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Daily Prayer Guide

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To ensure their safety, we are using the initials of long-term workers serving in restricted access countries. Please pray for their protection. Ask the Lord of the harvest to continue to show them favor as He works through them to transform communities among the least reached.

Thank you for praying!

We believe prayer is the foundation of our ministry and you are a valuable partner in our vision of transforming lives in mission.

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Monday (1): Otto & Lidia Funk

Peru

"We have the ACTION (short term mission) team here for a few more days along with Frank & Esther Martens from the Member Care Volunteer Team. Please pray that the children's programs and youth retreat that we are coordinating with the ACTION team will be a great blessing for all the participants. Pray for the marriage seminars, counseling, and special prayer times with Frank and Esther Martens, especially with the local church leaders. Pray also for our son Kevin who will be doing his practicum for CMU in the Peruvian rainforest and mountain area."

"Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well". 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-8

Tuesday (2): S & L

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Please keep L and her team of women in your prayers as they prepare for the annual Abused Women's Conference. This year's conference runs from August 1-4 and they are preparing for an increase of about 20-25% in the number of women attending. Pray that God would pour out his love on these women and that they would experience transformation in their lives, their marriages and their families. Pray for S & L's health and ask our Heavenly Father to bring them times of rest and refreshing so that they can continue to pour out into the lives of others.

"If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10

Wednesday (3): James & Alyssa Wiest

Mexico

"The first ACTION team to Campo Real will be leaving the first week of August after a month of children's and youth programs. This will mean that the month of August will be focused on connecting with the new people brought in by these events. Please pray that we will connect on a personal level with those people drawn in by the ACTION team. Pray that we will be able to train and empower our current group to enter into discipleship relationship with these new people. Praise God for the church's enthusiasm to pray for and support financially a young Mexican missionary serving with one of the many indigenous tribes here in Mexico."

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:8

Thursday (4): D & M

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"We ask you to pray for our children and their education. We agreed that taking it one year at a time was the only way to move forward – trusting that Father loves our children, and wants the best for them, as we do." Please join with D & M in lifting up their children to the Lord. Pray that they will be surrounded with peace as they trust that God is in control.

"All your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace." Isaiah 54:13

Friday (5): M & R

Restricted

"We just returned from a scouting trip to a few of the eastern cities in Central Asia. Please join us in asking the Father to prepare the way before us; to prepare our hearts and minds for what he wants from us and where he wants us. The thought of moving again seems daunting, but we want our ears to be in tune with God's call and his insight as to where the right opportunities are for us."

"And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." Luke 1:76-79

Saturday (6): S & N

Restricted

"We still require monthly and one-time donations. One of our teammates is already in our host country and the rest of our team is close to mobilizing as well and we want to mobilize with them! We would like prayer that we can finish our schooling before we go. N is working on a degree in Christian Studies and S is finishing up his dissertation in Clinical Psychology. We would also like prayer for staying spiritually healthy as we work hard in this time of transition. Right now we have a plan for our visas, but it isn't totally confirmed yet; we need prayer that this will work itself out in time."

"Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me." Psalm 31:3

Sunday (7): Otto & Marjorie Ekk

Portugal

"Please pray for our summer activities, which include English camp, youth camp, and children's camp. Pray that decisions for the Lord will be made and lives changed. Please continue to pray that God will call out more workers for Portugal. They are very much needed! Pray for the leadership at each of the 5 churches."

"A prayer of an afflicted person who has grown weak and pours out a lament before the LORD. Hear my prayer, LORD; let my cry for help come to you."
Psalm 102:1

Monday (8): Sandra Fender

Thailand

"I returned to North America for MINA (Mobilization in North America) in July. This month, I plan to have some quality time with family and friends and also a time of sharing with my sending church in Rapid City, plus a missionary retreat in Abbotsford. Please pray for safe travel. I praise God for the seeds that were planted as a result of the ACTION teams that served in Thailand. Bur*se people continue to make commitments for Jesus and then follow in baptism!"

