



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 2010

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FEATURE**

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“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16

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July 1-3

Thursday [1]: Robert & Marlene

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Praise God that He is raising up Christian leaders from within the country where Robert and Marlene serve. Pray for B* and D* as well as T* and P*. Pray that the Lord will raise up another couple who will be eager and willing to partner with the church plant where these other workers serve. Pray that the 100 children who show up at the Golden Key Club every week will encounter Jesus in real ways. Pray that Robert and Marlene will receive official approval for the non-government organization they are trying to establish, and that they will be granted visas that will enable them to stay in their country of service. Pray also for the team of five young adults that will be joining Robert and Marlene during the MBMSI Summer ACTION program.

"I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness." Isaiah 61:10

Friday [2]: ACTION:Abbotsford

Abbotsford, BC

Please pray for the ACTION:Abbotsford program that starts today. Participants on this program gather in Abbotsford today for a week of discipleship training, team building and ministry preparation. After training, teams will be sent to Austria, Ukraine and Central Asia, to work alongside long-term MBMSI missionaries and partner MB conferences. Pray that the Lord will use these teams to advance His kingdom in significant ways. Pray also that the Lord will use this season of ministry to call each participant into a lifelong commitment to engagement in global mission, either by going, praying more strategically, or giving more generously. Pray for John Best (Western Canada Regional Mobilizer) and Petra Martin (TREK intern) as they provide teaching, mentoring and guidance to this program.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9

Saturday [3]: Phil & Carol Bergen

Burkina Faso

Praise the Lord with us that the Gospel is taking root in Burkina Faso. This past Easter Sunday, 17 people were baptized in the town of N'Dorola. Pray for Draman, Zi, Bugunyogon, Bere and the others that were baptized that day, that they would continue to grow in faith, knowledge of God, and holiness. Praise God that Nanerige people are sharing the Gospel with their family and friends, and that people are responding. Pray for continued wisdom for Phil and Carol as they provide support and leadership to the work that is going on in Burkina Faso.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

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Sunday [4]: Matt & Ruth

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Pray for Matt and Ruth and their two children as they enter into life in Central Asia. Praise God for this family, and pray that their adjustment to life in their new home will be healthy and full of wonderful new experiences. Pray that God will put them into relationships with people who are ready to hear about Jesus. Pray for team unity, and that God will continue to speak to them clearly as they discern and create vision for their ministry. Pray for the ability to learn language quickly and effectively. Praise God for the obedience of this family, and pray for continued faith, strength and courage in an environment that could be volatile.

"Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

Isaiah 58:12 (Team verse)

Monday [5]: Sandra Fender

Thailand

Sandra reported recently: "God used my love of baking and turned it into a ministry that connected me with men & women from the Phuket Bangkok Hospital - a videographer in advertising, several different surgical nurses and even a husband/wife doctor team!!! I was able to build several relationships while giving baking lessons. While they happily learned how to bake, I in turn was able to practice my Thai language and learn about the Thai medical culture!" Praise God that He is able to use creative gifts to build relational bridges with people. Pray that Sandra will have an opportunity to take these relationships to the next level, introducing these people to Jesus. Pray also for continued discernment for the direction and location that Sandra's ministry in Thailand should take.

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people. They all ate and were satisfied..." Luke 9:16-17

Tuesday [6]: Trevor & Rebekah

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Praise God for Trevor and Rebekah, who are joyfully serving alongside Samir and Lewisa with the Oasis Project. Pray that the Lord will continue to give this couple peace and direction, and that He will continue to open doors for them to touch people with the truth and love of Jesus. Pray for Trevor as he preaches, provides administrative help to the Oasis Project, teaches ESL to a group of people who don't yet know Jesus, and coordinates various tasks for Samir and Lewisa. Pray for Rebekah as she invests time raising their son, Isaiah.

