



Daily Prayer Guide



Ask of me,
and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.

Psalm 2:8

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**NEW
FEATURE**

Exciting stories of prayer are now included in the Daily Prayer Guide on the back of the calendar!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

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Thursday [1]: Alfredo & Sandra Beltran

Mexico

Alfredo & Sandra have just arrived back in Guadalajara after several months of mobilization in North America and in their home country of Colombia. They, along with the RETO church, will be planting a new church which the Beltrons will be pastoring. Please pray that they will find the perfect place to rent in the neighborhood that God has chosen. Pray that they will be surrounded by people who have the same vision so they can be an encouragement to one another. Pray for the many souls that will hear about the true living Lord that they will turn their lives over to Jesus Christ.

Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things. Be not afraid..... for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. Be glad, O people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. Joel 2:21-23

Friday [2]: Phil & Carol Bergen

Burkina Faso

The Bergens are thankful that God has brought a few of their church members back to complete health after some near-death experiences. Good health is never taken for granted in some of these remote areas and we thank God that he has kept the Burkina Faso MBMSI team healthy! Please continue to pray in this regard. The new Christian leaders from the N'dorola church have gone to the town of Sirorola to reach out and teach the Nanerige from the Word of God in their own language. They are receiving an enthusiastic reception there; the people are hungry to hear from God and now that the physical harvest is in, they want to meet on a regular basis for some spiritual harvesting. Praise God for these hearts that are longing to meet Jesus. Pray for the soil to remain fertile.

"Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." Revelations 14:15

Saturday [3]: Barbara Block

India

Please continue to pray for Barb as she teaches at the Kodaikanal International School. Since many of the students come from non-Christian homes, she needs our prayers to be the face of Jesus to her students and fellow teachers. Barb is also on the Board of the Bethania Home for needy children. As she surrounds herself with children every day, we ask you to help us pray for wisdom, patience, and the knowledge that God wants her exactly there, and will give her the tools and skills she needs to accomplish His goals.

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me." Colossians 1:28-29

Sunday [4]: Matt & Ruth

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Matt & Ruth are pleased and excited and amazed to tell you that they have raised 100% of their support and have left for T*. Praise God with us that this junction in their lives has finally come. They say, "YOU are our cloud of witnesses, surrounding us and supporting us as we embark on this race that God has marked out for us." Pray that the family will settle into their new neighborhood with ease. Please keep this family and the entire 58:12 Team in your prayers.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1

Monday [5]: Bob & Chris Davis

Thailand

Bob & Chris write: "On February 14th we celebrated the 1 year anniversary of the Bethel building at Khlong Luang Peng, in the country-side of Chechoengsao. It was a great day as 5 people were baptized and several others prayed to become followers of Jesus. We were so blessed to see Thai and B*rmese people leading in worship and serving one another." Isn't this amazing for a little church plant less than 4 years old? The church family is growing so fast, they have already outgrown their little building referred to above. Another church plant is planned for the city centre, which should be starting soon. God is moving in Thailand and we need your prayers of praise and thanksgiving, and your prayers of intercession for the many still lost. We praise God that he has led Bob & Chris and the Sinclair-Peters to Chechoengsao to minister at the Bethel church and beyond.

"From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the Lord drives along." Isaiah 59:19

Tuesday [6]: Otto & Marjorie Ekk

Portugal

Praise God that the Loures Church in Portugal is coming together again after experiencing some very difficult times. God has brought healing and reconciliation to this body of believers. Please pray for Otto and Marjorie as they continue to disciple and mentor in this congregation. They are so grateful to God that young people are being shaped into leaders. Portugal is in need of more workers. Please pray that more people will hear the call of missions on their lives and feel led to join the Portugal team. Please pray for health and strength for Otto & Marjorie.

"Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer." Psalm 4:1

Wednesday [7]: DMI

Abbotsford

Today a group of people are leaving for Malawi until the 25th to walk the streets of Malawi to share Jesus Christ. A team has been put together on the Malawi side as well and the two teams will be working together. We are so grateful that there are

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Christians out there who still feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit as He calls us to “go out into all the nations”. We are also thankful that there are Malawi Christians who want to carry the torch to their neighbors and surrounding towns and villages. Please pray for safety as they travel, for good health, and for open and willing heart that are ready to receive Jesus into their lives.

“For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.” Matthew 13:15

Thursday [8]: MBMSI Board **Abbotsford**

For the next 2 days the MBMSI Board is meeting in Abbotsford. We thank God that he has brought together this wonderful Godly group of men and women to serve Him in this way. Please pray that they will have discernment and wisdom as they brain-storm through various issues, discuss future projects, and just seek the face of God during this time. Pray that they will recognize direction from God and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s leading.

