



Daily Prayer Guide



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

Psalm 2:8

August 2008

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***T**hank 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.*

**Whom have I in heaven but
you?
And earth has nothing I desire
besides you.**

Psalm 73:25

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August 1-2

Friday [1]: **DMI**

Ukraine

Pray for safe travel and good health as participants leave today on a Disciple Making International (DMI) trip to Ukraine. **Pray** for wisdom as Peter Tielmann and Feodor Fedorenko provide on-site leadership and coordinate follow-up efforts. **Pray** that many people would receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and that they would be integrated into local churches that can disciple them. **Pray** that the church in Ukraine would continue to grow and multiply and that effective leaders would be trained and raised up to pastor and disciple new believers. **Praise** God for the religious freedom Ukrainian believers are experiencing.

"(The Kingdom of God) is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." Mark 4: 31, 32

Saturday [2]: **Robert & Marlene**

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Recent national elections in Rob & Marlene's country of service have been a source of political and social upheaval. **Pray** for safety for Christian workers in this tumultuous time. **Pray** also that this time of unrest will cause doors to be opened for the proclamation of the gospel. As Rob and Marlene and their family prepare to return for Mobilization in North America later this month, **pray** that they will experience rest and refreshment, and that their relationships in central Asia will remain strong throughout their time in North America. **Praise** God for the team of four young adults who have been sharing the gospel of Jesus in remote areas and **pray** that God will continue to use them as they finish their outreach and return to tell stories of God's work in their home churches.

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:29

August 3-9

Sunday [3]: **Erica Ray**

Mexico

Erica is a part of MBMSI's Jornada program and is preparing for service alongside the Matthew Team in Guadalajara, Mexico. **Pray** that the lessons she learned while spending the past year in our Missionary Training Institute will be on the forefront of her mind, ready for use as she starts serving in Mexico. As Erica mobilizes a team of people to partner with her in ministry through prayer and finances, **pray** that God would prompt people to become involved in these significant ways. **Pray** for unity of

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spirit and purpose on the Matthew Team as they welcome Erica and fellow Jornada participant Stacy Kuhns later this fall.

"Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and builds itself up in love". Eph. 4:16

Monday [4]: **MBMSI Member Care Team**

Abbotsford

The Member Care Team is responsible for supporting the overall health of the MBMSI missionary and staff team. Paul Dyck, Teresa Born, Al Stobbe and Annelise Toews use their gifts to provide counsel and training in order to help individuals and teams stay effective, engaged and healthy in their diverse roles within the ministry of MBMSI. **Pray** for the team this month as they host a number of missionaries who are returning for a season of Mobilization in North America. **Pray** that God would enable them to be supportive, encouraging and perceptive as they listen to stories that often include a mix of both joy and pain.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ". Gal. 6:2

Tuesday [5]: **Bob & Christine Davis**

Thailand

Bob & Chris have been working alongside Louise Sinclair-Peters (Team 2000) and two Thai church planters at the Bethel Church plant near Chonburi. While continuing to study the Thai language, they are involved in several kids clubs, an English club and cell groups. **Pray** that they will be able to learn the language quickly and effectively so that they will be able to communicate well with Thai people in their own language. **Pray** for them as a couple and for their family as their oldest children remain in North America while they serve overseas. **Pray** that their ministry will touch lives in significant ways.

"Cast all your anxieties upon Him, for He cares about you". 1 Peter 5:7

Wednesday [6]: **Saji & Bindu**

Extended MINA

Saji & Bindu have returned from several years of service in a restricted access country and are currently spending an extended time in North America for a season of rest and refreshment before returning to the field. **Pray** that this time would be fruitful for them as a couple, for their family and for their team. **Praise** God for an effective first term of language acquisition, cultural adaptation and community building. **Pray** that God will use this time of guided rest to bless them and prepare them for strategic ministry in south Asia.

"And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there". 2 Samuel 16:14

Thursday [7]: MBMSI Staff

Fresno

Galen Wiest, Mark Thompson and Kathy Moser work together in the Pacific District of the United States mobilizing people, prayer and funds for mission. **Pray** that the Lord would bless their relationships with individuals and churches in that region and that God would continue to raise people up who are eager to be involved in world mission. **Pray** for unity among the team as well as shared vision, creativity, focus, energy and joy. Andi Goetz has been serving in the Fresno office for the past two years and has brought great lift to short term ministries in that region. **Pray** for her and her husband as they welcome their first child.