"Be dressed and ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him." Luke 12:35

Wednesday [7]: Ben & Melissa Froese

Germany

Ben and Melissa, along with the rest of the team serving in Berlin, are thrilled that the huge renovation project on their new church building is now complete. Praise God for His abundant provision of resources in order to bring this project to completion. Pray that this renovated building will be a reflection of the work of renovation and renewal that the Lord will do in the lives of the people of Berlin. Pray that God will draw many people to Himself as a direct result of the impact of the MB church in Berlin. Pray that Ben and Melissa will continue to grow in their ability to communicate in German. Pray for team unity. Pray also for continued vision and boldness as this team seeks to reach out to the surrounding community. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."* 2 Corinthians 5:17

Thursday [8]: Stacy Kuhns

Mexico

In late May, Stacy injured her ankle significantly. Pray that God will heal this injury. Pray that the Lord will continue to use Stacy to shine His light in the school where she teaches. Pray also for direction for her future ministry, as this is her last month in Guadalajara. Pray for unity among the various churches in the Mexican MB conference, and that the Lord will transform many lives in Guadalajara. *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."* Psalm 119:105

Friday [9]: Doris Goertz

Japan

Doris writes: "The Japan MB Conference will be hosting two ACTION teams this summer. Pray for health and safety as the teams spend one month serving in MB churches in the Nagoya and Osaka areas. Pray that they will have an effective ministry. Amagasaki MB Church, where I serve, will be hosting an ACTION team from July 15-18. Pray that as the team members interact with my English students, God's love will shine through them. Pray also that their testimonies will touch the hearts of the students and spark an interest in learning more about Jesus." *"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."* 2 Corinthians 3:18

Saturday [10]: ACTION:Winnipeg

Winnipeg, MB

Pray for the participants in the ACTION Winnipeg program, that they will mine the depths of Christ's love and boldly share and receive this love with our international churches in Peru, Japan, Lithuania and DR Congo. Pray for Lloyd and Carol Letkeman as they provide leadership to this program that will send nearly 30 young adults around the world for several weeks this summer. *"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."* 2 Timothy 4:1-2

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Sunday [11]: Christoph & Antonia Hagele

Lithuania

Christoph and Antonia write: "Please pray for the yearly father and son camp weekend on July 9-11, where Christoph will be the leader and speaker. Please pray for new students for Evangelical Bible Institute, they have until September 2010 to enroll. We need at least 15 of them. Please pray for children and youth summer camps in various places in the country. Thank you for your intercession." Praise God for the TREK team that was able to spend several months serving in Lithuania this year. Pray for the ACTION team (six-week summer program) that will arrive on July 11. Pray that God will raise up more long-term missionaries from within these short term teams. *"And he will go on before the Lord...to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."* Luke 1:17

Monday [12]: Celebration 2010

BC, Canada

This week, the Canadian and US MB conferences will gather in British Columbia to celebrate 150 years of God's faithfulness among the Mennonite Brethren. Praise God for His faithfulness. Pray that the Lord will be glorified during this gathering, and that He will continue to use this denomination strategically in the advancement of His Kingdom. Pray for deep unity. Pray for shared, dynamic vision. Pray that many people will come to know Jesus as the result of the witness of MB believers around the world. *"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* Ephesians 4:3

Tuesday [13]: Richard & Hazel Funk

Austria

Praise God for Richard and Hazel, who have invested many years in building up the church in Austria. Pray that the Lord will continue to give them favor with Austrian people and with the leadership of the Austrian MB churches. Pray for the ACTION team that is serving with the Gmunden MB church right now. Pray that the Lord will use this team strategically as they help run Christian camping experiences for pre-teens. Pray that the Lord will draw many people to Himself in Austria. *"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."* Acts 2:47

Wednesday [14]: Murray & Faith Nickel

DR Congo

Pray for Murray and Faith as they provide support, leadership and consultation to a variety of projects in DR Congo. Pray for continued vision and favor with Congolese MB leaders. Pray for safety and health as this couple travels back and

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forth between DR Congo and Canada frequently. Praise God for the gifts and vision He has given this family, and pray that He will continue to use Murray and Faith in marvelous ways.

