

Daily Prayer Guide



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

Psalm 2:8

February 2008

☺ **Praise Items**

① **Prayer Requests**

Our daily prayer requests can be found on our
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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.

Give ear to my words, O Lord,
Consider my sighing.
Listen to my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.
In the morning, O Lord,
you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests
before you and wait in expectation.

Psalm 5:1-3

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February 1-2

Friday [1]: Bob & Erika Sukkau

Peru

- ☺ Bob recently had surgery to remove a tumor on his prostate. We thank the Lord that the tumor was benign. He writes, "Thank-you for your prayers. My recovery has gone well. I now go out once a day to go to church, visit someone or do an errand. Two weeks ago I felt like an 80 year old man walking down the street. Now I feel like I'm 70 years old. So there is definite progress. Pray that soon I will feel like I'm 60 years old.
- 🕒 We have another important prayer request. In January Sergio la Rosa begins as co-pastor of our church. We hope to transition with him so that in March he takes over as lead pastor. Please pray that the Lord will guide us in this process. *It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night... Psalm 92:1,2*

Saturday [2]: Sean & Erika

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- 🕒 *Sean and Erika work in a public school system as English language teachers in East Africa. Please pray that they would gain the trust of their students and have opportunities to share the Gospel with them. Pray too that the Lord would give them the strength and courage to live and work in this difficult place. May the Holy Spirit soften the hearts of the people in this African country to receive the Gospel message. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2, 3*

February 3-9

Sunday [3]: Masolo Mununga

Angola

- 🕒 *Masolo Mununga is a Congolese missionary serving in Angola. Angola has recently experienced civil unrest and violence. MBMSI is bringing the Gospel and a message of justice and peace to Angolans through the MB conference. Please pray for Masolo as he assists church leaders in administration and implementation of evangelistic programs and church planting. Pray too that he will have wisdom and discernment as he discipled these young leaders. Finally, pray that the Lord would continue to protect Masolo and his family and provide for all their needs. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18, 19*

Monday [4]: Murray & Faith Nickel

DR Congo

- 🕒 *Murray and Faith Nickel assist the Congolese in many social and economic programs. We received news that on the January 1, 2008 a disastrous rain storm killed dozens in Kikwit and injured many. In the aftermath, there is great danger of infection from water sources mixing with sewage. Please pray for the affected families and that help will be mobilized quickly. Pray for God's direction as MBMSI continues to relate to CIDA, requesting funds for projects in the DR Congo. We are grateful for the successful completion of the first CIDA project in Congo. Murray's travel schedule this year is intense, and will require significant shift rescheduling in the ER. Pray that God would provide energy and good health to match the demands of his schedule. *But you, O Sovereign LORD, deal well with me for your name's sake; out of the goodness of your love, deliver me. Psalm 109:21**

Tuesday [5]: Ray Harms-Wiebe

Lead Team

- 🕒 This month Ray Harms-Wiebe, Global Program, is spending time with MBMS International's missionaries in Asia February 5 - 23. Ray and our missionaries and leaders in Thailand will be seeking God's vision for the coming years. Please pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading and that they will have wisdom and discernment to make important decisions.
- 🕒 Ray will be attending and speaking at the missions conference of the Japanese MB Church February 9 - 13. Pray that God will speak through Ray and use him to encourage Japanese Christians.
- 🕒 Finally, Ray will be visiting with our missionaries and pastors in India from February 14-23. They will also be vision casting for the coming years. Please pray for safety, good health, and energy for Ray as he travels and interacts with believers in Asia. *...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

Wednesday [6]: Jose & Esperanza Prada

Peru

- ☺ We thank the Lord for the opportunity for Pradas' church to give gifts to the 140 HIV+ children and to share the story of Christmas with them. We are also grateful that the Lopez family has finished their studies in Paraguay and have now joined the pastoral team as the local pastors in Lima.
- 🕒 Please pray for Alejandro Lopez and his family that they would adjust to life in Lima and to their new pastoral role. Pray too that the church would find the financial means to support them. Pray for the Pradas as they travel to North America and Columbia on their MINA (ministry in North America) starting in February 2008. Pray that while the Pradas are gone that there would be unity and cooperation within the pastoral team that will carry on the ministry during their absence. *Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name... who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1, 4*

Thursday [7]: **Otto & Lidia Funk**

Peru

Otto and Lidia Funk are church planting and involved in leadership training in Lima, Peru. The Funks have need for new monthly pledges. Pray that the Lord will provide. Pray for the Funks and other leaders who will be shepherding the Church in Lima while the Pradas are on their MINA (ministry in North America) this month. 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