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." Thess. 3:12

Friday [8]: Phil & Carol Bergen

Burkina Faso

The Bergens recently hosted a team of ACTION participants who served the community in a variety of ways including planting trees and lining wells with bricks. **Pray** that these practical acts of service will result in tangible life change for the people of N'dorola, and that these expressions of care will point people toward Jesus. **Pray** for those who attend the brand new church plant in the Bergen's home. Many are not yet believers. As the Bergens work with Pastor Madou and his wife Miriam, **pray** that their relationship would be a powerful expression of the community of the Kingdom of God.

"He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy. Prov. 14:21

Saturday [9]: Sandra Fender

Thailand

Sandra has spent the last year in MBMSI's Missionary Training Institute in preparation for ministry in Thailand. She is currently mobilizing a team of people to partner with her in prayer and finances. Once the team is in place, she will be entering a season of language study and cultural acquisition in Thailand while being mentored by experienced missionaries there. **Pray** that God would bring in the needed prayer and financial support in his timing. **Praise** God for Sandra's commitment to serve and for the love God has given her for the Thai people.

"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you." Ps. 9:10

August 10-16

Sunday [10]: Ron & Betty Russell

Worldwide

Ron & Betty Russell serve our missionaries around the world as an extension of our Member Care Team. As they visit missionaries in their field of service, **pray** that God would use them as encouragers. **Praise** God for their willingness to volunteer their time in his service and to share their gifts of compassion, hospitality and wisdom. **Pray** for Ron, Betty & the MBMSI Lead Team as they discern where and when visits are most needed. **Pray** that God would continue to build them up so they are able to continue blessing others.

"After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak." Acts 13:15

Monday [11]: ACTION debrief

Montreal and Winnipeg

Seven teams of young adults have been serving in DR Congo, Japan, Lithuania, France, Portugal, Thailand and Quebec for the past month. **Pray** for them as they return to North America over the next two weeks and spend time together processing their experiences and discerning how to apply what they have learned in a loving and productive way in their home churches. **Pray** for MBMSI staff who are leading the debrief process. **Pray** that the life-changing impact of this trip will continue to transform the lives of all participants and that this transformation will be translated into significant ministry involvement in each of their futures. **Pray** that the people these teams have encountered would also experience the transforming power of Jesus' love.

"We will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4

Tuesday [12]: TREK

TREK is a six or ten month short term mission program designed to serve as an entry point to longer term missionary service or significant home church ministry. **Pray** for Luke Haidle and Lori Nickel as they provide leadership to this program. As participants prepare for the fall and winter programs, **pray** that God would be at work preparing their hearts for service that often looks very different from what they expect. **Pray** that God would raise up a team of prayer and financial support around each TREKer and **praise** God that each of these young adults are investing a year of their lives for the advancement of his Kingdom.

"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 Cor. 9:10

Wednesday [13]: John & Geri Warkentin**Worldwide**

John supports MBMSI with his videography and photography skills. **Pray** for discernment as John collects stories of transformed lives to share with the broader MB constituency. **Pray** for the ability to communicate with clarity and to connect well with the missionaries he meets so he can tell their stories well. **Pray** for safety as he travels and pray that his relationship with his wife would remain strong even while he is away from home. **Pray** that the messages John produces would resonate with the MB Church in North America and encourage partnership in missions.

"I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly." Ps. 40:10

Thursday [14]: Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters**Thailand**

Dave & Louise are part of Team 2000 serving in Chonburi. Recently they were at a church retreat that included people from the four church plants where they work. **Praise** God that several people decided to follow Jesus while at this camp! **Pray** that Louise would continue to have strength and vision as she works with the Bethel Church plant near Chonburi, and for Dave as he focuses on hosting short term mission teams. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to grant unity among the members of Team 2000 as they lead a variety of church planting activities in and around the region of Chonburi.

"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23

Friday [15]: Kevin & Wendy**RESTRICTED**

Kevin & Wendy have been on extended Mobilization in North America after serving in North Africa. As they discern their next steps, they share, "Our most important **prayer request** is that the Lord would work mightily in our own hearts and lives, fuelling a passion for him. Secondly, we want to be fit for his use and want nothing to be in his way, so please **pray** that he would tune in our spiritual senses to hear his voice." **Praise** God that their oldest son, Isaiah, was recently baptized and **pray** for him as he continues to grow in his faith.

"The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:3

Saturday [16]: Alfredo & Sandra Beltran**Mexico**

Alfredo & Sandra are missionaries from the Colombia MB Conference, serving in the RETO church plant in Guadalajara. **Pray** that God would enable them to lead the congregation into deeper relationship with Jesus and a stronger commitment to serving him. **Praise** God for their many years of faithful service and for the fruit which he has given them. **Pray** that the relationship between the Beltrons and the Matthew Team would remain strong and effective and that many people would come to know Jesus as a result of their ministry.

