



Daily Prayer Guide



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

Psalm 2:8

July 2008

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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.

I thank my God every time I
remember you.

In all my prayers for all of you,
I always pray with joy because
of your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

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July 1-5

Tuesday [1]: Baudouin & Marie-Brigitte Nsulunka

South Africa

Pray for wisdom and safety for the Nsulunkas and the members of their church as they live as foreigners in South Africa. Pray also that the MB church's application for official registration with the Social Department of South Africa will be approved. The Nsulunkas are struggling to find housing in a safe area with easy access to public transportation. Pray that as they work with the refugee community in Durban, they would have easy inroads into that group of people, and the ability to share the love of Jesus with clarity. Pray for their children, Priscilla, Joseph-Joel during a season of final exams and preparation for university, and also for their youngest son, Silas.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am. Isaiah 58:9

Wednesday [2]: Ken & Marilyn Fast

Brazil

Ken & Marilyn have been building into the life of Liz, a Chinese single mom. Liz is trying to get into a nearby university in order to finish nursing school so she can support her family. Please pray that God would open a door for her to pursue this goal, and that God would provide for her needs in the meantime. As Ken & Marilyn connect with Liz, pray that they would have wisdom and the ability to bless her in meaningful ways. Ken is recovering from knee surgery while Marilyn has been treated for tendonitis. Pray for complete healing as both are heavily involved in athletic ministries.

O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. Oh, restore me to health and make me live! Is. 38:16

Thursday [3]: Kevin & Karlene Klassen

Thailand

Kevin & Karlene together with their team, Operation 2nd Wave, are in Phuket studying Thai language and culture. They have also started connecting with neighbors and with other Christians in Phuket. The team has seen God do marvelous work in their city, bringing the church together in unity. Pray that this unity would continue to grow stronger and that people will be attracted to the church as a result of what they see. Pray that Operation 2nd Wave would also experience great unity even in the midst of the pressure of living in a new and unfamiliar culture.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains for Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore. Ps. 133: 1, 3

Friday [4]: Wendy Eros

Japan

Wendy is currently on MINA (Mobilization In North America) in Abbotsford, BC for part of the summer. During this time of rest and reconnection with family, friends and supporters, pray that Wendy would have numerous opportunities to testify to the great things God has been doing in, through and around her in Nagoya, Japan. This weekend Wendy will be hosting a dessert evening at her home church. Pray that many people would come and be inspired to engage in her ministry. Pray that her current supporters would be blessed and encouraged as they connect with Wendy and hear of God's work.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Is. 40:31

Saturday [5]: ACTION/SOAR

Montreal

Pray for Philip Serez and Heidi Mikitka (MBMSI Waterloo office) as they coordinate and provide leadership for two short term mission programs this month, ACTION and SOAR. Pray for the ACTION participants as they train in Montreal in preparation for one month of cross-cultural ministry in Portugal, Thailand and Quebec. Pray for the SOAR participants as they spend 10 days ministering alongside MB churches and other ministries in downtown Montreal. Pray that all of these participants would experience God's heart for the nations and that their lives would be transformed as they participate in mission.

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Phil. 4:6

July 6-12

Sunday [6]: Samir & Lewiza

RESTRICTED

Samir & Lewiza have recently returned from North Africa, where they were filming programs for satellite TV. The programs are focused on evangelism and discipleship. Pray that many people would view these programs and would take steps toward a relationship with Jesus. Pray for protection, health and strength for Samir & Lewiza as they engage in a challenging ministry. Pray also for the family as they mourn the loss of Samir's brother.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Monday [7]: Jason & Andrea Edwards**Brazil**

Today, Jason and Andrea are celebrating their first anniversary. Praise God that this young couple took the bold step of following God's call to Brazil. Pray that God would continue to unify them as a couple and deepen their love for each other. As they teach at Pan American Christian Academy pray that they will be able to have a significant impact on the lives of students. Pray also for their involvement in the Familia de Deus church and a soccer ministry.

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

Tuesday [8]: MBMSI Board of Directors

The Board of MBMSI provides strategic support and direction to the General Director and will be meeting for the next few days in Montreal. Pray for this group of men and women who faithfully seek the Lord on behalf of MBMSI. Pray that God would continue to speak to them and praise the Lord for their willingness to freely volunteer their time, wisdom and experience. Pray that these few days would provide opportunity for them to grow in relationship with one another in the presence of the Lord.