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Thursday [15]: Western US Regional Office **Fresno, CA**

God is moving in the hearts of his people as the Mobilization team in Fresno is seeing new missionaries responding to God's call to serve. Pray for the Western USA Regional Mobilizer Galen Wiest as he networks with churches, pastors, and mission leaders to build vision and passion for mission in the local church. Pray for the Edd & Ingrid Russell and Phone Koe & Chansone as they raise prayer and financial support. Pray also for Mark Thompson, short-term mission coordinator, that God would raise up students who desire to be mentored in mission and serve on short-term mission assignment. Praise God for the other members of the MBMSI team in Fresno: John Ervin (media), John Mark Bergen (media) and Kathy Moser (administrative assistant).

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."
Proverbs 18:10

Friday [16]: Andy & Carmen Owen **Thailand**

Andy and Carmen write: "In the year 2000, we set out with a missionary team to raise up 2000 prayer warriors who would run the race and see the harvest in Thailand with us. God, in His infinite sovereignty, did more than we could ask for or imagine during our first 10 years of service in Thailand. Thank you for your faithful prayer partnership! We know His Kingdom is expanding in Thailand as His people continue to pray and claim His victory! Praise God with us as we celebrate all He has done in church planting over 10 years, as well as completing our family through adoption of our precious Thai daughter. Pray with us as we discern His next steps for our family. Following a summer MINA (Mobilization in North America) in the US, we plan to serve another term in Thailand as we also complete our adoption and our daughter's citizenship process."

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints...All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing..." Colossians 1:3-4

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

Praise God for Liana, who continues to serve faithfully in Trujillo, Peru. Pray for her as she supervises the English program at a Christian school, and as she serves in the Trujillo MB church. Pray that the Lord will continue to encourage her and to give her great favor with her students. Pray that the Lord will use her in strategic ways to influence her students and to point them toward Jesus.

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Philemon 6

Sunday [18]: Jose & Esperanza Prada **Peru**

Pray for Jose and Esperanza as they provide leadership to MBMSI church planting efforts in Lima. Pray that the Lord will continue to give them vision, the ability to lead well, and abundant wisdom as they care for the congregation. Pray that the Lord will use this couple to lead many people to Himself. Pray for team unity, and that this church family will continue to be a light in their community.

"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; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."

1 Peter 5:2-3

Monday [19]: Andrew & Olga Pritzkau **Germany**

Andrew and Olga are celebrating joyfully the recent Grand Opening of the new church building in Berlin. Pray for this couple as they provide leadership, direction and pastoral oversight to their congregation and to the missionary team that serves the church. Pray for the ability to discern where to pour their energy, for wisdom as they disciple people and set direction, and for great favor with the people of the neighborhood that surrounds the church. Pray that many people from the community will enter into this newly renovated church building, and that when they do, they will encounter the compelling love of Jesus. Pray for God to transform many lives in Berlin.

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

Colossians 3:16

Tuesday [20]: SOAR South Texas **South Texas, USA**

Pray for the SOAR South Texas that begins today. Churches from around North America are sending teams to serve alongside churches in the Latin American MB (LAMB) Conference in South Texas and northern Mexico. Pray that the Lord will use the ministry activities of these teams to build strong bridges between the LAMB Conference churches and their communities. Pray also that this time of ministry will be a significant time of growth, learning and calling for each of the participants. Pray for Jon Pritchard (Regional Mobilizer US Midwest), Luke Haidle (TREK Program Coordinator), and Mark Thompson (Short-Term Mission Coordinator US Pacific District) as they provide leadership to this program.