Tuesday (9): Cynthia Friesen

Thailand

"Praise God for the different seasons of our lives. I feel like I am entering into a season of change that includes fresh vision from the Lord. It involves embracing new relationships with Thai people and even new ministries. Pray for me as I desire to see inspired creativity increase and gifts used in new ways. Pray for the courage to walk out the things God is speaking to me and to preach the word of God with sincerity and the authority He has given. God has recently brought two women into my life that I have the opportunity to share Christ with. Please pray for their hearts to be open to the Gospel and God's love and salvation. Pray for our small church, for unity, growth and revelation from the Lord as we continue to meet once a week and desire to be a light in the darkness around us."

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:6-7

Wednesday (10): Regional Mobilizers (RM) North America

Please pray for the RM's as they organize debriefing for all those who participated in the ACTION programs this summer: ACTION Fresno ran from July 1 to Aug 14, and ACTION Winnipeg ran from July 1 to Aug 12. Debriefing begins after the teams come home. Please pray that the many seeds planted during

these short term missions trips will bear much fruit for the Kingdom. Pray that God would give the workers blessings they will remember for eternity.

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10

Thursday (11): Rob & Judy Griffioen

Thailand

Rob & Judy are planning to return mid-August for their Mobilization in North America. Please pray for them as they reconnect with friends, family, and supporters. May God be praised through their words and deeds. Pray for the ministry during their absence, especially for 14 year old "Sophie" whose mother just passed away, leaving no family to support her. Pray that the Griffioens will receive wisdom in how to help Sophie and that she will meet Jesus.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27

Friday (12): Motohiro & Mariya Hamana

Thailand

"It is almost two years since we came to Thailand. We thank God for all his provision in the past two years. We continue to study Thai in Chonburi. Please pray for our language study, especially as we prepare for exams. Pray for good relationships with neighbors and church members. Pray too that we would be safe and healthy, both physically and spiritually."

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:4

Saturday (13): J & F

Restricted

"Praise God that a local friend of ours came to faith! Over the last few years many seeds have been sown and many prayers have been prayed. We dedicated one entire month to interceding for a breakthrough for him. During that time, he came to us and told us that for the first time in his life he realized that he is free from Buddhism, and asked us to share with him about Jesus. We are amazed at the hunger in his heart to grow. Since we will be in Canada for several months, please pray for our friends Abu, Paul, and Beth while we are gone. Pray that God would continue to grow the seeds planted in their hearts. Thank you all for praying. We know God delights in your prayers and is doing great things as His people intercede for His kingdom to come."

"So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer."
Ezra 8:23

Sunday (14): C & F

Restricted

"If you are a person who 'sweats out the details' like I am, moving overseas is a lesson in surrendering your anxiety in prayer. One thing we can attest to over the last two years is that prayer works and we can be thankful as we present our requests to our God." Please pray for this team that has recently arrived in their host country and are working with a very sensitive people group. Pray that their intensive language study will go well, and that their minds and tongues will be alert and apt at learning a new language quickly and proficiently. C & F are the leaders of Team C4 which is based on Colossians 4. Their chosen verse is:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Phil 4:6

Monday (15): P & C

Restricted

Pray for P & C as they integrate into their community. They have already been actively involved in ministry, baptisms, and evangelism. Pray that the students they are ministering to would be moved by the Holy Spirit to commit their lives to him and that the Kingdom of God will grow in leaps and bounds.

"They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might". Psalm 145:11

Tuesday (16): Stacy Kuhns

North America

Stacy is serving as Short Term Ministry (STM) Coordinator for the Mid-West region. She will be in this role until next March, when she hopes to mobilize with a team to Latin America. Please pray that Stacy will have wisdom as she arranges various mission trips and trains the people that will be going overseas. Pray also for strength, energy and rest for Stacy.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Wednesday (17): Jim & Marilou Nightingale

Brazil

Jim & Marilou are back in Brazil! They will not be going back to the camp property due to safety concerns in that area. They are working with the Brazilian leadership in São Paulo. Pray with them that the transition will be smooth, as the responsibilities of the camp and the training of young leaders will be handed over to the Brazilian leadership as soon as possible."