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. Malachi 3:16

Wednesday [9]: Robert & Erika Sukkau**Peru**

Please pray for Bob & Erika as they transition out of the church in Trujillo and look to the Lord for guidance for the future in Canada. Pray that they would be sure of God's guidance as they discern their next steps. Please continue to pray for the Leadership Team in Trujillo as it plans for the future, especially for Sergio la Rosa as he adapts to his role as pastor. Pray also for Rolando Neyra, the new president of the national committee of the association of Peruvian churches. Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower him for leadership.

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. James 1:25

Thursday [10]: Gathering 2008**Montreal**

As representatives of MB churches and organizations from across Canada gather in Montreal for the next few days, pray that God's name would be glorified. Pray that the bonds of unity would be strengthened and that a clear vision for the future would be articulated. Pray for the Canadian MB Conference staff as they coordinate and lead this event. Pray that God would give them joy and energy in their task. As MBMSI representatives attend and report, pray that God would speak through them to encourage the MB church family in its mission engagement.

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Ps. 9:1,2

Friday [11]: Amber & Amanda Griffioen**Thailand**

Amber recently started a new teaching position in Phuket. This is an answer to prayer, as it qualifies her for the visa she needs to stay in Thailand. Pray that God would use her in this new position as she teaches children from preschool to Grade 8 and also builds relationships with the teachers in the school. Pray that God would use her to shine his light brightly in the school. Amber and Amanda have both been active in building relationships in their community, leading a kids club and continuing to study the Thai language. Pray that God would bless them and their team as they serve.

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the bones. Prov. 15:30

Saturday [12]: MBMSI Staff**Winnipeg**

In Winnipeg, Lloyd and Carol Letkeman serve as Regional Mobilizers together with Fern Janzen, Short Term Ministry Coordinator and Eileen Klassen, Administrative Assistant. These four individuals are committed to connecting the MB church in central Canada with global missions opportunities. Recently, the Winnipeg team trained and mobilized ACTION teams to DR Congo, Lithuania and Japan. Pray for these teams as they serve for the next month and pray that Lloyd, Carol, Fern and Eileen would be blessed with creativity, favor and joy as they serve a broad constituency.

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men Eph. 6:7

July 13-19**Sunday [13]: Richard & Hazel Funk****Austria**

Richard & Hazel have faithfully and tirelessly served in Austria for many years, providing support and resources to the Austrian MB Conference. One of the churches they now serve is Gmunden, which they planted years ago. After 15 years in rented school facilities, the Gmunden church has rented space in a large business complex. Praise God for that. They are now meeting there with the youth group, have offices there and hope to soon move in for Sunday services as well. Pray that they will be able to rent another room in the complex that would give them more room for their worship services.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16

Monday [14]: Doris Goertz**Japan**

Doris is re-engaging in ministry in Japan after a short season of living in North America. Pending the approval of the Amagasaki church members, she will be serving as a missionary in that church. The pastor of this church has been praying for an English-speaking missionary to come to his church. She will be involved in teaching English, directing the music ministry, being involved in relational evangelism, discipleship, preaching, and so on. In addition, she will be working with MBMSI to form a team in the Osaka area, which would include short-term English teachers. Pray that God will provide everything she needs to take this step of faith.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. Ps. 143:1

Tuesday [15]: MBMSI Finance Team **Abbotsford**

Under the leadership of Selwyn Uittenbosch, the finance team (Dale, Gayle, Dianne, Rachel and Susan) manage a significant number of processes that enable the various missionaries and ministries of MBMSI to accomplish the purposes to which God has called them. We thank God for their attention to detail, their passion for missions and their joy as they serve. Pray that God would bless them and their families, and that he would continue to give them focus and energy as they perform a vital function on the MBMSI team.