"I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2

Wednesday [21]: SOAR Montreal **Montreal, QC**

SOAR Montreal is an initiative between MBMSI and the Quebec Conference of MB Churches. Pray for this dynamic two week opportunity where French Canadians receive MB churches from Canada and the USA to shine the love of Jesus in the city. Pray that we are effective in showing a compassionate relevant Church that serves

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in unity with love from transformed hearts.

"I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you." Psalm 63:2-3

Thursday [22]: Jennifer Schmidt

Mexico

Jen writes: "Pray for the summer ministry programs. We are hosting two summer teams to help out with a kids camp, a sports camp and an English camp. Pray that God will use these programs to further His kingdom. Pray for us as a Matthew Team as we adjust to different team dynamics - the Godards have left for MINA for 6 months, and July is the last month that Stacy Kuhns will be here in Mexico. Pray for a good transition during this time." Pray that the Lord will continue to give Jen many opportunities to speak into the lives of Mexican young women, and that her presence in their lives will result in significant growth and spiritual health for the young women she mentors.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Friday [23]: Kevin & Wendy

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In 2007, Kevin & Wendy and their children Isaiah, Elise and Zachary, returned to Canada after spending 1 year in France and 3 years in a restricted access country. They are remobilizing along with Team C4 and hope to depart for France as soon as possible! They are passionate about the new vision God has called them to and they are very excited about serving with their new team! Praise God for much answered prayer during the past three years in Canada; please pray for the full provision of support for them and their teammates. Pray for good transitions back into French language and culture, and that God will use this family to help their teammates new to France.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:3

Saturday [24]: Einer & Girsela Zuluaga

Panama

Einer and Girsela have recently moved to a new part of Panama. Pray that the initial months of ministry there will be fruitful, and that the transition into this new area will be smooth. Pray for the beginning of a healthy church in this area, among the Wounaan and Embera people. Einer and Girsela request prayer for spiritual and emotional strength as they adjust to this new area of ministry. They report that the spiritual atmosphere and climate are challenging, and that the water is very bad. Praise God for the effectiveness of the "chronological Bible study" method that they are using to teach and disciple people. Pray that much growth will be experienced by people as they hear the Word in their own language.

"I have come into the world as light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46

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Sunday [25]: Greg & Becky Ouellette

Thailand

Greg and Becky recently wrote: "Every Saturday evening for the past 3 months, we have been gathering at a local restaurant for church. We started with one Thai woman, Jan. She has been faithful almost every week, and is excited about getting to know God more! Then there is Rochana. She cooks food at the little restaurant and has been happy to join our little fellowship. A handful of others have visited, and still others have expressed some openness or interest to come. We have started small, but we believe that God is smiling at these humble beginnings. The people that God is leading to us are hungry to know if God is real, and if He really cares about them. As we are faithful to share God's love with these people, we are trusting that God, in His faithfulness, will reveal Himself to them. This is the essence of our work. What a joy!! This past weekend God brought 8 Thais to our gathering!! Praise God!" Pray that God will continue to build His church in Phuket, Thailand. *"...I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it." Matthew 16:18*

Monday [26]: Global Program

Abbotsford, BC

Headed by Ray Harms-Wiebe, the global program team oversees and coordinates global church planting strategy for MBMSI, and works closely with all MBMSI missionaries and projects to set direction and approve various activities. Pray that the Lord will continue to give strength, joy and wisdom to Ray Harms Wiebe, Jamie Munday and Vic Wiens as they fill their various roles. Pray that the Lord will continue to use this team in strategic ways as they interact with many people in various parts of the world.

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

Tuesday [27]: Dave & Mel

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Dave and Mel, who have recently moved to Central Asia with the rest of Team 58:12 (see Isaiah 58:12) report: "We are almost a month into language lessons and still are desperately trying to communicate with people. We need clear minds, loose tongues and lots of perseverance as we continue. Our schedule is full with language lessons, studying, team meetings, family life and new friends. Having a balanced approach and knowing how to prioritize our time is a huge necessity. Pray that our children to start meeting new Central Asian friends. We are entering summer, but our children's schooling for next year is a decision that we need to make. We need wisdom in knowing what is best for their schooling, what they can handle, and what they are ready for."

