



## Daily Prayer Guide



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

Psalm 2:8

### January 2010

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**"In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."**

**Ephesians 3:12**

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Jan 1-2

**Friday [1]: MBMSI**

**Worldwide**

Happy New Year, Prayer Warriors! Thank you so much for all your prayers during 2009! The prayers of the saints are God’s weapon against the enemy and we want you to know how much we appreciate the time taken and effort made to bring so many requests before the Throne of God. We are so thankful that God has blessed the work throughout 2009. As Christ’s return comes nearer and nearer, Satan works overtime to do his job, so we have to work faithfully to do ours. Please pray today for all our missionaries around the world, for our staff at the five locations in North America and one location in Europe. Pray also for the many people who are supporting MBMSI in prayer, finances, and that God will continue to encourage each of these people. This work could not and will not be done without you all. *“Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.” Deuteronomy 10:20-21*

**Saturday [2]: Dave & Mel**

**RESTRICTED**

Dave & Mel are completing the fund raising process so that Team 58:12 can leave for their ministry in a restricted access country. They hope to be able to leave within the next month or two. Please pray that their prayer and financial support will be strong as they take their young family into a strange land. In their recent newsletter they said, “As I reflect on His holiness, I am humbled to know that He looks after my worries. My God just got a little bigger, and my worries got a little smaller. Thank God for His holiness!” We also praise God with them and ask you to pray for continued peace as they embark on this new chapter in their lives. *“Do not be terrified by them, for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God.” Deuteronomy 7:21*

Jan 3-9

**Sunday [3]: Ben & Melissa Froese**

**Germany**

Ben & Melissa will be leaving for Berlin as soon as they have completed building their support team. They are excited to be joining Andre & Olga Pritzkau in Berlin, a city that is known as the atheistic capital of the world. 65% have no church affiliation at all, and out of 3.4 million people, only 1% are followers of Jesus. What a ripe field Ben & Melissa will be walking into! The Berlin church building project is mostly complete. The team hopes to connect with the neighborhood through programs for children and Bible studies for women during the day and couples in the evening. The church is right next to a school, so opportunities abound! Please pray that Ben & Melissa will keep their eyes on Jesus and that God will open doors that will surprise them. Pray that the Holy Spirit will even now be ministering to the people who will be invited to attend functions at the church. *“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.” Hebrews 12:2*

**Monday [4]: MBMSI Office**

**Wichita, Kansas**

Praise God for Chris Spahr who works in the US Midwest office in Wichita. Chris is currently serving alone in the MBMSI office as we continue our search for a Regional Mobilizer in the Midwest. Please pray that God will continue to lead the search process for this important ministry; someone who can mobilize and be an encouragement to the MB churches in the Midwest. Pray that God will continue to strengthen Chris and give her the support she needs. *“Always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.” Colossians 4:12*

**Tuesday [5]: Mark & Amy**

**RESTRICTED**

Mark & Amy have asked for prayer for Daniel and Prasad, two young men from the south of the country in which they serve, who are sensing God’s call to the north. Please pray that God will give them a clear vision for their future ministry. Pray also for the four people that have just completed Missionary Training Institute in Abbotsford who are setting their sights on the same city in which Mark & Amy serve. Pray that God will continue to prepare their hearts and to work out the details of their future. This month this group of four will be visiting Mark & Amy on a Vision Trip where they will see firsthand the work in which they may be involved. We praise God that He is growing this team! *“O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants....” Nehemiah 1:5-6a*

**Wednesday [6]: Murray & Faith Nickel**

**Canada/DR Congo**

Murray & Faith Nickel are the MBMSI liaison couple with DR Congo. We ask that you pray for protection for them as they travel, for favor and understanding, and that above all, God’s light will shine forth and touch our MB brothers and sisters on both sides of the ocean. Pray that Murray & Faith will have wisdom as they strive for genuine, lasting unity in working together for the better good of the Congolese people. *“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:9-10*