Friday [8]: **Robert & Marlene**

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☺ *Robert & Marlene and their family have a ministry working with the poor and disadvantaged people in a creative access country. We praise the Lord for his faithfulness as Robert & Marlene recently celebrated 25 years of marriage. Pray that their marriage would be a testimony to those in their community and that they would have opportunities to share the Gospel. They have been involved in leading Alpha and The Golden Key Club (an evangelistic outreach to children and youth), but are now sensing that maybe God is calling them into a different area of ministry.*

🕊️ Please pray for wisdom and discernment as they seek the Lord about a vision to begin a camp/retreat/training centre. Pray that the Lord would open and close doors as he leads them. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

Saturday [9]: **Celebrate Mission**

Burnaby, BC

🕊️ Willingdon Church in Burnaby, BC is hosting a Celebrate Mission event tonight and tomorrow. Please pray that God would be glorified during this time and that his anointing would be on those who are sharing in the services. Pray with us that God would bless those in attendance and mobilize people in prayer, call people to go and encourage people to support. [For more information on CMN's, visit our website at www.mbmsi.org/cmnn.] After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb Revelation 7:9

February 10-17

Thursday [10]: **Otto & Marjorie Ekk**

Portugal

☺ In their latest prayer letter, the Ekks write "Each one of you has been a tremendous encouragement to us over this past year. Many of you have written, sent financial support, and prayed without ceasing for the cause of Jesus here in Portugal. Please don't stop. The battle for souls is very real, and those of us that are at the forefront are encouraged by you. We need all of you with us on this fantastic adventure." Otto & Marjorie are the leaders of a number of missionaries and pastors. Two of these couples are on furlough for the next few months. Another couple has experienced personal hardship but

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has a growing ministry in spite of it. Three young ladies from Mountainview Church (Clovis, CA) have joined this team in Portugal for a short term assignment. Please pray for Team Portugal. Pray that they will have unity in the midst of changes to the team. Pray that the team members who are away will experience rest and renewal. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

Monday [11]: **Wendy Eros**

Japan

☺ We praise God for the opportunities that teaching English as a Second Language has given Wendy to share the Gospel. She was able to celebrate and share the true meaning of Christmas with all of her students. Pray that the seeds she has been faithfully planting would find fertile ground and that they would grow into a harvest. Pray for more opportunities to share the Gospel with her students. Wendy has been reminded that missionary work is "about focusing on God and how he will work through us so that we can share his love and his Word with the Japanese. . .to reach them for his glory so that others may come to know who Jesus Christ is and how much he loves all of us. . . I have made a New Year's resolution. I have started doing Rick Warren's 'The Purpose Driven Life' again plus I am spending more time in God's Word and seeking to grow closer to him." Wendy asks for prayer as she seeks to be a "God pleaser" rather than a "man pleaser." *For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4*

Tuesday [12]: **Cynthia Friesen**

Thailand

☺ We praise the Lord for the many friendships that Cynthia and her team have made in these last few months. Recently they met Thai and Burmese Christians. We are grateful that they continue to experience many open doors in Thailand. Pray for the English program that Cynthia and her teammate, Becky Ouellette, have started in Cynthia's home. Pray that this would be a great way for them to build new relationships and that many would receive Christ as a result of spending time learning English.

🕊️ Pray for Cynthia's new friend, Jan, who is one of the first single friends that Cynthia has made. Please pray that Jan would accept the Lord and that the bondage and spiritual darkness that she experiences would be gone in Jesus name. *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*

Wednesday [13]: **Alfredo & Sandra Beltran**

Mexico

☺ We praise God for the work that he is doing in the RETO International Church in Guadalajara. We thank the Lord for the leadership that he has provided through Alfredo and Sandra. Pray that they would continue to have love for the people in their community and a passion to share the Gospel with them.

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- ① Pray for wisdom and guidance as they pastor this church. Pray that God would raise up godly leaders within the church. Finally, pray that the Lord would continue to give the Beltrans vision and creativity to reach middle class professionals in Guadalajara for Jesus. *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*

Thursday [14]: **Phil & Carol Bergen** Burkina Faso

- ☺ We praise the Lord for the seeds that have been planted and are now growing among the Nanerige. Both Drissa and his wife, Fati, (new believers) prayed out loud in a recent meeting. We are also thankful that the Bergen's son, John-Mark, is with the TREK program working alongside his parents. He has been an encouragement and a great help to them.
- ① Please pray for the seven women who are meeting with Carol. Pray that they would come to a greater understanding of who Jesus is. Pray for John-Mark's work with the youth as he takes opportunities to share the gospel with them in creative ways. *Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58*