"If (his gift) is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." Rom. 12:8

August 17-23**Sunday [17]: Stacy Kuhns****Mexico**

Stacy is a part of MBMSI's Jornada program and is preparing for service alongside the Matthew Team in Guadalajara, Mexico. **Pray** that the lessons she learned while spending the past year in our Missionary Training Institute will be on the forefront of her mind, ready for use as she starts serving in Mexico. As Stacy mobilizes a team of people to partner with her in ministry through prayer and finances, **pray** that God would prompt people to become involved in these significant ways. **Pray** for unity of spirit and purpose on the Matthew Team as they welcome Stacy and fellow Jornada participant Erica Ray later this fall.

"The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time." Ps. 145:15

Monday [18]: Jim & Francine**RESTRICTED**

Jim & Francine are currently on Mobilization in North America after serving for a number of years in Asia. **Pray** that this would be a time of significant relationship building as they gather a team to invest prayer and financial support in their ministry. The nation where they serve has had a turbulent summer and as a result, Jim & Francine have recently been heavily involved in serving their community through social projects. **Pray** that God will refresh them after such an intense and challenging time. **Pray** that their young children will adjust well to being in North America for this season.

"You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance." Ps. 68:9

Tuesday [19]: Masolo Mununga**Angola**

Pray for Masolo as he serves the MB Church in Angola. Poverty in Angola is severe and Bible College students there have significant spiritual and material need. **Pray** for wisdom for Masolo and the MBMSI team in discerning how to help most effectively. As Masolo pours into the lives of others, **pray** that God would pour into him so that he can minister out of fullness and great joy. **Pray** also for safety and health for Masolo and his family. **Pray** that God would use the MB Church of Angola as agents of transformation, bringing grace and love to their neighbors.

"Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them." Prov. 4:5

Wednesday [20]: Ernie & Elfrieda Reimer**Lithuania**

Pray for Ernie & Elfrieda as they provide support for MBMSI projects in Lithuania. Based in Fort St. John, BC, Ernie & Elfrieda face the challenge of doing ministry from a distance. **Pray** for wisdom to be able to overcome these challenges and for safety as they make trips between Canada and Lithuania. **Praise** God for their willingness to volunteer during their retirement years and **pray** that God would continue to give them wisdom, strength and the ability to speak into the lives of people in Lithuania.

"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus." I Cor. 1:4

Thursday [21]: John & Evelyn Wiens**Ukraine**

For the first half of August, John & Ev participated in an evangelistic DMI campaign in Zaporozhye. **Pray** that God would open the doors for further discipleship opportunities with those who professed an interest in following Jesus. As they continue to learn the language, **pray** for grace and focus. **Pray** also that they will be able to continue adapting well to their adopted culture and that God will give them many new relationships in their community. **Pray** that they will be able to pursue God's vision for their ministry in Ukraine with joy and endurance.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Friday [22]: Russ & Marj Speiser**France**

For nearly a year, Russ and Marj have been planning an evangelistic music tour in France for next fall. **Pray** that the right musicians and technicians will come together to form a team. **Pray** also that Russ & Marj will be able to discern appropriate style and content for their concerts and that the concerts will challenge many people to consider Jesus. **Pray** that God would continue to bless them with creativity and clarity as they determine what steps to take each day in ministry.

"Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD; I will sing praises to your name." Ps. 18:49

Saturday [23]: Greg & Becky Ouellette**Thailand**

Greg & Becky serve with the Operation Second Wave team in Phuket and recently hosted their first ACTION team. **Pray** that God would open the doors for further relationship with people who were impacted by the ACTION team, and that many people would come to know Jesus in and around Phuket. **Praise** God for the team he has assembled and **pray** for unity, love and endurance as they serve together. **Pray** for their marriage, and that their children, Caleb, Emma, Luke & Silas, would connect well in the community around them.

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Rom. 15:4

August 24-30**Sunday [24]: Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga****Panama**

Einer & Girlesa are working among the indigenous Wounaan people who live mostly in the jungle. **Pray** for them as they train, disciple and equip Wounaan leaders and Pastors, so that they in turn would lead their own people to follow Christ. **Pray** that God will continue to give them many opportunities to mentor young believers. The Zuluagas recently hosted a short term team from Forest Grove Community Church

(Saskatoon, SK). **Pray** that God would call people from that team to serve long term with Einer & Girlesa.