**Thursday [7]: Jen Schmidt**

**Mexico**

Jen writes: “Our team is running our fourth annual discipleship program called HADIME - Jan 7-17, 2010. Pray that God will continue to call out young people for missions, pray that the youth involved will learn to live lives that are completely sold out for Christ, pray for wisdom, energy and joy for us who are leading the program.” Jen has a tremendous responsibility on the Matthew Team in Guadalajara. Please pray that God will give her the energy she needs, and joy in doing her ministry. Pray that her leading and instruction will bear fruit for the Kingdom. *“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2*

### Friday [8]: Andy & Carmen Owen

### Thailand

Praise God for an addition to the Owen family! Andy and Carmen have completed the final step of the adoption procedure to bring their new Thai daughter home. They hope to do so January or February once the paperwork is complete on the Thai government's end. Please pray that their new daughter will grow to be a strong woman of God. The Owen family has waited a long time for this so we rejoice with them. On the ministry front, they recently celebrated the establishment of the Thailand Mennonite Brethren Foundation. They gathered under a white tent in front of The Life Center with church members, friends, and various influential community people present for a great celebration. Praise God with us for this monumental step as He opens more doors for His Kingdom to come in Thailand. The verse they have claimed over their new daughter is:

*"The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name, that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God."* Isaiah 62:2

### Saturday [9]: Greg & Becky Ouellette

### Thailand

Greg, Becky, and their children recently returned to Thailand for their second term. Praise God that they were able to connect with so many friends, family, and churches during their Mobilization in North America (MINA). Pray that they will be able to adjust quickly back to life in Phuket, and that the children will feel at home again as they return to school and their neighborhood. In February the team is hoping to start a community/training center and we will be honored to have you pray along with us for the "perfect" location that will be inviting and approachable. Pray that they will be able to develop programs that will be suitable for children and adults, and that many will give their lives to Jesus as a result of this ministry.

*"Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established."* Proverbs 16:3

## January 10-16

### Sunday [10]: Winter TREKers

### Abbotsford, BC

Today a new group of TREKers will be arriving to begin a seven-week training period before heading off to work with our missionaries for three months in various countries. Please pray that these young people will go out with a servant attitude and with a clear calling from God. Pray that they will contribute greatly to the work already in progress in their host countries and that they will be an encouragement to our missionaries there. Ask God to help them leave their nervousness and fears at home, and go out with the confidence and power that is available through Him.

*"Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."*

Isaiah 44:8

### Monday [11]: Jose & Esperanza Prada

### Peru

Jose & Esperanza are Colombian church planters in Lima. There have been many challenging times during the past few years, and the Pradas have had to rely deeply on the Lord for provision. Pray with us that God will provide for the church facility

in Lima. In February the church rent doubles. The current meeting place is too small for the size of the congregation but to find an adequate place in the area where they are established is a significant challenge. Please pray that a local champion for this church will be found who could help them financially. Pray that the Peruvian Conference will help carry the Lima church so this ministry can continue. Pray that Jose & Esperanza will have energy and joy, and that God will raise up church planters to come alongside the Pradas and help them grow His Kingdom.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."* Jeremiah 29:11

### Tuesday [12]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez

### Thailand

Ricky & Karen continue to be very involved with the Abundant Life Home (ALH), The Life Center, and the Ang Sila church plant. The population in the ALH orphanage continues to grow. Little Golf, the latest addition to the home (there is also a Big Golf), recently accepted Jesus and already wants to be baptized. Praise God for His Holy Spirit's working. They recently had their first baptism in the Ang Sila area, baptizing seven new believers. God is great! Please pray that God will continue to touch the orphans in ALH, and also the work being done in Ang Sila, a small fishing village outside of Chonburi.

*"Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, you who have done great things. Who, O God, is like you?"* Psalm 71:19

### Wednesday [13]: Kevin & Wendy

### RESTRICTED

Kevin & Wendy are currently spending a few weeks in the country where they will be ministering. Please pray for their safety as they travel. This is a Vision Trip so they can see where they will be working and can already start making connections and friendships with the local people. In February they will begin fund raising and working within a local church in North America during a season of learning and building a support team. Please pray that this entire process will be one in which their family unit continues to be strong, and their faith in the Father is rewarded through His blessings upon them.