Friday [15]: **Jason & Andrea Edwards** Brazil

- ① *Jason and Andrea are teaching at PanAmerican Christian Academy. They are also involved at Familia de Deus church and with a soccer ministry. Please pray that this young couple would have strength and wisdom in all the ministries in which they are involved. Pray that God will use them to impact the lives of the students at PACA and that many of these young adults would be encouraged to follow the Lord whole-heartedly. Pray too that Jesus would be the center of their marriage and that it would be a witness to those in their community. ... for the joy of the LORD is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10*

Saturday [16]: **Vision Trip** Thailand

- ① Carlin Weinhauer (Lead Team, Mobilization) is leading a couples vision trip to Thailand that leaves today. This group will be visiting our missionaries and ministries in Thailand until March 2.. Pray that God will raise up more missionaries to Thailand. Please pray too that those who participate in this vision trip will be able to pass on this vision to their congregations. *With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. 2 Thessalonians 1:11*

February 17-23

Sunday [17]: Ernie & Elfrieda Reimer Lithuania

- ① *Ernie and Elfrieda Reimer are based in Canada and work as project coordinators for the mission work in Lithuania. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom and guidance in discerning what projects should be embraced and the best leaders for each project. Pray too that God would grant this couple good communication with both the missionaries and church leadership in Lithuania. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Psalm 108:4*

Monday [18]: **Ken & Marilyn Fast** Brazil

- ☺ We praise the Lord for his provision and protection on Ken & Marilyn's family. Their daughter, Laurie, and her family were protected when their truck caught fire in front of their house. Ken was also able to finish his 3rd on-line course needed to renew his Kansas teaching certificate. Their son, David, is now engaged to Lindsay.
- ① Please pray for continued healing of Marilyn's tendonitis. Pray also for strength, wisdom, and love as both Ken and Marilyn continue coaching teams at PACA (PanAmerican Christian Academy) this semester. Finally, pray for their friend Liz, a single mom who they have been mentoring. *Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you. For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. Psalm 116:7, 8*

Tuesday [19]: **Liana Penner** Peru

- ① *Liana works with our team of missionaries in Peru. She is an ESL (English as a Second Language) instructor and a leader in the Trujillo MB Church. Liana has just returned to Peru after spending time with friends and family in Canada. The new school term will begin on March 6. Pray that she will have energy, enthusiasm and creativity required as she gets back into the ministry at school and at church. Pray for Liana to be well rested, recharged, and encouraged to focus on God. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. John 16:24*

Wednesday [20]: **Matthew Training Center** Mexico

- ① A long time dream for Trever and Joan Godard (Guadalajara, MX) is to start a missionary training center for the purpose of training Latinos for cross-cultural ministry. In the last few months, the Godards and their team stepped out in faith to officially start the Matthew Training Center. Their first full program will begin in September 2008 and they already have several potential students. They will be using a temporary building while looking for a more suitable space for this program. Please pray that God will lead them in their search to purchase a building and that God will provide the necessary finances for this, as well as the funds needed to furnish the building. Pray too that God

will bless this training center and that many Latinos would have a passion to spread the Gospel throughout the world. A special prayer request is that God would raise up a “Champion” who would promote and raise awareness, and to raise prayer and financial partners for MTC. *Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4*

Thursday [21]: Samir & Lewiza

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- ① Praise the Lord for what he is doing through Christian radio and TV in creative access countries. Many people are responding to the Gospel. Please pray for the national pastors and leaders in these countries who follow up on responses. Pray for Samir and Lewiza who work with these programs and then help to disciple new believers. As they continue to work in restricted areas, pray that they would be as “shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.” Pray for protection in their travels and wisdom in their ministry. Pray too that national Christians would continue to boldly proclaim the Gospel in the face of persecution. *I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Psalm 91:2*

Friday [22]: Jen Schmidt

Mexico

- ☺ We thank the Lord for the great work in and through HADIME (Making Disciples in Mexico). The participants were a mix of 5 different cultures - Mexican, Colombian, Canadian, American, and Thai. It was a rich experience for the this team to learn from one another! Please pray that God would continue to work in the lives of these young people and that he would call many of them into full-time ministry. Pray too that God would continue to work in the indigenous village that they ministered in.
- ① Pray for wisdom for Jen as she works with the TREK team (Laura, Nikki, Angie and Ying). These young ladies are in Guadalajara to work alongside The Matthew Team. They are learning what it means to work full time as a missionary. *Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. Psalm 84:10*

Saturday [23]: John & Ev Wiens

Ukraine

- ☺ John & Ev report that they have met many people already in Zaporozhye.
- ① “At our first supper out at a pizza place, we spent 3 hours with Victoria and her husband, Eugene. When they inquired why we were in Zap, they were amazed at our commitment to be here long-term. When we described the kind of loving, accepting, non-judgmental church we wanted to start, Eugene responded, “That’s the kind of church I’d like to be part of.” Tatiana and Nikolai are another couple that John & Ev are getting to know. Please pray that these two couples would begin to understand who Jesus is and what he has done for them on the cross. *Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. Psalm 86:11*