"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us". Titus 2:7-8

Thursday (18): Baudouin & Marie-Brigitte Nsulunka South Africa

"The church elders and I had a time of prayer and fasting to ask God where exactly He wants us to start our home cell, which will be our second church. The street kids are a heavy burden for us as well. They are coming to the church but they leave immediately after getting food and social helps. Pray that they would stay to be fed spiritually too." Please pray that God will give the church wisdom on how to handle this situation and how to show these kids the love they lack and be Jesus to them. God can use the street children too.

"I also raised up prophets from among your children and Nazirites from among your youths, declares the LORD". Amos 2:11

Friday (19): S & B

Restricted

"Thank the Father for getting residence permits for the whole family, for the kids finishing well their first year of school, and for an intern who did some research on potential businesses. Please pray that as we continue language and cultural studies we also are able to discern our next steps." Pray that this team would continue to be given opportunities to share Jesus.

"I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." Luke 4:43

Saturday (20): Andy & Carmen Owen

Thailand

"We appreciate your prayers for us as Carmen begins her new role as Member Care Facilitator for Thailand MB missionaries. Pray for wisdom for us to balance our ministry and family responsibilities well. Pray for The Life Center church leadership, as they are without a pastor. Pray for strength for the young leaders who are running with God's vision for the church. Andy will be going down again for a visit to resource the church at the end of August. Pray for him as he looks to complete the translation for the ICOMB confession of faith study guide in the next two months - pray for good communication with the translator and for God to be glorified in the use of the curriculum."

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16

Sunday (21): S **Restricted**

"I'm still talking with people and churches about financial support, still bringing it up in newsletters, and am still in need of a miracle or two. Please pray that God moves in people's hearts to give, as I can't leave on assignment until I have 100% monthly support. I'm currently almost 80% of the way there. I had a serious health issue while I was in Ind*a last year. Unfortunately, a year and a half later, my insides have not quite recovered. Please pray that God completely heals my immune system so that I can return to Ind*a with a full tank of gas."

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." 3 John 1:2

Monday (22): Global Program Team **North America**

From August 23-26, the Global Program Team is organizing a MINA Retreat for all those coming back for Mobilization in North America. This is a time of reconnecting with partners and supporters, and ministering in their sending churches. Please pray for the 11 missionaries who will be attending the Retreat, that they would all receive rest, relaxation, and a visitation from the Holy Spirit so they can once again return to their host countries with a full heart. Pray for the Global Program Team as they manage and lead the event, and also for the special speakers that will be presenting.

"...we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on Your name." Psalm 80:18

Tuesday (23): Sandra Plett **Mexico**

"Praise God that we have made it through another summer of visiting ministry teams and camps! We helped to run 3 kids camps, 2 sports camps and 1 English camp, sharing the Good News and reaching many new people with our churches here in Guadalajara. Please continue to pray for the young people I am discipling as we begin our formal programs again this fall."

"Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." Ephesians 6:19

Wednesday (24): Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters **Thailand**

Praise God for all the miracles, salvations and help in church planting given to us by an amazing ACTION team and Video Team that were with us in July and August! This month, please pray with us for the Hope Centre: "God of the Harvest, we ask you to provide a Thai church planter/evangelist to follow up with all new believers and seekers in Chachoengsao."

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty! Zechariah 4:6

Thursday (25): K & W **Restricted**

Pray for K, W, and their family (part of Team C4) who have just recently arrived in their host country to work with a very sensitive people group. Pray that they will transition well into the local culture, learn the language efficiently and effectively, and build a committed team. Pray that they will find suitable housing by October. Pray for their 3 children and their education needs.

"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." Isaiah 41:13

Friday (26): Blaine & Michelle Warner **Burkina Faso**

"Please pray for us as we prepare ourselves for MINA in September. Pray that the believers here in Burkina Faso will continue to grow in their faith. We praise God for the completion of the guesthouse and multi-purpose rooms for the N'dorola church."

"Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name." 1 Chronicles 29:13

Saturday (27): John & Evelyn Wiens **Ukraine**

"Pray for us as we develop small group Bible Studies and mentoring relationships within New Hope Church. Jesus said we must make disciples. We agree that the teaching and training of new and older believers is critical to the health and growth of our church. Pray too for us to reach many more people with the Gospel. Pray for protection from our enemy. Thanks for praying for the advance of the Kingdom. Jesus is greater!"

"The temple I am going to build will be great, because our God is greater than all other gods." 2 Chronicles 2:5

Sunday (28): S

Restricted

S moved to her host country last month along with her team (Team C4). Praise God that she received her visa and that he provided for her financial needs! Pray for S as she studies the language and builds relationships with those around her. Pray that her team will be united in their vision and passion to reach the lost
“Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken.” Psalm 55:22

Monday (29): Oasis Project

Restricted

“The Oasis Team recently finished filming 54 episodes of our evangelistic satellite program ‘Time of Miracles.’ After two previous delays due to unstable circumstances in this region, they decided to move ahead in faith, regardless of the potential consequences. Samir reported that in his previous 15 years of media ministry, he has never experienced the anointing of the Holy Spirit as he did during this recent block of filming. He said you could feel God’s presence with the crew. In July we moved to a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week follow-up system. Praise God that the responses have been increasing in spite of (or perhaps because of) the instability in this entire region. Please join us in asking God to bring in a bountiful harvest of new followers of Jesus Christ!”
“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

Tuesday (30): Edd & Ingrid Russell

Thailand

“We thank God for progress in learning Thai and that Ingrid is able to take extra class sessions. We are adapting to the climate and staying generally healthy. Please pray that language study will continue to be successful, and pray for safety as we travel on foot or using public transportation.”
“To these four young men (also the Russells) God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning.” Daniel 1:17

Wednesday (31): Johann Matthies MBM Europe Office, Germany

“MB Mission operates in seven countries in Europe. God is giving us growth in almost all areas of ministry. If God continues to give us favor with the churches and ICOMB partners in Europe, the beginning of September will be marked by two families from Germany participating in Missionary Training in Abbotsford, with more applications pending. Praise the Lord for the workers he is raising and equipping for His end time harvest! Please pray with us for the discernment of the future Mission Capacity Building office location in Europe.”
“If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” Exodus 33:13

Country Spotlight: Ukraine

Ukraine has a rich Christian heritage and the evangelical church has doubled in size since Ukraine gained independence in 1991. Millions of Christians were killed during the communist era, but the church has survived and is stronger than before. The faithful perseverance of believers has resulted in fruit as Ukrainian society is increasingly impacted by the church across all spheres. MB Mission is involved with church planting in Ukraine through providing pastoral support for churches and sending missionaries.



Please pray:

- For John and Evelyn Wiens as they minister at New Hope Church in Zaporozhye
- That MB church plants in Ukraine will grow and become self-sustaining and multiplying
- For the new ministry that has begun to graduated orphans who often lack the necessary skills to survive in society
- That God will place Christians in positions of influence throughout the nation

Dear Prayer Friend,

Some of you may have missed our names in the DPG. Let me explain why. In November 2010, our assignment with MBMS International was finalized at a Mission Night in the Bakerview MB Church in Abbotsford. That closed the formal basis for the missionary prayer fellowship. But we continue to use the Daily Prayer Guide and do pray for all of you whose names and praise and prayer concerns are spelled out in the monthly bulletin. It was good to be bonded together in Prayer. We want to thank you so much for praying for us while we were in Germany for so many years (beginning in Summer 1960). If you think of us (now in Abbotsford) without reading our names, and do remember us before God the Father of Jesus Christ, we are more than grateful. Your co-laborers by the calling of the God of Grace and Mission, John N. & Mary Klassen

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