Zealand and Lorraine with EHC office responsibilities. **1 Chronicles 12: 1-20 (Genesis 9 - 11)**

**4 PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY** - sons, daughters and grandchildren, plus others to come to Christ. Get a piece of paper and write down their names. Get their photos and pray every day for their salvation; eternity without Christ is a long time! **1 Chronicles 12: 21 - 40 (Genesis 12 - 14)**

**5 UNITED KINGDOM** Pop. 67,900,000 Map. 92 Pray for God to inspire and encourage us and for opportunities to extend the Every Home for Christ network," this team asks. "Pray for church leaders in the busyness of this time, for 'God with us,' as we share the message of Emmanuel with others." Please pray for believers in the UK to be bold witnesses for Jesus. **1 Chronicles 13 (Genesis 15 - 17)**

**6 CREATIVE ACCESS - MIDDLE EAST** While spending several years in Europe, Dabir (from a religious family) visited a church service where he heard the Gospel and accepted Christ. That was about seven years ago and he still has no church to go to. Please pray for Dabir to find local believers he can grow with in his Christian faith. **1 Chronicles 14 (Genesis 18 - 20)**

**7 KENYA** Pop. 53,800,000 Map. 27 Please pray for Reverend Ali, who serves a local church and has organised Every Home for Christ training and outreaches in Bungoma. He and his family have received threatening phone calls, so the EHC team has moved his family to a safe house. Please pray for their safety and for the calls to stop. **1 Chronicles 15 (Genesis 21 - 22)**

**8 SLOVAKIA** Pop. 5,500,000 Map. 81 This Every Home for Christ team recently published a book by Pastor Daniel Pastircak called "Through the Labyrinth of the Bible." Many times people explore Christianity and come to faith in Christ by reading books like this one. "Please pray that it will become a good tool for spreading the Gospel in Slovakia," the team asks. **1 Chronicles 16: 1-21 (Job 1 - 7)**

**9 HONDURAS** Pop. 9,900,000 Map. 182 The Every Home for Christ team in Honduras is launching new gospel outreaches in the capital city of Tegucigalpa. The areas they will reach are also areas where there is a lot of gang activity, which poses a danger to our pioneer missionaries. "Please pray for our volunteers and their protection," the team asks. **1 Chronicles 16: 22 - 43 (Job 8 - 14)**

**10 THAILAND** Pop. 69,800,000 Map. 136 This Every Home for Christ team is praising God that an order of gospel literature has been printed and delivered. "We are now sending these messages to every part of the country," they say. "Please pray that the Word of God will be well received and many will come to know the Lord Jesus personally." **1 Chronicles 17 (Job 15 - 22)**

**PRAY FOR ISRAEL  
ROMANS 11:28**

**11 CREATIVE ACCESS - SOUTH ASIA** A young pastor in this nation that is closed to the Gospel was recently arrested. "He has been accused of Christian witnessing," the EHC team says. "The authorities have already sent him to jail for two years. He has two young children and a wife." Please pray for this brother and his family. **1 Chronicles 18 (Job 23 - 31)**

**12 BURUNDI** Pop. 11,900,000 Map. 18 Please pray for a new believer named Elizabeth and another named Gabriel. Each of them recently heard the Gospel from our EHC team and they are now pursuing a relationship with Jesus. Please pray for them to find strong church families where they can grow in faith and in fellowship. **1 Chronicles 19 (Job 32 - 37)**

**13 ALBANIA** Pop. 2,900,000 Map. 75 This Every Home for Christ team recently conducted home-to-home gospel outreaches in the neighbourhoods of the capital city, Tirana. They shared gospel literature and invited families to attend Christian activities, including singing, drama and fun games for the children. Please pray that many families will meet Jesus as a result. **1 Chronicles 20 (Job 38 - 42)**

**14 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA** "Pray for the nations's peace, stability and prosperity," this Every Home for Christ team asks. "Pray for us as we are reaching new areas and pray for the encouragement of new believers. Pray also for the integrity and unity of Christ Groups." Christians in nations closed to the Gospel - like this one - rely on your prayers. **1 Chronicles 21 (Genesis 23 - 25)**

**15 GUINEA** Pop. 13,100,000 Map. 45 "There are many cases of sexual abuse and violence against women and children in Guinea, a spiritual concern as well as a social one. "The number of victims is increasing on a daily basis," this team says. "Pray that God would deliver women and children from this evil." **1 Chronicles 22 (Genesis 26 - 28)**

**16 BRAZIL** Pop. 212,600,000 Map. 218 The Every Home for Christ team in Brazil recently campaigned to provide 600 Bibles to the city of Joao Camara. "We ask for prayers for this project," they say, "that God will move hearts and that we may reach the state of Rio Grande do Norte." Please pray for these Bibles to lead many into a deeper relationship with Jesus. **1 Chronicles 23 (Genesis 29 - 33)**

