

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 2009

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FEATURE**

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**For as the soil makes the
sprout come up and a garden
causes seeds to grow, so the
Sovereign LORD will make
righteousness and praise
spring up before all nations.**

Isaiah 61:11

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July 1-4

Wednesday [1]: Summer Short Term Mission Programs

Praise God for the large number of participants who will be engaging in short term programs this month. Pray that each person involved will encounter God's transformational love whether they are serving in North America or abroad. Pray that the leaders of each DMI, ACTION and SOAR program will be blessed with wisdom, insight and energy and pray that many people will decide to follow Jesus as a result of these programs. Pray that the long term missionaries who are hosting ACTION teams will be refreshed and inspired by the energy and creativity of the participants. Pray that the DMI participants will find many ways to connect with people in DR Congo who need to hear about Jesus.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23

Thursday [2]: Mennonite World Conference

Paraguay

In the coming weeks, Mennonites from around the world will be gathering together in Asuncion for meetings, teaching, worship and celebration at the Mennonite World Conference. Praise God for the hundreds of people working together to organize and host all of the events during this time, and pray for the thousands of people who will attend. Pray that the people of Asuncion will be curious about the event, and that they will have many opportunities to hear about Jesus. Pray for those who will be attending on behalf of MBMSI.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

Friday [3]: Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga

Panama

Einer and Girlesa have been serving in Panama for a number of years, but have only recently had the opportunity to serve in the Darien forest area. Although it is a dangerous area, it is ripe for harvest and six young adults were baptized there in May. Pray for Einer and Girlesa as they plan to return to this risky area, and pray for their continued ministry in the Chepo area as well. Pray for the Wounaan people of both the Chepo and Darien regions, and pray that God will continue to give Einer and Girlesa the strength, energy, wisdom and creativity they need to be effective.

"Observe therefore all the commands I am giving you today, so that you may have the strength to go in and take over the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess." Deuteronomy 11:8

Saturday [4]: Ernie & Elfrieda Reimer

Lithuania

Ernie and Elfrieda live in Canada and serve as resource people for various ministries in Lithuania. Pray that God will continue to use them in significant ways as they encourage and support churches and ministries in Lithuania from a distance. Pray for energy and creativity. Pray that God will give Ernie and Elfrieda strategic opportunities to share their wisdom with the next generation of Lithuanian Christian leaders, and pray that God will continue to call out and equip a new generation of Christian leaders for service in Lithuania

"My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the utterance from my heart will give understanding." Psalm 49:3

July 5-11

Sunday [5]: Andrew & Olga Pritzkau

Germany

Andrew and Olga are providing pastoral leadership in the Berlin MB Church. Pray that the church, which has recently relocated to a different area in Berlin, will have a significant transformational impact in the community. Praise God for Gary and Ellie Loewen, who are serving the church by coordinating the renovation project, and pray for their continued safety and energy. Praise God for providing such a strategic facility. Pray that many people in Berlin will encounter Jesus as a result of the witness of this worshipping community.

"He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes." Deuteronomy 10:21

Monday [6]: John & Geri Ervin

Worldwide

John is a media resource missionary who captures stories of God's transformational work through video and photography in order that the North American church may celebrate what God is doing as a result of their partnership with missionaries around the world. Pray that churches and individuals will be led into worship as they experience these stories, and also that they will be called to deeper engagement in global mission. This ministry requires a high degree of creativity and discernment, as well as expertise. Praise God for the gifts He has given John and for his obedience in using them to bring glory to God. Pray for health and strength, as his travel schedule is often heavy.

"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." Jeremiah 31:25

Tuesday [7]: Ben & Melissa Froese

Germany

Pray for Ben and Melissa as they enter a season of mobilization in preparation for ministry in Berlin. Pray that God will give them creativity as they share about what He is doing in Berlin, and about what they are preparing to do. Ben and Melissa will be joining Andrew and Olga Pritzkau, who have already been church planting for a number of years. Pray that these two couples will form a strong, united team and that they will be a source of great encouragement and joy to one another.

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Wednesday [8]: Tim & Denice Kuhns**Brazil**

Tim and Denice serve as teachers at Pan American Christian Academy (PACA) in Sao Paulo. Pray for abundant energy and wisdom as they teach and interact with students. Pray that those students who already follow Jesus will take steps to deepen their faith, and those students who do not yet know Jesus will encounter the Lord in a significant way. Pray that God will use Tim and Denice in strategic ways to disciple and point people toward Jesus. Pray that there will be unity of vision and purpose among the staff team at PACA, and among all of the MBMSI missionaries serving in Brazil.

