



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 2009

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Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all the people say, "Amen!"

Praise the LORD.

Psalm 106:48a

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February 1-7

Sunday [1]: Kevin & Karlene Klassen

Thailand

Kevin and Karlene are part of the Operation 2nd Wave team in Phuket. Over the Christmas season, this team had many opportunities to share the story of the coming of the King of Kings in a nation that reveres their earthly King. Pray that many of the people who heard this story will be reminded today that Jesus is Lord, and pray that this team will have more opportunities, year-round, to share the gospel in schools, prisons, and neighborhoods. Pray that the Klassen's three sons, Tyler, Andrew and Jesse, will continue to thrive on life in Thailand, and that they will play a strategic role in this ministry.

O Sovereign Lord! You have made the heavens and earth by your great power. Nothing is too hard for you! Jeremiah 32: 17

Monday [2]: Jim & Marilou Nightingale

Brazil

Jim and Marilou are working to establish an evangelistic camping ministry and Christian retreat center in the Sao Paulo region. There is currently a team of ACTION:Generations participants (until Feb 12) and a TREK team (until June 1) serving with the Nightingales. Pray that their gifts of hospitality will flow freely, and that these teams will be able to serve in strategic ways. As the Nightingales continue to shape this fledgling ministry, pray for vision and the boldness needed to take steps of faith. Pray that the Lord will already be using this camping ministry to transform lives, even in its early stages. As Jim and Marilou work in partnership with other MBMSI missionaries in Sao Paulo, pray for unity and mutual support.

Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

Tuesday [3]: Jason & Andrea Edwards

Brazil

Jason and Andrea are both teaching at Pan American Christian Academy (PACA) and are also involved in a local church plant and soccer ministry. Praise the Lord that Andrea recently became a certified RN and LPN (nursing) and pray that God will provide her with opportunities to use this profession to bring Him glory. Pray that this couple's ministry will be marked by grace, boldness, joy and risk-taking obedience, and that many people will encounter Jesus through them. As Jason and Andrea work together with fellow MBMSI missionaries Jim & Marilou Nightingale, Ken & Marilyn Fast, and Tim & Denise Kuhns, pray for unity and synergy.

I will honor you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. Psalm 63:4

Wednesday [4]: Otto & Marjorie Ekk

Portugal

The Ekks are currently in a season of Mobilization in North America (MINA), reconnecting with their support network. Praise God for this group of individuals and churches who engage in ministry alongside the Ekks through praying and giving. Pray that God will continue to build a supportive team around them, and that this will be a time of encouragement and rejuvenation for them. Praise God for the fruit the Ekks have seen over many years of church planting in the Lisbon area. Pray for the five churches they have involvement with: Massama, Loures, Amadora, and two Russian-language church plants.

Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Ephesians 3: 20-21

Thursday [5]: Barbara Block

India

Barbara has spent many years teaching at Kodaikanal International School and serving at the Bethania Home for Children. Pray that God will continue to fill her with compassion and the ability to pour into the lives of these children. Barbara's ministry also includes providing support to local families touched by HIV/AIDS. Pray that these families will experience and recognize the love of Jesus through Barbara's care for them. As Barbara expresses her faith in word and deed, pray that many people will respond by choosing to follow Jesus.

We also pray that you will be strengthened with his glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy. Colossians 1: 11

Friday [6]: MBMSI Board Meetings

Praise God for the men and women who volunteer on the Board of MBMSI, and as they meet today pray that God will give them wisdom and vision. Pray that this team will continue to grow in unity and that God will give them clarity of purpose as they determine strategic direction for MBMSI. Pray for each Board member by name: Ike Bergen, Lowell Stutzman, Rick Reimer, Brent Warkentin, Beatrice Pauls, Leo Regier, Bruce Enns, Ruth Schale and David Marshall.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere. James 3:1

Saturday [7]: John & Ev Wiens

Ukraine

Praise God that John and Ev have settled quickly into life in Zaporozhye and pray that they will continue to build relationships and trust with friends and neighbors. Praise God for the relationships that they have already established, and for the way He has used their gifts of hospitality to welcome and encourage numerous people. As John and Ev support national pastors in the region, pray that this network of

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leaders will sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron. Pray that many Ukrainians will come to know Jesus, and that the church in that nation will continue to grow. *Come, my children, and listen to me, and I will teach you to fear the Lord. Psalm 34:11*

February 8-14

Sunday [8]: Trever & Joan Godard

Mexico

Trever & Joan have spent the last several months reconnecting with their support network and calling people to engage in global mission. Praise God for the many encouraging connections they have made as they have visited individuals and churches. Pray for Joan as she recovers from a severely broken ankle after slipping on ice on December 26th. Joan has undergone surgery and will need several months of physiotherapy after her cast is removed. Pray that the Great Physician will bring complete healing, and that this injury will not hinder Trever & Joan as they continue their ministry at the Matthew Training Center and RETO church in Guadalajara. Pray also that Joan will be encouraged as she recovers, and that God will use even this for His glory by giving her opportunities to share her faith as a result of her injury.