**17 SOLOMON ISLANDS** Pop. 690,000 Map. 152 "Pray against the civil unrest, burning and looting in the Solomon Islands," this Every Home for Christ team asks. "Pray for the safety of all EHC workers and their families." Please ask the Lord to bring a lasting peace to this island nation. **1 Chronicles 24 (Genesis 34 - 36)**

**18 CREATIVE ACCESS - NORTH AFRICA** "Pray that God will open doors to reach unreached people," this team asks. "Pray for God to touch the hearts of government officials for their salvation. Pray for protection and provision for believers. Pray for the spiritual, mental, physical and emotional growth of believers." **1 Chronicles 25 (Genesis 37 - 41)**

**19 LEBANON** Pop. 6,800,000 Map. 114 "Pray for the families of our home groups," this EHC team asks. "Last month, several people who never heard the Gospel before came to Christ." Please pray for these new believers and for the Christian family they have already found. **1 Chronicles 26 (Genesis 42 - 45)**

**20 SPAIN** Pop. 46,800,000 Map. 60 This Every Home for Christ team recently created a piece of gospel literature called "Everything Was for You". "We are promoting it among churches, pastors and church planters throughout the nation, using newsletters, meetings and all means of communication." Pray for God to use this resource to bring many to a saving faith in Jesus. **1 Chronicles 27 (Genesis 46 - 50)**

**Send your prayer request to us  
and we will pray for you too!**

**21 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA** Pray for an Islamic people group in this closed nation. They speak their own dialect and make their living through agriculture and animal herding. Following political unrest in the 1980s and 1990s, this people group was targeted for massacre. "Please pray for their salvation," the EHC team in this nation asks. **1 Chronicles 28 (Exodus 1 - 4)**

**22 CAMEROON** Pop. 26,500,000 Map. 24 The English-speaking areas of Cameroon are in distress. It is common for killings to occur in the schools there. "Let us continue to pray for security and peace," the EHC team says. "Missionary activities in these areas are declining due to the insecurity." Please pray for safety, protection and boldness to share the Gospel. **1 Chronicles 29 (Exodus 5 - 11)**

**23 BULGARIA** Pop. 6,900,000 Map. 77 "Praise the Lord," the Every Home for Christ team says. "More than 20 churches joined us in our Harvest project. Forty-five nearby villages have been reached home-to-home by churches and volunteers from around the country." Please pray for them and the people they met as they talked about Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **2 Chronicles 1 (Exodus 12 - 15)**

**24 CREATIVE ACCESS - CENTRAL ASIA** Believers working with the EHC team shared gospel literature home-to-home in a city and its surrounding villages. "In this area the number of believers is increasing," this team says. "More and more people are coming to Christ." Please pray for this area and for the salvation of every family there. **2 Chronicles 2 (Exodus 16 - 18)**

**25 BURKINA FASO** Pop. 20,900,000 Map. 40 "Pray that the churches in Burkina Faso will engage the population and that many will come to Jesus," the EHC team asks. "Let's pray for the needs of these people and for their salvation!" **2 Chronicles 3 (Exodus 19 - 24)**

**26 CREATIVE ACCESS - SOUTH ASIA** In the southern part of this nation, the EHC team recently conducted an outreach to three predominantly Buddhist communities and other minority groups. "Please pray that many will come to know Jesus." **2 Chronicles 4 (Exodus 25 - 28)**

**27 MYANMAR** Pop. 54,400,000 Map. 135 As political unrest continues in Myanmar, many families find themselves in "war refugee camps." EHC is going into these camps to share the Good News with these families in distress. "Please pray for safety and for the salvation of those without Christ," they ask. **2 Chronicles 5 (Exodus 29 - 31)**

**28 RUSSIA** Pop. 145,900,000 Map. 106 "Please pray for a breakthrough in our ministry," the EHC team based in Moscow asks and for more labourers to join this harvest in Moscow. **2 Chronicles 6:1 - 22 (Exodus 32 - 34)**

**29 ARGENTINA** Pop. 45,200,000 Map. 223 Pastor Francisco Mendez, through whom God has reached many in the Wichi people group, has begun a journey into the jungle to reach more indigenous communities. "Please pray for his protection and strength." **2 Chronicles 6:23-44 (Exodus 35 - 40)**

**30 LIBERIA** Pop. 5,100,000 Map. 42 "Please pray for the residents of the Fanti community," the Every Home for Christ team asks. When problems arise, the Fanti people turn to their cultural witch doctors in search of a solution. Pray their hearts will turn to the Lord. **2 Chronicles 7 (Psalm 90)**

**31 REP. OF MOLDOVA** Pop. 4,000,000 Map. 102 The EHC team in Moldova is reaching out to the Radenii, Vechi and Semeni villages in the Ungheni district. "Pray for good weather, for open hearts and for God's protection," the team asks. **2 Chronicles 8 (Leviticus 1 - 7)**