“The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.” Proverbs 13:14

Thursday [9]: Richard & Hazel Funk**Austria**

Praise God for these faithful servants who have ministered in Austria for many years. Richard and Hazel first started in Gmunden in 1987 and now have the joy of supporting all MB churches in Austria, as well as some in Germany, through training, seminars, leadership development, and the provision of written resources. Pray that the MB churches in Austria and Germany will have a growing impact in their communities. Pray that God will continue to give Richard and Hazel vision and boldness as they reach out to a nation that could be considered “post-Christian.”

“Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.” I Timothy 3:1

Friday [10]: Greg & Becky Ouellette**Thailand**

Pray for Greg, Becky and their children, Caleb, Emma, Luke and Silas, as they live and minister in Phuket as part of the Operation 2nd Wave (O2W) team. Praise God for their willingness to serve, and pray for them as they continue to study the difficult Thai language. Pray that the O2W team will continue engaging in creative outreach activities and that many people will decide to follow Jesus as a result of their service. Pray for believers in Phuket, who often face opposition from their Buddhist families.

“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.” I Corinthians 15:58

Saturday [11]: Jose & Esperanza Prada**Peru**

Jose and Esperanza are planting a church and training leaders in Lima. Pray for them as they reach out to their community and encourage church members to follow Jesus with passion. Pray that God will continue to pour into Jose and Esperanza so that they in turn will be able to pour into the people around them. Pray that God will give them wisdom and strength, and pray that God will use the Lima MB Church to spread the gospel throughout the city.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10

July 12-18**Sunday [12]: Global Program Team****Abbotsford, BC**

Under the leadership of Ray Harms-Wiebe, the Global Program team provides strategic support to ministries and initiatives around the world. Pray for Ray as well as Ettie Janzen, and Jamie Munday, who form the core of the Global Program team. Pray that they will be able to clearly hear and boldly obey the voice of the Lord. Pray that the communication between this team and their contacts around the world will continue to be clear and God-honoring, and that God’s Kingdom will be advanced as a result of the actions that this team takes.

“O Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your words are trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servants.” II Samuel 7:28

Monday [13]: Trevor & Rebekah**RESTRICTED**

Trevor and Rebekah are new missionaries with MBMSI who have recently completed the Missionary Training Institute. They have joined the Oasis team, and will be supporting a network of ministries, believers and leaders across North Africa with team leaders Samir & Lewiza. As they engage in a season of mobilizing prayer and financial support, pray that God will encourage them, guide them, and provide for all of their needs. Pray for their young son, Isaiah.

“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.” Psalm 62:8

Tuesday [14]: Andy & Carmen Owen**Thailand**

Andy and Carmen serve on Team 2000 in Chonburi, where they support several church plants and ministries. At a recent retreat for church members from each of the Chonburi-area church plants, several friends of church members decided to follow Jesus! Pray for these new believers as they learn what it means to be Christ-followers in Thai society. Pray that Andy, Carmen, and the rest of Team 2000 will continue to grow in love and unity, and that they will be sensitive to the voice of God as they go through each day.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17:20-21

Wednesday [15]: Phone Keo & Chansone**RESTRICTED**

Phone Keo & Chansone serve both in North America and in their home country, which is a restricted area in Southeast Asia. Pray for health, strength and protection for this couple as they travel and as they enter into ministry situations that are often disapproved of by local authorities. As they provide counsel, support, training and encouragement to a growing number of Christian leaders,

pray that this couple will be filled with wisdom, joy and the ability to speak truth into the lives of leaders. Pray that God will continue to grow the church in the nation where they serve, and that believers will remain faithful, strong and encouraged in the midst of persecution. Pray for Phone Keo's brother who was recently imprisoned for his faith.

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you, In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust without a fear. What can flesh do to me?" Psalms 56:3-4

Thursday [16]: Kevin & Wendy

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Kevin and Wendy are currently based in Canada, and provide significant support to the Oasis Team, which ministers in a variety of ways throughout North Africa. Pray for health and strength for Kevin and Wendy, and that God will continue to give them clear direction in their ministry. Praise God for the many lives that are being impacted as a result of the media and discipleship ministries in which the Oasis Team engages. Pray that this region of the world will continue to be transformed by the love, power and grace of Jesus, and that many new Christians will be discipled and called into ministry.