*"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory."* Isaiah 66:18

### Thursday [14]: TREK/DMI

### Thailand

Pastor Reg Toews from the Greendale MB Church, Chilliwack, B. C., is spending this week in Thailand. He will be leading a DMI program with the TREK team that has been in Thailand since the beginning of November. They will be doing door-to-door evangelism, evangelism in the parks and on the street, and anywhere else God leads them. Please pray that this group of young people will be open to the training Pastor Toews is giving them. Pray that the people God has chosen to hear the Gospel this week, will be found and ministered to. Praise God that He is using the TREK team to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*"And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."* I Corinthians 2:3-5

**Friday [15]: Ernie & Elfrieda Reimer** **Canada/Lithuania**

Ernie & Elfrieda are the MBMSI liaison couple for Lithuania. They write: "We rejoice that many prayers are being answered because Christians pray. We firmly believe that because of prayer people have been moved to give, others have become willing to lead in Lithuania and folks with an interest in the Lord have finally come to accept Christ. Praise the Lord. Our role in Lithuania is unique in that the eight churches are not MB churches, however, they want to be in a close relationship with us. Pray that we, the Reimers, will have the correct balance in being helpful, without being directive. Also, pray that we will find more avenues of telling the Lithuanian story to more churches from our constituency."

*"I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble." Proverbs 4:11-12*

**Saturday [16]: Andre & Olga Pritzkau** **Germany**

The Berlin MB Church building project is completed except for a few finishing touches. Andre & Olga write: "We thank God for growing connections and good contact with the school next door to our church. We are delighted also about the growing attendance at our church services. While we started in Treptow with fewer than 30 people attending, we are now often around 60. Praise God." Please pray that the church will have a very positive influence in this neighbourhood. As the people have been watching this building transform from a dilapidated former Soviet building to a wonderfully modern church/community center, they have been curious about what is going on. Pray that this curiosity will bring them through the doors where they can hear that God can transform more than a building.

*"For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it." 1 Corinthians 3:9-10*

**January 17-23**

**Sunday [17]: Liana Penner** **Peru**

Liana continues to direct and supervise the English program at a private Christian school in Trujillo. There are many challenges in this position, one of which is a shortage of instructors. Please pray that more qualified people will feel led to make this their ministry. Liana is also working on getting a nursery care, pre-adolescent, and adolescent program in place for the Trujillo MB Church Sunday celebration service. Please pray that she will receive encouragement in the work she so faithfully does, and that people will come along side her to help with the workload. Praise God for this faithful servant of God.

*"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

**Monday [18]: Stacy Kuhns** **Mexico**

Stacy is teaching in a school just outside of Guadalajara. There are many opportunities there to share about the peace that Jesus gives. She is surrounded by

other teachers who have not experienced freedom in Christ. Please pray that Stacy will have strength during persecution, power in sharing her testimony, and that her life will speak volumes for Jesus Christ. Pray that a healthy relationship will be established between her and the host family she is living with, and the surrounding neighborhood. There have been a number of kidnappings in the area, usually after school time. Please pray for safety for these children as they go home after school; pray for those who want to do them harm, that God will touch their hearts. Without Jesus, nothing will change for the better. Please also pray for Stacy's health. She has been experiencing stomach issues due to the unsanitary conditions she lives in.

*"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*

**Tuesday [19]: Phone Keo & Chansone** **RESTRICTED**

Phone Keo & Chansone have been ministering in this restricted access country for many years, but from the North American side with occasional trips overseas. Later this year, they will prepare to move to a neighboring country to continue the ministry from there. Please pray that the doors to this country might be open in reality, and not just on paper. Pray for safety as they must travel back and forth in a country that is very suspicious of Christians. Phone Keo has already spent time in prison as he attempted to teach and mentor the local pastors who face persecution and possible imprisonment on a daily basis. Please pray that the plans to transition from North America to Asia will go according to God's perfect plans.