I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good. Ps. 54:6

Wednesday [16]: Jim & Marilou Nightingale **Brazil**

Jim & Marilou are working to develop a camping ministry for youth, children, couples and families to support the ministry of MB churches in Brazil. Praise God that at the end of June, they were able to begin moving onto a new property that will serve as the Barnabas Retreat Center and Adventure Camp. Pray that God would continue to raise up financial support for this initiative and that God would continue to build a team around them for this ministry.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exact thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Is. 25:1

Thursday [17]: John N. & Mary Klassen **Germany**

After years of service in Germany, John N. and Mary Klassen have returned to Canada. Praise God for the opportunities that the Klassens have had to speak into the lives of church leaders at the seminary in Bonn, and for the opportunity they now have to encourage their family, friends and supporters. Thank God for the years of fruitful service which the Klassens had, and pray for multiplied fruit as the leaders they trained serve in a variety of ministries and locations. Pray that this next season of life would be rich in relationship with God, each other, and their community.

LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keeps covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who walk before thee with all their heart.

I Kings 8:23

Friday [18]: Berlin MB Church **Germany**

The MB Church in Berlin was planted years ago by MBMSI missionaries Lawrence & Selma Warkentin and is currently under the leadership of Andrew & Olga Pritzkau. Pray for Andrew & Olga as they lead the church through a change in location. Pray that the church will make quick inroads in their new community and that they would be seen as relevant by the people they are trying to reach. Praise God for the TREK team that recently served in Berlin for seven months and thank God that he used this time to clarify the call he has on each of the TREKer's lives.

I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. Ezekiel 34:26

Saturday [19]: Disciple Making International

The DMI program provides a two to three week opportunity to participate on a cross-cultural evangelism mission alongside national believers. Praise God for the hundreds of participants who have eagerly shared the love of Jesus in countries like Ukraine, India, DR Congo, Mexico, Thailand and more. Pray that God would continue to raise up participants for this ministry and that many people would come to know Jesus as a result. Pray that the national churches who host teams would be effective in providing discipleship for new believers. Pray for Phil Harris and Liz Nickel who provide leadership and staff support for DMI.

And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ. Eph. 4:11, 12

July 20-26

Sunday [20]: Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin **Paraguay**

Pray for Melvin & Gudrun as they serve at the Indian Bible Institute in Yalve Sange, Paraguay. While we praise God with them for high enrollment, we share their desire to see more students enroll from the North Lengua community of Filadelfia, but most face economic and academic challenges that hinder them from studying. Pray that students would have the courage to pursue studies in spite of obstacles and pray that God would provide for their needs. The need for trained pastors is great.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Heb. 11:1

Monday [21]: Robert & Marlene **RESTRICTED**

Rob & Marlene are hosting a team of young adults who are trekking into remote areas of their country, bringing the gospel to people who have never before heard the name of Jesus. Pray that they and the team would experience favor with the people they meet, strength for the long daily hikes, unity on this intense assignment and great joy as they serve. Pray that many people would encounter Jesus in a real way and that their lives would be transformed. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers to this field

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Matt 9:37, 38

Tuesday [22]: Otto & Lidia Funk **Peru**

Otto & Lidia write, "Please don't get tired of praying for an appropriate place to worship, but the good news is that the neighbor has not called the Police anymore; at least the Police have not interrupted our services. Prices are still going up on rent and our finances are not keeping up with the increase." Please continue to pray for a place where the church can worship freely. Pray for the Funks and their team as they have an opportunity to shine the light of God in the city of Lima.

Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my groaning. Hearken to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to thee do I pray. Ps. 5:1, 2

Wednesday [23]: Phone Keo & Chansone**RESTRICTED**

Phone Keo & Chansone are involved in supporting, training and resourcing a group of churches among a least-reached people group in southeast Asia. Pray for security and for favor at border crossings as they travel, so that they can enter the countries where God has called them to minister. Pray that God would give them great wisdom and the ability to teach effectively. Praise God for this couple who have sacrificed many things willingly for the sake of the advancement of the gospel. Pray for continued health and safety. *In peace, I will both lie and sleep; for thou, LORD, makest me dwell in safety. Ps. 4:8*

Thursday [24]: Jen Schmidt**Mexico**

Jen, part of the Matthew Team in Guadalajara, Mexico, will be helping to host a team of 70 short term missionaries from Fresno, CA this week. Pray for creativity and energy as she helps to bridge the cultural gap for this team and coordinates the details of their service. In the midst of a full ministry schedule this summer, pray that Jen would be able to find time to rest and be renewed by the Lord so that she can continue her work effectively. Pray that Jen and the Matthew Team would continue to experience unity, shared vision and passion for their work.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. II Cor. 4:16

Friday [25]: USMB Convention**Hillsboro**

Representatives of MB churches and organizations from across the United States will gather in Kansas for the next few days. Pray that God's name would be glorified. Pray that the bonds of unity would be strengthened and that a clear vision for the future would be articulated. Pray for the USMB Conference staff as they coordinate and lead this event. Pray that God would give them joy and energy in their task. As MBMSI representatives attend and report, pray that God would speak through them to encourage the MB church family in its mission engagement.