For the word of the Lord holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust.

Psalm 33:4

Monday [9]: TREK

MBMSI currently has TREK teams serving alongside long term missionaries in Brazil, Germany and Thailand. Pray that each of these 13 young adults will engage fully in what the Lord has for them this year and that they will be effective as they minister. Pray that the teams will be a great encouragement to their missionary hosts. Pray also that TREKers will be able to be a strategic aid in the long term ministry vision in their country of service. As teams experience the stress and difficulty of living in close community, surrounded by a foreign language and culture, pray for abundant grace, flexibility, love, and peace.

For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.

Philippians 4:13

Tuesday [10]: Robert & Anne Thiessen

Mexico

Having served in Oaxaca for many years, Robert and Anne are encouraged that God continues to do fresh things in and through their church communities. They write, "We are all waiting in expectation to see what God is cooking up with all this pot stirring. It seems to include prayer, and a commitment to work together and to recognize how God is already reaching out to others through the members of our church." Praise God that Linda, an elderly woman in their region, was recently baptized. Pray that God will continue to guide and bless the work of the Thiessens.

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The steps of the godly are directed by the Lord. He delights in every detail of their lives. Psalm 37:23

Wednesday [11]: Rob & Judy Griffioen

Thailand

Rob and Judy are team leaders for the Operation 2nd Wave team, serving in Phuket. Pray for vision and wisdom as they provide leadership for this dynamic team. As they connect with people in their neighborhood in a variety of ways, pray for the ability to communicate the love of Jesus through actions and through the challenging Thai language. The goal of this team is to see many lives transformed by the grace and love of Jesus, and to help establish a nationally led, self-sustaining, self-propagating church. Pray that many churches will be started through the ministry of this team.

For God is the one who gives seed and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 2 Corinthians 9:10

Thursday [12]: DMI

Philippines and Thailand

Pray for safe travel and good health as participants leave today and tomorrow on Disciple Making International (DMI) teams to Philippines and Thailand. Pray that God will direct the participants to those homes where people are seeking God, and pray that even now, God will begin working in the hearts of those who will be hearing the gospel over the next weeks. Pray that many people will receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and that they will be integrated into local churches that can disciple them.

Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid of them! The Lord your God will go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

Friday [13]: MBMSI Member Care Team

Abbotsford

The Member Care Team is responsible for encouraging the spiritual, mental and emotional health of the entire MBMSI team. Praise God for the team He has assembled: Paul Dyck, Teresa Born, Al Stobbe, Annelisa Toews and Katie Born. There are also a number of volunteers who serve on the Member Care team. Pray that God will grant each member of this team wisdom and joy as they walk closely with people in both easy and challenging seasons of life and ministry.

Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, that I may honor you. Psalm 86:11

Saturday [14]: Ken & Marilyn Fast

Brazil

Ken and Marilyn are wrapping up many years of ministry at Pan American Christian Academy (PACA) in June. Praise God for the many opportunities this couple has had to see Him at work, and thank God for the example of faithful ministry that this couple has been. Pray that healthy closure will happen between the Fasts and their students, and that they will be able to finish their term of service strong and engaged. An inter-continental move requires many logistical details to fall into place over a long distance. Pray these details will be worked out without serious complication. Pray also that the Fasts will be able to close off their team relationships with other MBMSI missionaries in a meaningful way. *May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. 1 Corinthians 16:23*

February 15-21

Sunday [15]: Alfredo & Sandra Beltran

Mexico

As Alfredo and Sandra provide pastoral leadership to RETO church in Guadalajara, pray for energy as they lead a very young congregation. 25 out of the 60 regular attendees are youth and young adults. Pray that as these young people make life choices, that they will be attentive to the Lord's voice and make godly decisions as they engage in careers and family life. Pray that Alfredo, Sandra and the other leaders in the church will be able to disciple these young adults effectively. Pray that their sons Daniel and David will continue to grow in their walk with the Lord. *The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. Psalm 103:13*