"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Wednesday [28]: PhoneKeo & Chansone

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Pray for this couple as they provide encouragement, teaching and leadership to a group of pastors in a restricted country in Asia. Pray for abundant wisdom,

strength and courage, as they regularly face danger. Pray that the Lord will continue to raise up strong church leaders in this country, and that believers will remain strong in the face of persecution. Pray that many people will come to know Jesus as a result of the ministry of this family.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Thursday [29]: Ernie & Elfrieda Reimer

Lithuania

Praise God for Ernie and Elfrieda, who serve as Canada-based support to various projects in Lithuania. Pray that God will continue to build a team of people to pray for and financially support the work of discipleship and leadership training that happens at Evangelical Bible Institute, and church planting efforts in Klaipeda, Alytus, Vilnius and Silute. Pray that strong Christian leaders will be raised up in Lithuania, to carry on the work of evangelism, church planting and discipleship. Pray that Ernie and Elfrieda will continue to experience favor with Lithuanian people, and that they will be able to have a strategic impact through their ministry.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near." Philippians 4:4

Friday [30]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez

Thailand

Ricky and Karen write: "Praise God for our recent Thai MB church camp, and the new people who came to Christ during the weekend! What a joy to celebrate with believers from all over Thailand including our K*mu! Praise God for the smooth transition of the 9 new children into our Abundant Life Home Orphanage for HIV + children! Pray for the four moms to create loving homes for all our children, and for Thai Christian men to fill the father role for our children. Please pray for the many Ang Sila believers who have fallen away lately from the Lord. They are brand new Christians and seem to be under tremendous persecution to stay away from church and other believers. Thanks for your prayers and love for our family!"

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." Ephesians 3:10-11

Saturday [31]: Mark & Amy

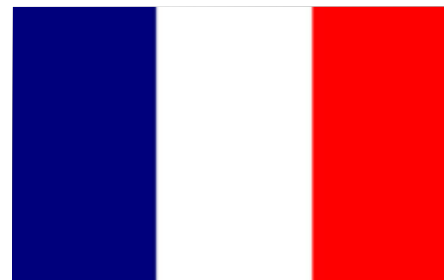
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Praise God for Mark and Amy, who have experienced many changes over the course of their past couple of terms as missionaries. Pray that the Lord will continue to give them strength and vision. Praise God that there are several new missionaries joining their team in the near future. Pray that the adjustment to these new teammates will be rich and healthy. Pray that the Lord will continue to put this family into relationships with people who need to know Jesus, and that He will use them strategically to advance His Kingdom. Pray that their daughters will continue to flourish and grow in healthy ways.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29

Prayer for the Nations: France

Famous for its bread, cheeses and wines, France is a top tourist destination for many North Americans. For the developing world, however, it has been a different kind of destination: a place that welcomed immigrants. You



are now 5x more likely to meet a M*sl*m (10% of the population) than an evangelical disciple of Jesus (2%) in almost any city in France. Tensions continue to rise as France's secular government adopts laws to limit religious expression in public. The French Mennonite Church and MBMSI are excited about the potential for partnering in church planting ministry as Team C4 mobilizes for France.

Please pray:

- For Russ and Marj Speiser and their media ministry aimed at unreached people in France and back in their countries of origin.
- For provision, guidance and discernment for MBMSI's Team C4 (Craig & Fabi, Marcela, Sharin and Kevin & Wendy and children Josiah, Megan, Isaiah, Elise and Zachary) as they mobilize in their respective home countries in preparation for deployment to France for local ministry and partnering closely with Samir and Lewiza and the Oasis Project.
- That in France many more seeds can be sown and that reaping will increase in the "open place" between the radically secular and the religiously fanatic .

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