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

Friday [9]: Wendy Eros **Japan**

Wendy is busy learning more Japanese and raising funds to return to Japan. She needs to learn the 3 Japanese alphabets for the ability to fully understand, read, and write. She is attending the Japanese language class at the local university here in Abbotsford. Praise God for her Japanese lab teacher being a Christian and agreeing to tutor her. Once all her support has been raised, Wendy will be returning to Japan. Her heart longs to be back, so please pray that God will move people to come along side her with finances and especially prayer.

“Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.” Isaiah 26:8

Saturday [10]: Otto & Lidia Funk **Peru**

Otto & Lidia would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the churches and individuals who welcomed them during their recent time in North America. They loved being able to share with all of you what God is doing to them and through them. They’ve asked for prayer for their children and grandchildren who remain here in Canada, that they will all stay connected in spite of the distance between them. They need prayer as they minister to those in Peru with broken hearts and broken relationships that God will intervene and shine His light into these shattered lives; that He will give Otto and Lidia wisdom and patience to do the work He has called them to do.

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18

Sunday [11]: Trever & Joan Godard **Mexico**

Joan & Trever are so thankful for the ministry van they were recently able to purchase thanks to God and a supporting church that was so generous in supporting this endeavor. Already they can’t imagine how they managed without it! Two new church plants are in the works: one has already started with 100 attending their first function, a Children’s Fiesta, in February. Please pray that God will continue to move in Guadalajara and beyond; that people will feel led to come to these new church plants and that those pastoring will feel the presence of God as they lead their flock into a glorious relationship with Jesus Christ.

“He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth; and He will be their peace.” Micah 5:4-5

Monday [12]: Rob & Judy Griffioen **Thailand**

Rob & Judy are currently in Chiang Mai, Northern Thailand for a period of restoration and gaining new vision for future ministry with MBMSI. They remain involved in the ministry in Chiang Mai where MBMSI has a presence. Please pray that they will experience a renewed body, soul, and spirit; that God will rejuvenate them and they will be ready and able to continue the work He has called them to do in Thailand. They have a love for the Thai and look forward to the day that they can reinstate themselves into the lives of these gentle people.

“The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Exodus 33:14

Tuesday [13]: Cynthia Friesen **Thailand**

The O2W Team (Ocean 2nd Wave) in Phuket has found a place to rent in order to operate a community centre which will be the first step towards a church plant, God willing. Contacts are being made and people have come forward, asking to be part of this small group of Christians. God has gone before this team and paved the way. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to make the way smooth as He has promised; that many will open their hearts to become followers of Jesus. We praise God that His Way is becoming The Way for thousands in Thailand. Pray that Cynthia along with her team will recognize opportunities to share His love and that this new little church would explode into a beacon of light in this dark neighborhood.

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:2

Wednesday [14]: Jim & Francine **RESTRICTED**

Jim & Francine continue to deal with the spiritual realm that is not friendly to the message of hope they are bringing to these lost souls. “We see his fingerprints all around us in the lives of T* friends we have come to know. Increasingly we are aware

that the breakthrough we want to see on this earthly plain needs to first happen on a higher plain", they write. Please help them pray that the strong God Spirit will be victorious, and will conquer the enemy while we are on our knees interceding for them and the T* people. Pray for safety, physically and spiritually, for Jim, Francine, and their children. A verse they chose recently:

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." John 10:10; But...

"We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God." Psalm 20:5a

Thursday [15]: Member Care Volunteer Team North America

The Member Care Volunteer team is comprised of John & Isabelle Balzer, Frank & Esther Martens, and Ron & Betty Russell. When necessary, these faithful folks provide counseling and a listening ear to our missionaries around the globe. Please pray that God will continue to provide funding for them to make these trips, that they will enjoy good health, and most importantly, that God will minister to them first so that they in turn can assist our missionaries during difficult times. Pray that they will be able to pour out what the Lord pours into them.

"But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall." Malachi 4:2

Friday [16]: Jim & Marilou Nightingale Brazil

The building project continues! The Barnabas Centre and the Adventure Camp is slowly being built and renovated. As funds come in the work can continue. In the meantime, Jim & Marilou are already hosting groups of Brazilians who come for retreat from the San Paolo MB churches. They do this with less than an adequate number of staff and with less than perfect accommodations. Please pray that God will send more missionaries to help Jim & Marilou, that He will touch the purse strings of more donors so this building project can continue. Pray for rest and rejuvenation times for Jim and Marilou as they get very weary sometimes.

"Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."