Monday [16]: Robert & Christina Davis

Thailand

Bob and Chris support the Bethel Church plant in Chachoernsao and have been thrilled to see God at work in amazing ways. In this village where last year there was only one believer, there is now a growing core of people who proclaim Jesus as Lord. Praise God for the transforming work that the Holy Spirit is doing in this town as week after week people turn to Jesus. The new "worship gazebo" was filled at the recent inaugural service. As Bob and Chris continue to study the complicated Thai language, pray for sharp minds and many opportunities to practice. Pray also that they will find favor with people in their community and that they will be able to build relationships quickly. *Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord! Praise him, you who serve the Lord... Psalm 135:1*

Tuesday [17]: Wendy Eros

Japan

Wendy's days are full of various ministry opportunities as she teaches ESL and serves with an MB church in Japan. Praise God that He has given Wendy favor with her students, who are not only learning English but also asking questions about Jesus. Pray that Wendy will function as an effective bridge to the local church as she builds relationships with students of many ages. Praise God for giving Wendy the gift of teaching and the desire to use it for His glory. Pray that God will continue to grant Wendy good health, as she interacts with many different students on a regular basis. *You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3*

Wednesday [18]: J & F

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Praise the Lord, that after several months of Mobilization in North America (MINA), J & F have returned to Asia with a much broader support team. Praise God for the many connections J & F were able to make with churches and individuals, and pray that the Lord will continue to call people to engage in ministry with them. Pray that the transition back into formal ministry in Asia will be seamless, and that they will be able to reconnect quickly and meaningfully with friends, neighbors and teammates. Pray that the Lord will use them to lead many people to Himself. Pray that their children will also experience a smooth transition, and that they will quickly feel at home. *Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock. Isaiah 26:4*

Thursday [19]: Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin

Paraguay

Melvin and Gudrun have a teaching ministry at the Indian Bible Institute. They praise God for the 5 students that recently graduated after spending three years preparing for ministry. Pray that these new pastors, who are the next generation of leaders in the Paraguayan church, will be deeply rooted in the Bible and filled with the Holy Spirit so that they can minister effectively. The Warkentins are also engaged in ministering to high school students at Yalve Sanga High School. Pray that the students will have a hunger for God's Word. *My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart, for they will give you a long and satisfying life. Proverbs 3: 1-2*

Friday [20]: Cynthia Friesen

Thailand

Cynthia serves with the Operation 2nd Wave team in Phuket. Praise God for the ministry opportunities that God has been giving this team in Phuket and on Koh Kho Khao Island, where MBMSI engaged in significant relief ministry after the tsunami in 2004. This team has had many opportunities to proclaim Christ in their community and has seen people turn their lives to Jesus. As Cynthia and her team

continue to build trust with their neighbors, pray that they will have the boldness to speak clearly about the reason for their presence in Thailand. Pray that Cynthia will drink deeply from the Fountain of Life as she pours herself out in ministry. *For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see. Psalm 36:9*

Saturday [21]: Regional Mobilizers

MBMSI's Regional Mobilizers are involved in calling individuals and churches to deeper involvement in global mission by going, praying and giving. Pray for Sam Dick (RM Coordinator), John Best (Western Canada), Galen Wiest (Western US), Lloyd & Carol Letkeman (Central Canada), Craig Jost (Midwest US) and Philip Serez (Eastern Canada) as they travel, preach and meet with a variety of people interested in global mission. Pray for divine appointments and the ability to discern how best to encourage each individual they meet.

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again – rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Philippians 4: 4-5

February 22-28

Sunday [22]: Otto & Lidia Funk

Peru

Otto Lidia are celebrating an exciting year of life and ministry as they welcomed two new grandsons to their family and baptized four students from their ESL classes. Pray that these new believers will be able to integrate well into church life. Praise God for the opportunity Otto Lidia have to provide discipleship to these new believers, and leadership to new cell groups among their friends and neighbors. Pray for strong relationships and team unity as Otto Lidia work closely with Jose & Esperanza Prada, Jacqueline Hidalgo and Alejandro Lopes.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the strength of my salvation, and my stronghold. Psalm 18:2