"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." Acts 5:42

Friday [17]: Jen Schmidt

Mexico

Jen is part of the Matthew Team, serving in Guadalajara. This summer, the Matthew Team is hosting several short-term teams, and Jen will play an important role in hosting these teams. Pray that Jen will have abundant energy and joy, and that she will be able to prioritize and delegate well when teams are around. Pray that many people will decide to follow Jesus as a result of spending time with the Matthew Team and the short term missionaries that will be in Guadalajara. Pray for unity of vision and purpose among the members of the Matthew Team.

"For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights." II Samuel 22:32-34

Saturday [18]: Doris Goertz

Japan

Praise God that Doris has arrived in Japan after a season of mobilization and training in North America. Doris has served in Japan in the past, and brings a great deal of experience and passion to her present role as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher and as a mentor to MBMSI's other ESL teachers in Japan. Pray that these ESL classes will continue to be a strategic bridge between the church and the community and pray that many students will decide to follow Jesus as a result of the testimony of their teachers.

".....pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." I Timothy 6:11b-12

July 19-25

Sunday [19]: MBMSI Office Staff

Fresno

Praise God for the team of gifted and passionate individuals who work in MBMSI's Fresno Office. Pray for Galen Wiest (Regional Mobilizer), Mark Thompson (Short Term Mission Coordinator), Kathy Moser (Administrative Assistant) and John-Mark Bergen (Video). Pray also for Vic Wiens, who works out of the Fresno office in his role supporting ministries and missionaries in the Portuguese-speaking world. Pray that the MB churches of Western USA will be encouraged, inspired and challenged to continue partnering with God's missional work.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." I Corinthians 12:4-5

Monday [20]: Christoph & Antonia Haegele

Lithuania

Pray for Christoph & Antonia, who support the Lithuanian MB Conference by teaching at the Evangelical Bible Institute, ministering to youth, and serving the four MB church plants in Lithuania. Pray that God will continue to raise up leaders within the conference. Pray that Christoph, Antonia and their four children will be very aware of the Lord's presence in their lives, and that God will continue to use them to advance His kingdom in strategic ways. Pray that they will continue to find joy in their ministry, and that many people will be introduced to Jesus as a result of this family's presence in Lithuania.

"...the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God." Romans 15:15b-17

Tuesday [21]: Murray & Faith Nickel

DR Congo

Murray and Faith serve as resource people for a variety of social ministries that the Congolese MB Conference operates. Praise God for the many gifts that He has given this couple, and that they are so eager to use these gifts for the advancement of His Kingdom. Pray that people will continue to turn to Jesus as they encounter Him through the love that they experience in these programs. Pray for health, safety and abundant energy as Murray and Faith travel frequently between Canada and DR Congo.

"I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." Psalms 4:8

Wednesday [22]: Robert & Marlene

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As Robert and Marlene host an ACTION team this summer, pray for wisdom and insight. Pray that the team will be safe and healthy as they hike long distances to reach out to nomadic people in a remote mountainous region. Robert and Marlene are taking steps toward establishing a non-governmental organization

that will enable them to enter into new areas of ministry. Pray that the process will be smooth and efficient. Praise God that their current ministries are bearing fruit and pray for continued effectiveness, vision and joy as they serve.

"He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit." Ephesians 2:17-18

Thursday [23]: Stacy Kuhns

Mexico

Stacy is serving alongside the Matthew Team as a participant in the Jornada program. This month she will play an integral role in leading the SOAR South Texas short-term mission program. Pray that God will give her energy and joy for this role. As she continues to adjust to Mexican culture and engages in learning Spanish, pray for an alert mind and that she will develop a deep love for Mexican people. Pray that this will be a season when Stacy experiences God working through her and within her in significant ways.

"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 have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:9-10

Friday [24]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez

Thailand

As Ricky and Karen provide leadership to Team 2000 and to MBMSI's overall ministry in Thailand, pray for vision, discernment, and the ability to be strong, godly leaders. Praise God for the many lives that Ricky and Karen have had the opportunity to touch, and that the church plants in the Chonburi area continue to grow. Pray that God will continue to transform lives in Thailand, and that He will give Ricky and Karen the ability to discern how He wants them to be engaged in ministry.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:11-12

Saturday [25]: Matt & Ruth

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Matt and Ruth are a new missionary couple on their way to serve with Team 58:12 in Central Asia. Pray that their team will continue to bond effectively, and that their relationships will be characterized by love, grace and unity. Pray that meaningful connections will be built with individuals and churches who will prayerfully and financially partner with them. Pray that God will prepare the way before this team, giving them many opportunities to see lives transformed. Pray for their young children, Abigail and Caleb, in this season.

