



MBMS International
transforming lives in mission

Daily Prayer Guide



Ask of me,

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

Psalm 2:8

June 2008

☺ Praise Items

① Prayer Requests

Daily prayer requests can be found on www.mbmsi.org

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.

Therefore, I tell you,
whatever you ask for in
prayer,
believe that you have
received it
and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24

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June 1 - 7

Sunday [1]: TREK

Abbotsford, BC

- ☺ 17 TREKers will be returning from Mexico, Panama, Germany, Thailand and Burkina Faso today. As they enter two weeks of debrief in Abbotsford, pray that they would experience rest, a time of healthy processing and reintegration, closing off team relationships, and discernment of future ministry opportunities and life choices. Pray for TREK leadership as they guide this process. Pray also that the missionaries who hosted these teams will have many opportunities to continue relationships started in the communities by TREKers.

He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Genesis 18:3-4

Monday [2]: Russ & Marj Speiser

France

- ① Pray for Russ & Marj as they prepare for a summer camp next month that will serve North African children that have been in traumatic situations. Pray specifically that God would raise up a certified camp director who is recognized as such by the French government, as well as other leaders to host this event. Pray that all the logistics would fall into place for this camp. Pray that God would bless Russ & Marj with creativity as they use media and the arts to share the love of Jesus in Europe and North Africa.

Taste and see that the LORD is good, blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

Tuesday [3]: ACTION

Fresno, CA

- ① Pray for the Fresno ACTION teams leaving today for ministry in Germany, Peru, Burkina Faso and Central Asia. Pray for safety as they travel internationally and for quick favor with those whom they will meet. Pray that God would use this experience to shape their call to ministry and that they would have many opportunities to share the transforming love of Jesus.

In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the LORD's house and will water the valley of acacias. Joel 3:18

Wednesday [4]: MBMSI Lead Team

Abbotsford, BC

- ☺ The Lead Team of MBMSI will begin three days of meetings today. Pray for them as they discern future direction in ministry. Thank God for the team he has brought together, and pray that they would continue in unity and love for one another even as they process a variety of challenges and opportunities. Pray that God would protect their
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families, would grant them the rest they need and would continue to fill them with joy as they serve.

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Acts 2:17

Thursday [5]: John & Evelyn Wiens

Ukraine

- ① John & Evelyn are hosting a team of 11 young adults from a Slavic church in Fresno. Pray that the Lord would use this team to boost John & Ev's presence in the community and that they would be catalysts for new relationships. As John & Ev continue to learn the language, pray that God would grant them understanding, enjoyment and an accelerated ability to learn a challenging language.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3

Friday [6]: TREK Intern Team

Abbotsford, BC

- ☺ The TREK interns who have been serving since September 2007 are about to finish their term with MBMSI. Pray for Sonja as she leads an ACTION team to Portugal in July and August, for Amy as she gets married to Reuban in July, and for Greg as he gets married to Laura in August. Pray that the Lord would bless each of them in their next steps just as they have blessed the MBMSI team and TREK participants with their generous service this past year.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24

Saturday [7]: Sandra Plett

Mexico

- ① Sandra and the Matthew Team in Guadalajara are gearing up for a variety of summer ministries. Pray that the Lord would give her vision about how to use visiting short term teams most effectively. As she continues in a ministry of discipleship among young women, pray that God would grant wisdom, love and joy. Pray that God would set up divine appointments for her to share Jesus' transformational love with the people of Guadalajara.

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:10-11

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Sunday [8]: Blaine & Michelle Warner

Burkina Faso

- ① This month, Blaine & Michelle are finishing a year of language study in France as they prepare for long term ministry in Burkina Faso. Pray that they would finish language studies well and that they would have a smooth transition into life and ministry in Burkina Faso. Pray that God would give them an exciting vision for their future in Burkina Faso and that God would raise up more team members to join them and the Bergens in N'Dorola.
...in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:7

Monday [9]: Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga

Panama

- ① Einer & Girlesa have just spent the last 6 months hosting a TREK team in the city of Chepo and the village of Maje. Pray that they would be able to follow up on relationships that were built as a result of the TREKer's ministry and that the Lord would continue to give them a deep love for the people of Panama. Pray that God would give them a multitude of opportunities to mentor young believers and that he would raise up a new generation of spiritual leaders in Panama.
Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Hebrews 13:7