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:1-3

Saturday [26]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez**Thailand**

Ricky & Karen are a part of Team 2000, planting churches in Chonburi, Thailand. This summer and fall, they will be back in North America for a time of study, refreshment, and connecting with the churches and individuals who support their ministry. Pray that this time would be rejuvenating for them and their children. As Ricky reports at the USMB Convention today, pray that God would use him to inspire, inform and encourage our USMB church family.

Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17

July 27-31**Sunday [27]: Murray & Faith Nickel****DR Congo**

As Murray & Faith coordinate ministry projects in DR Congo, pray that God would bless them with wisdom and insight. On their frequent trips from Canada to DR Congo, pray that God would give them health, safety, and the ability to connect well with Congolese people. Pray that God would use their development projects to provide tangible life change for people and point them toward Jesus. Pray that the relationship between the Nickels and Congolese church leadership would continue to be fruitful and healthy. *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:17*

Monday[28]: Liana Penner**Peru**

Liana Penner has served as an English as a Second Language teacher in Peru for eight years. Praise God for her dedication to ministry and pray that he would continue to use her ministry to touch many lives. Pray that as she serves the church in Trujillo, she would have many opportunities to pour into the community. Pray that God would continue to meet her in personal, intimate ways and that she would continue to grow in her relationship with him. *I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and I have not rejected you." Isaiah 41:9*

Tuesday [29]: Ernie & Elfrieda Reimer**Lithuania**

Based in Fort St. John, BC, Ernie & Elfrieda are integrally involved in MBMSI projects in Lithuania. As they face the challenge of ministry from a distance, pray that God would give them insight, wisdom and the ability to communicate with clarity in spite of geographical separation. Pray for safety as they travel between Canada and Lithuania, and that the leadership they provide will have a significant impact on many lives. *He gives them security, and they are supported; and his eyes are upon their ways. Job 24:23*

Wednesday [30]: Tim & Denice Kuhns**Brazil**

Tim & Denice are working at Pan American Christian Academy in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Pray that they would have a significant impact on the lives of students. Pray also that they will be able to build relationships with people in the community where they live and that they'll have opportunities to shine the light of Jesus in their neighborhood. Their daughter Stacy has recently completed MBMSI's Missionary Training Institute and is now on her way to serve with the Matthew Team in Guadalajara, Mexico. Praise God for the strong missions passion in the Kuhns family.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; thou holdest my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. Ps. 16: 5, 6

Thursday [31]: Andy & Carmen Owen

Thailand

Andy & Carmen are part of Team 2000 in Chonburi, Thailand, and are involved in The Life Center and the ministries that surround that church. Praise God for the growth in membership that has happened in the church and pray that more people from the community would be compelled to worship Jesus as a result of this ministry. In the midst of a very full ministry life, pray that the Owen family would have sufficient time to rest, to hear from the Lord and to hear from each other.

Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. Eph. 6:18-20

Prayer for the Nations

GERMANY



As Europe's largest economy and most populous nation, Germany remains a key member of the continent's economic, political and defense organizations. Its wealth, power and strategic location in the EU and Europe could be of

inestimable value for the Kingdom of God. For this, a strong, courageous leadership based on Christian values is needed. Unfortunately, the church is widely perceived as irrelevant and marginalized. Although 70% of the people claim to be Christian, only 45% believe in a personal God, only 8% worship regularly and less than 2% would be considered Evangelical Christians.

Please pray:

- that God would grant wisdom and discernment to strategic leaders in the nation, as well as strength for the job he has given them to do
- that German people would experience real, personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- for MB church planters in former East Germany (Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin) as they disciple new believers and point congregations toward Jesus, and as they seek to influence their surrounding communities with the love and Gospel of Jesus.

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