1 Chronicles 29:12-13

Saturday [17]: Baudouin & Marie-Brigette Nsulunka, South Africa

Last month the Durban church family had a very successful Youth Retreat in Pietermaritzburg (80 Km. from Durban). Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to minister to the Youth who attended this retreat; that many will come to salvation as a result. The Durban church has a new team of church Elders. They request prayer for the strengthening of these new Elders; that they will be able to work in unity towards the growth of the church and to the glory of God.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17

Isaiah 55:11

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Sunday [18]: Saji & Bindu

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100% of support is in! Saji & Bindu write: "We are so thankful to God and to you our faithful partners in this journey. We want to honor God with our thanksgiving and prepare the way for Him not only to show us but also the people of Central Asia His salvation through Jesus Christ." Please pray for the 58:12 (Isaiah 58:12) team as they go to this dark nation to shine the light of Jesus. Pray for their safety, peace, and contentment as they step into a country where sharing Christ could be punishable by death. May the Lord put a hedge of protection around this team as they step out in faith, knowing He is watching and caring for them. One contact has already been made with a young M* man from their host country. He writes, "I have a lot of questions about the truth of God. And I am praying for all the people in the world like you." Please pray for this young seeker.

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16

Monday [19]: Sandra Plett

Mexico

HADIME – "Making Disciples in Mexico". Sandra is quite involved with the teaching and leadership development of young believers in Guadalajara. They completed 10 days of HADIME training which included VBS in various villages of indigenous people in remote areas, showing the Jesus film, and doing service projects in the villages. Pray that these services will have sent the message of Jesus to the community and that lives will be changed as a result. Please pray for these young HADIME participants as they go out into the world to do the Lords work as they've been trained to do. Pray that Sandra would have the energy and strength to carry on the heavy work load that has been entrusted to her.

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

Tuesday [20]: Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters

Thailand

Another baptism! Another 5 people totally sold out for Jesus! What a miracle is sweeping through Thailand. God is growing His Kingdom in this country and we are so excited to hear the stories that come out of Thailand. The Bethel church now has walls, a well, a garden, and a grass hut the TREK team lives in. Thank you, donors, for your generosity! There is yet another church plant coming out of this young church: the House of Hope is in the city centre for the B*rmese (restricted) people, who have opened up their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ. Praise God!! We're just along for the ride as we watch the Lord do amazing things, calling people out to follow Him. Please pray for the new church, the new Christians, and those who are evangelizing, that we will just be obedient as God does the work.

"Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else." 2 Corinthians 9:13

Wednesday [21]: Russ & Marjorie Speiser

French

Russ and Marjorie have been in North America for several months, traveling across the country visiting donors and churches. This month they planned to return briefly to France and then come back again to join the Missionary Training Institute (MTI) here in Abbotsford. They have never received this training and it will help them engage more fully into the work of MBMSI. Please pray that they will find favor with donors and potential donors. Pray that God will lead them to those who have a heart for media outreach evangelism, which the Speisers do so well in Europe and North Africa. Please pray for clear direction from God.

"Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight." Psalm 119:35

Thursday [22]: Phone Keo & Chansone

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Phone Keo & Chansone are currently still ministering from a distance. Although they live in North America, their hearts and their work is with these people in this Asian country. Now that their children are independent, they are preparing to move overseas and minister more directly. Please pray that their daughters will be able to adjust without their parents near by, and that Phone Keo and Chansone will be able to raise the support they need in order to move overseas. They are trusting God to have supplied their support by this summer and, God willing, they will make the transition in July. Please pray for patience for them and for the Holy Spirit to move in the lives of those they are trying to reach.

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light." Colossians 1:10-12

Friday [23]: Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin

Paraguay

Melvin & Gudrun praise God for the high enrollment in the Indian Bible Institute. Many are being taught and mentored to continue the work in sharing Christ with the indigenous people of Paraguay. The Warkentins ask for a special measure of grace and wisdom when students are on campus. Living in harmony among so many tribal groups is a challenge, and of course the cultural difference that separates them as missionaries from the students is often the cause of stress. Their greatest desire is that they hear God speaking in spite of all these barriers.

"The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction."

Proverbs 16:21

Saturday [24]: Blaine & Michelle Warner

Burkina Faso

AIDS is a bigger problem in Burkina Faso than was originally imagined. This sickness has opened the doors for Blaine & Michelle to pray for, and with, the sick and their families. Please pray that Jesus will replace the witch doctor in the lives and hearts of those so steeped in the darkness of animism (worship of spirits). Pray for protection for Blaine and Michelle as they send up prayers of healing and deliverance to our Lord, making them vulnerable to the attacks of satan. Pray for

the Holy Spirit to reign supreme, drawing in those He has chosen.

"Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits". Mark 6:7

April 25-30

Sunday [25]: Spring Adventure

Abbotsford

For the next 5 days, MBMSI will be hosting 29 potential missionary candidates. This is a time of seeking and discerning what God wants for them in the future. Is mission work what God wants them to dedicate their lives too? This is the time to ask question, be taught and guided by many gifted leaders and speakers, and to be quiet before the Lord to hear His voice. Please pray that each of the 29 people attending Spring Adventure will come with an open mind and heart, ready and willing to hear from God. Pray for travel safety as most will be travelling a distance to arrive in Abbotsford. Thank God with us that each year the attendance at Spring Adventure increases. God is still calling His people!