*"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 2:10*

**Wednesday [20]: Motohiro & Mariya Hamana** **Thailand**

The Hamanas are newly commissioned missionaries from the Japanese MB Conference. They are still in Thai language training in Thailand, in preparation to go to the north to minister at the Changed Life Center (CLC) that is currently being renovated. This is a Christian training center that Khmu believers are very involved in, and Motohiro & Mariya will be joining that team. Please pray that the difficult Thai language will begin to make sense and that God will allow them to communicate adequately to share the free gift of salvation. Pray that they will be encouraged and allow the Holy Spirit to do His work.

*"So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty." Zechariah 4:6*

**Thursday [21]: Christoph & Antonia Haegele** **Lithuania**

Christoph & Antonia are MBMSI missionaries from Germany to Lithuania. They are working with the churches in Panevezys, Siauliai, Klaipeda, and Silute, to strengthen them, support them spiritually and emotionally, and to mentor the new pastors. The Haegeles have started a Day Care/After School program in one of the churches that the government is very impressed with, and are interested in financially supporting. We thank God that this ministry is recognized by the local government. Praise God for the many years of faithful service that Christoph & Antonia have given in

Lithuania. Christianity is very young in this former Soviet Union country. Pray that the churches will become self-sufficient financially (Panevezys and Siauliai already are) and that there might be young, qualified leaders raised up to take the call of being a pastor so these churches will have committed long term shepherds. Please pray that the people who hear will respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”*

*Isaiah 55:11*

### **Friday [22]: Amberly Hulzebos**

### **Japan**

Amberly teaches ESL in Japan and has been enjoying her work more each year. She says, “I feel the classes get better each year and I see improvements in the students’ speaking abilities”. Within this venue, Amberly has many chances to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and has been approached many times to share her faith. Pray that her ESL classes will continue to grow and bear fruit. She and a friend have once again started the preschool class that they were offering two years ago since there is a demand for this service. Please pray that this class will bring with it opportunities to present Jesus to the mothers of these kids.

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15:5,8*

### **Saturday [23]: Trever & Rebekah**

### **RESTRICTED**

We are so fortunate to have Trever working in the office with the Oasis team. Although he is not “on the ground” in this restricted access country, he is responsible for the logistics on the North American side for the work the national team is doing overseas. Please pray that Trever & Rebekah will continue to feel confident that this is where the Lord wants them. They are still mobilizing support, so please also pray that if people feel led to support this work, they will become part of the team. Pray for safety as Trever will be going overseas in February, and pray that Rebekah and their son Isaiah will feel comfortable and welcomed in Abbotsford.

*“In all circumstances, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.” Ephesians 6:16*

## **January 24-30**

### **Sunday [24]: Richard & Hazel Funk**

### **Austria**

Richard and Hazel write: “Pray that we will have much wisdom as we look into the New Year and ask God for direction in our ministry here in Salzburg and in our other five churches in Austria. The churches will be having their annual business meetings and planning budgets. Pray that God will give us, as churches, creative ideas in reaching out to the Austrian people.” Please bring this ministry before the throne of God. Europe is a post-Christian society and although many will call themselves Christians, most do not have a personal relationship with Christ.

*“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and*

*those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23-24*

### **Monday [25]: Sandra Fender**

### **Thailand**

Sandra continues with language study in Thailand, preparing for an assignment somewhere within that country. As with most people, Sandra is finding the Thai language very difficult to learn and she needs your prayers. Please pray that God will intervene in a direct way so that she can comprehend, absorb, and maintain the lessons she is learning. She needs the language to serve Jesus effectively in Thailand, so we know this is something God wants for her. Your prayers will mean a lot to her. Pray that she will be encouraged and not feel frustrated.

*“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.”*

*Psalms 5:2-3*

### **Tuesday [26]: Jason & Andrea Edwards**

### **Brazil**

Jason & Andrea are teaching at PACA (Pan American Christian Academy). Please pray that they will be a positive influence on the students, many of whom are not Christians. As Jason coaches soccer, he has many opportunities to teach the players how to be a Christian witness on the field. Pray that these opportunities will not go to waste, and that the students will witness to their opponents by the way they play the game. Pray that Jason & Andrea will find great joy in their ministry in Brazil.