February 24-29

Sunday [24]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez

Thailand

- Three young girls who are HIV+ have come to live at the Abundant Life House. “When Bing Bing (7 years old) came to us, she was quiet and frightened, but within the first day, she began to understand that we loved her. The first time she heard the name of Jesus, she asked, ‘How are the lord Buddha and Jesus different?’ As we began to explain Jesus to her, Bing Bing said, ‘I believe you that He IS good...because I NEVER thought I would know such happiness that I know now from living here with you all!’”
- ① “Please pray for Bing Bing as she adjusts and bonds with us and learns to process all she has been through. Pray for her as she is now taking medicine for her HIV status for the first time. She takes 5 pills at 7 am and another 5 pills at 7 pm, quite a feat for a 7 year old girl.” [Jesus] said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14

Monday [25]: Jim & Marilou Nightingale

Brazil

- ☺ “We want to thank you for all of your love and support through out this year. We appreciate and covet your prayers as we serve here in São Paulo. The churches are so glad that we are back in Brazil, and excited about the camping ministry and the training of leaders. We could not be here had it not been for your financial support and prayers.”
- ① Please pray that the Nightingale’s visas would quickly be granted. Please pray for all the details that need to come together before the camp season begins. *Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. Psalm 55:22*

Tuesday [26]: Kevin & Karlene Klassen

Thailand

- ☺ Praise the Lord for the success that Kevin & Karlene have had thus far in their language studies. Now Kevin will be studying Casual Conversation and Karlene will be focusing on Religious Communication. Continue to pray for them as they work on the Thai language.
- ① Please pray for wisdom as the Klassens raise their children in the Thai culture. Pray that their family would remain pure in an impure environment. Pray for perseverance in the difficult times. *Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4, 5*

Wednesday [27]: Amanada & Amber Griffioen

Thailand

- ① “We’ve been getting to know two of our little neighbours: Sai (8) and Mai (5). They are so hungry for love. Sai has just started coming to church with us on Sundays. Please pray that they, along with their family, will get to know Jesus. Pray also that God will keep them safe and give us wisdom in how to interact with them.”

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- ① Please pray for Pan. “She is only 12 and is so passionate for Jesus. Her dad was the man who we called ‘the Bible burner’ (who is a new believer) in our last newsletter. Please continue to pray for strength for this family (Rapin, Duan, and Pan). God keeps providing for them in miraculous ways. But they sure need to be covered in prayer, especially as they desire to follow Jesus no matter the cost. They sure appreciate your prayers.” *I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.*
Mark 10:15

Thursday [28]: **TREK Teams**

Worldwide

- ① Pray for TREK teams that are currently serving in Burkina Faso, Panama, Thailand, Germany and Mexico. Please pray for safety, health, and that these teams would have favor with the people around them. Pray for transformed lives, both among the TREKers and in the neighborhoods where they are ministering and serving.
- ① Pray also for the Winter TREKers who are finishing their training season. In early March they will head to Lima, Peru and Toyota City, Japan serving with long-term MBMSI missionaries in these cities. *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*
Joshua 1:9

Friday [29]: **Laurence & Leona Hiebert**

Japan

- ① “Mr. ‘N’ recently spent time in a psychiatric hospital. He was just so “down” that his family insisted that he be admitted. I talked to him recently and he is feeling much better. He mentioned that it must be because I was praying. Please continue to pray for complete healing and assurance of salvation.”
- ① “Mrs. ‘T’ has kind of ‘dropped of the face of the earth.’ The couple from our church that have been witnessing to her think her family and friends have talked her out of her new found faith. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to pursue her and that she would be convinced of her need for Christ.” *...the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.* Isaiah 53:5

Prayer for the Nations

India



The Apostle Thomas brought the Gospel to India two thousand years ago. However, this country still has the most and largest people groups with no Christians, churches or workers than in any other part of the world. MBMS International has been working in India for over a hundred years now. Until recently, MBMSI missionaries worked in Southern India and now there are about 300 MB churches in that area. In the summer of 2005, MBMSI started a new work in Northern India, where a team of three couples began church planting. They are specifically focused on the new Indian middle class, an unreached people group in India.

How do I pray for India?

Pray that government officials would uphold the constitution and provide greater protection for Christians in the areas where they are being persecuted.

Pray that God would continue to raise up strong leadership among nationals and that evangelism would increase

As a result of the caste system, corruption and poverty, injustice is prevalent in this country. Pray that Christians would work for greater peace and justice.

India has a growing economy and is globalized. There is a new middle class. Pray that Indians would recognize their spiritual poverty.

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