"If anyone purifies himself from what is ignoble, then he will be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the Master of the house, ready for any good work." II Timothy 2:21

July 26-31

Sunday [26]: Liana Penner

Peru

Pray for Liana as she serves in Trujillo, teaching English as a Second Language and also supporting the Trujillo MB Church. Praise God for the many years she has given to this ministry, and pray that she will be encouraged and filled with joy as she continues to serve. Pray that God will renew her strength and energy each day, and that He will continue to give her vision and passion for the work He has given her to do. Pray that each person in Liana's circle of influence will experience the love Christ has for them through her.

"Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us." I John 3:24

Monday [27]: Sandra Fender

Thailand

Sandra is engaged in a year of language study in Lopburi. Pray that as she studies, God will enable her to understand a difficult language and grant her insight into Thai culture as well. Praise God for the opportunities she has to share her faith as she practices her Thai with neighbors and shopkeepers, and pray that people will accept Jesus as a result of these conversations. Pray that Sandra will experience great joy as she navigates a foreign city, culture and language.

"Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever." Psalm 146:5,6

Tuesday [28]: Jason & Andrea Edwards

Brazil

Jason and Andrea have been serving for several years at Pan American Christian Academy and also in Familia de Deus church in Brazil. Praise God for their passion to serve, and for their skills in teaching, coaching, nursing and discipling. Pray that Jason and Andrea will have favor with the students, and that the lives of many students will be impacted. Pray that this couple will continue to be encouraged in their ministry and to grow in their love for one another.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." II Corinthians 9:12

Wednesday [29]: Dave & Mel

RESTRICTED

This new missionary couple has recently completed MBMSI's Missionary Training Institute (MTI), and is part of a new team called 58:12 that will be serving in Central Asia. Praise God for the work He has already done to prepare the way for this team. As Dave and Mel visit individuals and churches, pray that God will raise up a strong team of prayer and financial supporters around them. In this transitional season, pray for their young children, Mikayla, Brooklyn and Joshua.

"For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end – it will not lie. If it seem slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay." Habakkuk 2:3

Thursday [30]: Phil & Carol Bergen

Praise God that people are accepting Jesus in Burkina Faso, as new believers share their faith with family and friends. Pray for Maliki, who helps the Bergens translate the Bible into Nanerige and is embracing opportunities to preach the gospel. Praise God for the many years of faithful service that the Bergens have invested in N'Dorola, and pray that they will remain healthy, passionate and creative in their ministry. Pray also for their teammates, Blaine and Michelle Warner.

"Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number, multitudes of both men and women." Acts 5:14

Friday [31]: Mark & Amy

Mark and Amy have a creative, multi-faceted ministry among their neighbors in South Asia. Pray that the new relationships they have developed with a network of poets in their city will result in opportunities to speak truth and share their faith in meaningful ways. Praise God for the many inroads into the community that He has orchestrated for this couple, and pray that people will decide to follow Jesus as a result of their encounters with Mark and Amy. Pray that their children, Alexis, Sophia and Dania will continue to enjoy life in this setting, and that they will have many significant friendships.

"The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Isaiah 58:11

Burkina Faso

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Pray also for:

J & F

Alfredo & Sandra Beltran
Barbara Block
Bob & Christine Davis
Otto & Marjorie Ekk
Wendy Eros
Ken & Marilyn Fast
Cynthia Friesen
Otto & Lidia Funk
Trevor & Joan Godard
Rob & Judy Griffioen
Motohiro & Mariya Hamana
Laurence & Leona Hiebert
Melanie Humphreys

John N & Mary Klassen
Kevin & Karlene Klassen
Jim & Marilou Nightingale
Nsulunka
Saji & Bindu
Sandra Plett
Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters
Russ & Marj Speiser
Robert & Ann Thiessen
Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin
Blaine & Michelle Warner
John & Evelyn Wiens
Samir & Lewiza

Prayer for the Nations

India

With its diverse geography, economy and cultures, India is a fascinating country. India is the birthplace of Buddhism, and is home to people of many different religions. It is also home to one of the largest MB Conferences in the world. In 1889, the Russian MB Conference sent Abraham and Mary Friesen, the first MB missionaries, to India. MBMSI has sent more than 100 long term missionaries to India since that time. Christians in India strive to live counter-culturally, rejecting the caste system and "considering others better than [them]selves." (Philippians 2:3)



Please pray:

- That the MBMSI missionaries who serve in India will be filled with joy and passion as they minister in a variety of ways.
- That the India MB Conference will continue to grow as evangelists travel to remote villages by bicycle and scooter to share the gospel.
- That the students of the MB Centenary Bible College will be fully equipped for ministry, and that the staff will be encouraged by the growth they see in their students.

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