"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". Is. 42:16

Monday [25]: Samir & Lewiza**RESTRICTED**

Samir & Lewiza are involved in media ministry in North Africa. **Pray** that the Lord would open the eyes of the many people who watch their satellite TV programs so they can hear and accept the truth of the gospel. **Pray** also for the team of workers in North Africa who follow up on inquiries made as a result of the programs. As Lewiza and a team lead the 4th annual Abused Women's Conference that starts today in North Africa, **pray** that many women will experience healing, freedom and love as they encounter Jesus. **Praise** God for a vast network of people who help support the church in various ways in this restricted area, and **pray** for health, safety and protection for each of them.

"Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard." Is. 58:8

Tuesday [26]: Murray & Faith Nickel**DR Congo**

Murray & Faith coordinate ministry projects in DR Congo, including medical ministry, the development of micro-enterprises and support of the local MB church. **Pray** that God would continue to guide Murray & Faith as well as MBMSI leadership in discerning ministry involvement. **Praise** God for a strong relationship with the Congolese MB Conference, and **pray** that God would continue to bless this strategic partnership in spite of linguistic and cultural differences. **Pray** that God will continue to guide and lead the church in DR Congo and that God would continue to raise up visionary and godly leaders in this large and important branch of our MB family.

"By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night." Ex. 13:21

Wednesday [27]: Sandra Plett**Mexico**

Sandra has been a part of MBMSI's Jornada program in Guadalajara and will be returning to North America today for Mobilization in North America. While here, she will be transitioning from Jornada to the role of long term missionary as she desires to continue serving on the Matthew Team. **Pray** for her as she connects with friends, family and supporting churches in BC and Manitoba, sharing stories of God's work in Mexico. **Pray** that God will grow her support team while she is in North America and **pray** that this will be a time of rejuvenation and refreshment of the vision God has given her for service.

"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Ps. 139: 9,10

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Thursday [28]: **Missionary Training Institute** **Abbotsford**

A number of missionary candidates are relocating to Abbotsford this week in preparation for Missionary Training Institute (MTI). **Pray** for each participant as they enter this time of training, discernment and team building. MTI is an eight month program designed to help prepare missionaries for long term service. **Pray** for Al Stobbe and other staff who give leadership to MTI, that they will be sensitive to the Lord's voice as they shape and run this program. **Pray** that this would be a time of transformation and growth for everyone involved.

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." Deut. 32:2

Friday [29]: **Darren & Shahna** **Extended MINA**

Darren & Shahna have returned from several years of service in a restricted access country and are currently spending an extended time in North America for a season of rest and refreshment before returning to the field. **Pray** that this time would be fruitful for them as a couple, for their family and for their team. **Praise** God for an effective first term of language acquisition, cultural adaptation and community building. **Pray** that God will use this time of guided rest to bless them and prepare them for strategic ministry in south Asia.

"Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him". Ps. 37:7

Saturday [30]: **Melanie Humphreys** **Lithuania**

Pray that Melanie will be encouraged by the Lord this month as she serves in the Student Life department at Lithuania Christian College. **Pray** for her as she teaches, counsels and mentors students from a variety of backgrounds and countries, and **pray** that she would be blessed with wisdom and discernment. **Pray** that God would use Lithuania Christian College to transform the nation of Lithuania and also the other nations from which its students come.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Ps. 46:10

Sunday [31]: **Baudouin & Marie-Brigitte Nsulunka** **South Africa**

Praise God that he has provided the Nsulunkas with a new apartment, so that they no longer need to climb 13 flights of stairs each time they arrive home. **Pray** that they will be able to build relationships with their new neighbors and that their new home would be a haven of rest for them and a platform for ministry to those around them. **Pray** for them as they minister to the Congolese population in Durban.

"Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand." Ps. 20:6

Prayer for the Nations

Ukraine



Many remember Ukraine as the part of the former Soviet Union's communist empire that proclaimed, "There Is No God." While years of oppression left deep scars, today's Ukraine is seeing

dynamic growth. Since independence in 1991, Ukraine has been rebuilding into a new European nation. Ukrainians are experiencing significant opportunities but also face difficult challenges.

Perhaps more than anywhere in the rest of Europe, God is reaping a tremendous harvest in Ukraine. Since independence, the number of evangelical churches has nearly doubled. Even so, still less than 5% of Ukrainians are considered Evangelical Christians.

Please pray:

- that Ukrainian people will continue to turn their hearts toward Jesus.
- that the church in Ukraine will adjust to the new political, social and economic context and meet its challenges boldly.
- that MB churches in Ukraine will continue to provide significant discipleship and will have a transformational impact on their communities.

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