*“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.” 1 Peter 5:2*

### **Wednesday [27]: Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga**

### **Panama**

Einer & Girlesa are teachers, mentors, substitute pastors on occasion, and evangelists to a number of churches in Panama. They would appreciate having prayer for the following items: they will be moving from one city to another and would like prayer for a safe move, and that their two children will adapt to the school, new city, and new friends. Please pray that their house will be repaired by the time they arrive. Please also pray for the new church in Yaviza where they will be ministering and the communities along the Rivers of the Forest which will be their mission field. Pray that God will open the minds and heart of these lost souls, and that Einer & Girlesa will have the physical and spiritual strength to accomplish the task.

*“I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?” Jeremiah 32:27*

### **Thursday [28]: MBMSI Media Team**

### **North America**

The MBMSI Media Team consists of Mark Klassen (Abbotsford), John-Mark Bergen (Fresno), John Ervin (Fresno), Philip Serez (Waterloo), Ann Zauner, and Katie Born (both from Abbotsford). The responsibility of this gifted team is to produce all of our publications, printing, mailing, newsletters, videos, pictures, website, and writing. There are many wonderful stories of God’s moving and provision, souls coming to Jesus, previously closed doors now opening, baptisms, etc. The Media Team is working hard to make sure those stories are told so the Lord can be praised for the

work He is doing around the world. Pray that the team will continue to be blessed with ideas, words, vision, and talents, and will use these gifts to honor Christ.

*"But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.'" Ephesians 4:7-8*

### Friday [29]: Robert & Marlene

### RESTRICTED

Rob & Marlene have been looking for property on which to build a teaching/retreat center, and are also trying to register their new foundation with the local government. Both of these issues have been a real challenge. In late November they found an ideal location and are currently working with the local government to try to procure the property. The bureaucracy in their country of service can be trying at times, so we covet your prayers. Please pray that Rob & Marlene, and the locals who are helping them, will find favor with the government, that God will provide the necessary down-payment and that all the paperwork could be signed for both the center and for their new foundation. May His Name be praised as a result!

*"So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God." Hosea 12:16*

### Saturday [30]: Lead Team

### Abbotsford, BC

Randy Friesen (General Director), Ray Harms-Wiebe (Global Program), Paul Dyck (Training and Team Health), Selwyn Uittenbosch (Finance), and JP Hayashida (IT & Operations) are all members of the MBMSI Lead Team. These godly men oversee everything that happens within this organization. Please pray that God will give them wisdom to know which direction to go, which new avenues to pursue, and how to handle day to day situations. The Lead Team's greatest desire is that the Father be glorified in everything we do in and through MBMSI, and we ask you to please bring these men before the throne on a regular basis.

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16*

### Sunday [31]: Doris Goertz

### Japan

Doris is thanking God He has made it possible for her to return to Japan and continue the ministry she loves so much. God has supplied an apartment within walking distance of the church where she is ministering, a faithful team of prayer and financial supporters, a group of qualified volunteers who help her with her classes, a class of 23 English conversation students, and much encouragement from her church and fellow missionaries. Recently some of her students have started attending church and we thank God that He is using Doris to do His work in Japan. Tomorrow Doris will be preaching at church so please ask God to give her a peaceful and calm spirit as she shares the Word with her congregation.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

# Prayer for the Nations

## Germany



When many Christians think of Germany, Martin Luther and the Reformation come to mind. But today, many German people do not have a relationship with Jesus. While Germany is affluent materially, there is great need spiritually. Many middle-aged and older Germans have given up on the traditional Church, and young people believe that the Church's teachings are irrelevant. Yet Germans of all ages are looking for answers, and they are open to God.

### Please pray:

- That the MB church plant in Berlin will have a transformational impact on that city
- For Andre & Olga Pritzkau and Ben & Melissa Froese, who serve in Berlin
- That believing Germans will develop an increased passion to reach out to unsaved fellow citizens and that God will raise up more German believers to start new churches.
- That this nation will be transformed by the love, grace and power of the living Jesus.

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