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

Monday [26]: John & Evelyn Wiens

Ukraine

John & Evelyn have planted a new church during the past few months. Some are coming because they are interested in spiritual things and some out of curiosity. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would touch the lives of those attending, for whatever reason. Pray that John and Evelyn will have a discerning spirit that is sensitive to the needs of this little congregation. The language is still a little barrier so we ask that you pray for God to give them better language skills so they can preach and communicate more effectively in the local language. They have 25-30 people coming now, and are working with 5 young believers under 25 years of age, and a few others who are on their way to Jesus. Praise God that He is already growing this little congregation after only a few months.

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." 1 Peter 5:2-4

Tuesday [27]: Samir & Lewiza

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As some of you know, there is a building project underway in this restricted location. Samir & Lewiza have requested prayer for the construction of the new Training and Media Centre, that God will remove all obstacles so that the Good News can be preached to the least reached. Please also pray for favor with the local government in processing the registration of a society in that country to provide an avenue to continue working there. The building manager of the current location has threatened to report them to the authorities. Pray that God will soften his heart and he will see Jesus through the lives of these men that constantly come and go out of this work place. Pray that God would blind him when activities happen that

might jeopardize the safety of these workers. Samir and Lewiza need refreshment and wisdom as they make many decisions regarding the day to day operations in this region of the world.

"As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked." 2 Kings 6:18

Wednesday [28]: Andy & Carmen Owen

Thailand

Praise the Lord! The Owen family has finally been able to bring their new daughter home! Little Eleanna, 16 months old, was in a Bangkok orphanage waiting for the Owen family. We thank God along with them that He has led so faithfully, even during times of impatience and stress. God is faithful! Please pray for Eleanna and the Owens as they become a "new" family. Pray for wisdom and grace as they raise their new daughter to be a woman of God. During the waiting period, the Owens have continued to evangelize, "fishing" for men and women who are ready to receive Jesus. Praise God that the Holy Spirit is moving so forcefully in Thailand and that the Team 2000 can be part of this exciting revival.

"Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!" Psalm 147:1

Thursday [29]: Kevin & Wendy

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After a period of waiting, Kevin & Wendy are preparing to leave in a few months to go do the work they have been "dreaming and praying about for some time". Although the team will be based in France, the ministry focus is elsewhere (restricted). Please pray for them as they continue to raise support, meet donors and potential donors, and prepare to embark on this exciting ministry that God has prepared for them. Kevin & Wendy have served this people group in the past but came back to North America for a time of rest, further training, and refocusing. Pray that they will continue to feel God's hand on the lives of their family; that God will already be preparing those who will enter the Kingdom as this team ministers His power and love. Pray for further growth in team relationships and unity.

"They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water". Isaiah 49:10

Friday [30]: Global Program

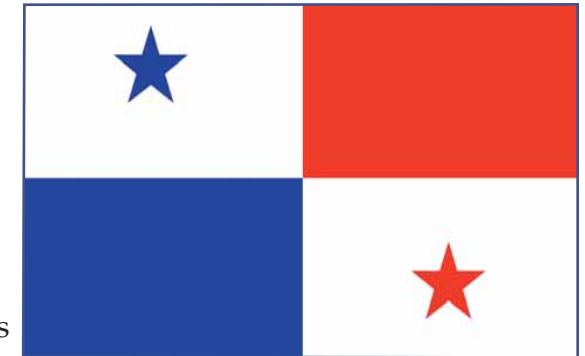
Abbotsford

The Global Program team consists of Ray Harms-Wiebe, Victor Wiens, Jamie Munday, and Ettie Janzen. This team is ultimately responsible for the projects and programs that MBMSI is supporting around the world. This could be church planting, community development, leadership development, or capacity building for our partner conferences. We thank the Lord that He has brought together this gifted group of people who work hard to support our missionaries and their projects, along with our national brothers and sisters around the globe. Ray Harms-Wiebe is leaving today to spend some time in Mexico with our missionaries there. Please pray for Ray and this team, that they will be wise, patient, and Godly as they minister in this vital area.

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:10

Prayer for the Nations

Panama



Statistics are unclear as to the exact percentage of Panama's population that are Christian, though the country has large religious minorities who adhere to Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and indigenous religions. Most numbers

consider around four-fifths of Panama's population to be Catholic, and up to 12 % to be Protestant. Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga are ministering among the Wounan and Embera people groups, in discipleship and leadership training. Many new leaders are being raised up to eventually take over the evangelism of their own people.

Please pray:

- That God would bring Einer & Girlesa to people that need care & direction in Christian leadership;
- That they would adjust easily to the community into which they have just moved;
- That God's transforming power will be evident in the lives of those who receive the free gift of salvation;

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