Monday [23]: Baudouin and Marie-Brigitte Nsulunka - South Africa

The Nsulunkas serve as church planters in Durban and are excited about an upcoming opportunity to broaden their church planting ministry into Cape Town. Pray for partners in both cities to join with them in evangelism and discipleship. Pray that they as a family will be unified and effective as they reach out to refugees and immigrants in these two South African cities. Praise God for his continued provision for this ministry, and for giving this family, as foreigners themselves, a unique opportunity to connect with people in similar life situations.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer. Psalm 34:15

Tuesday [24]: Samir & Lewiza

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Samir & Lewiza provide oversight to various ministries in the Arab world. As they and their team prepare for a conference next month, pray that God will orchestrate all the details and will open the door for people to travel to the conference as needed. The team is also preparing to film a new series of programs focused on discipleship for a Christian satellite TV channel. Pray that the many people who will see this program across North Africa will respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus. Praise God for giving Samir & Lewiza abundant energy and focus for these demanding projects.

Be silent, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world. Psalm 46:10

Wednesday [25]: Sandra Plett

Mexico

Sandra is one of the first people to complete MBMSI's three-year Jornada program, and has made a commitment to serve longer term in Guadalajara as part of the Matthew Team. She has been spending time in Canada mobilizing a team of prayer and financial support over the past few months. Pray that Sandra's transition back into life in Guadalajara will be joy-filled, and that she will be able to reconnect with her neighbors and the youth of the RETO church plant in meaningful ways. Praise God for Sandra's commitment, passion and desire to see the lives of people in Guadalajara transformed by the power of Christ.

But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive everything promised to us who are right with God through faith. Galatians 5:5

Thursday [26]: MBMSI Staff

Fresno

Praise God for the wonderful team that He has built in the MBMSI office in Fresno. Galen Wiest, Mark Thompson, Kathy Moser, Vic Wiens, John-Mark Bergen and John Ervin serve the Pacific District Conference, mobilizing individuals and churches to engage in global mission through MBMSI. Pray that this team will be marked by their unity and their love for one another. Praise God for this region's strong history of sending many missionaries all over the world and pray that God will continue to raise up new short term participants and long term missionaries from Washington, Oregon and California.

I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one. Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me. John 17:23

Friday [27]: Russ & Marj Speiser

France

The Speisers are engaged in ministry in France and throughout Europe and North Africa using media and the arts to proclaim the gospel of Jesus and tell stories of God's work. Pray for them as they work towards the launch of a 24-hour satellite TV channel dedicated to Christian programming in the tribal languages of North

Africa. Praise God for their musical abilities which they use to glorify Him through a number of evangelistic tours each year. Pray that many people who have never encountered Jesus will meet Him for the first time as a direct result of the Speiser's ministry.

Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the ends of the earth as your possession. Psalm 2:8

Saturday [28]: Blaine & Michelle Warner

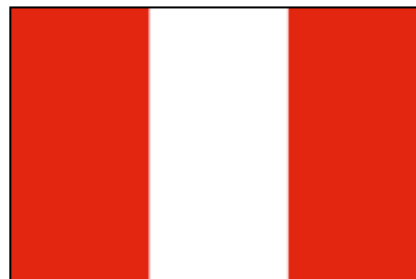
Having completed a term of language study, the Warners returned to N'Dorola in January and now face the task of building themselves a home and settling into life and ministry in this rural village. Pray for energy, joy and flexibility as they work through this transition, and praise God for the positive relationship that exists between the Warners and their teammates, Phil and Carol Bergen. A church has been born and is growing in N'Dorola. Pray that Blaine and Michelle will be able to be effective partners in this ministry. Pray for pastor Madou and his family as they provide leadership in the church, and for Maliki as he and Phil work together to translate the Bible into Nanerige.

You are the light of the world – like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Matthew 5:14

Burkina Faso

Prayer for the Nations

Peru



Evangelical churches in Peru have grown dramatically since the first evangelical congregation was started a century ago, especially from 1980 through 1994, when more than 750 evangelical church leaders were martyred and imprisoned. Since then,

persecution has ceased, and growth has slowed.

MBMS International missionaries in Lima and Trujillo are planting churches and training leaders for ministry.

Please pray:

- that people will continue to turn to Jesus, and that new believers will receive discipleship.
- for MBMSI missionaries currently serving in Peru: Lianna Penner (Trujillo), Jose and Esperanza Prada (Lima), Otto and Lidia Funk (Lima)
- for the Peruvian MB conference, which has recently experienced a change in leadership.
- for Bob and Erika Sukkau, who have finished their term of ministry in Peru, and are now settling into life in Canada.

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