Tuesday [10]: Team 2000

Thailand

- ① The Abundant Life Home orphanage recently welcomed a new boy into their family. Karen Sanchez reports that Choke Chai's "brothers" eagerly told him he would love learning about Jesus with them and invited him to join their break dancing group and youth worship band. Pray that P'Ganiga, the house mother, would bond quickly with Choke Chai and that he would settle in well to his new home.
Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

Wednesday [11]: Ray Harms-Wiebe

Brazil/Paraguay

- ① Ray Harms-Wiebe, Lead Team- Global Program, will be visiting churches, leaders and missionaries in Brazil and Paraguay over the next two weeks. Pray that this would be a time of mutual encouragement and blessing and that God would give Ray great discernment throughout a heavy ministry schedule. Pray for Ray's family as he travels.
I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes. Psalm 119:125

Thursday [12]: Barbara Block

India

- ① Barbara serves as a teacher at Kodaikanal International School and also works at the Bethania Home for Children in south India. She will be visiting churches, family and friends in North America this month while on MINA. Pray that this would be a time of great refreshment and encouragement for this dedicated servant. Pray that her support network would be inspired as they hear stories about how God has used their prayers and investments to further his Kingdom through Barbara's ministry.
We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 2 Peter 1:16

Friday [13]: Rob & Judy Griffioen

Thailand

- ① Rob & Judy report that their team is witnessing real life change happening all around them. Praise God that he is working in Thailand, and pray that God will continue to touch many hearts and transform many lives. Pray that God would use the new ministry opportunities they have in a local prison in mighty ways, and that they would be the instruments of accomplishing God's purposes there.
Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. Romans 6:13

Saturday [14]: Mark & Amy

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- ① Mark & Amy are visiting churches, family and friends during a time of Mobilization in North America (MINA). Pray that significant connections would be established with churches and individuals. Pray that their team of prayers and givers would grow and be encouraged as they hear stories of what God has been doing in their ministry. As they also spend time in reflection and rest, pray that they would be rejuvenated and that their vision and passion for ministry would be refreshed.
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

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Sunday [15]: Melanie Humphreys

Lithuania

- ① Melanie Humphreys provides significant leadership to the Student Life department at Lithuania Christian College. Pray for her as she teaches, counsels and mentors students from a variety of backgrounds and countries. Pray that God would use Melanie as a strategic voice for Christianity and the transforming love of Jesus at the school and in the city of Klaipeda.
He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. Psalm 25:9

Monday [16]: TREK**Abbotsford, BC**

- ① 12 TREKers will be returning from Japan and Peru today. As they enter two weeks of debrief in Abbotsford, pray that they would experience rest, a time of healthy processing and reintegration, closing off team relationships, and discernment of future ministry opportunities and life choices. Pray for TREK leadership as they guide this process. Pray also that the missionaries who hosted these teams will have many opportunities to continue relationships started by TREKers.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. Psalms 16:6

Tuesday [17]: Trever & Joan Godard**Mexico**

- ① Trever & Joan are trusting the Lord to provide a facility that will house the Matthew Training Centre. Their vision is that the Matthew Training Centre would be a place in which Latin American believers would be prepared for ministry around the world. Pray that the Lord would provide for the needs of this vision and that many Latin Americans would be raised up and sent out. Pray for Trever and Joan as they provide leadership to the Matthew team.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Wednesday [18]: Cynthia Friesen**Thailand**

- ① Cynthia serves with the Operation 2nd Wave team in Phuket. Pray that the Lord would grant grace as she learns the language and discernment as she prays about which ministry opportunities to pursue. Pray that Cynthia would be able to disciple new Thai believers in meaningful ways in spite of the barriers of culture and language. As Cynthia encounters the stresses of a new culture, pray that the Lord would give her strength. Pray that Cynthia would continue to encounter Jesus so that her love for him is contagious and fresh.

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. Proverbs 4:18

Thursday [19]: Laurence & Leona Hiebert**Japan**

- ① The Hieberts have just spent the last 3 ½ months hosting a TREK team in Toyota City. Pray that they would be able to follow up on relationships that were built as a result of the TREKer's ministry and that the Lord would continue to give them a deep love for the people of Japan. Pray that God would continue to bring life to the Japan MB Conference. Praise God for two new missionary
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candidates from Japan who are interested in serving in North Thailand with MBMSI.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus. Romans 15:5

Friday [20]: MBMSI Staff**Wichita**

- ① Craig Jost and Christine Spahr work together in the US Midwest region mobilizing people, prayer and funds for mission. Pray that the Lord would bless their relationships with individuals and churches in that region and that God would continue to raise people up who are eager to be involved in world mission. As they prepare for SOAR S. Texas in July, pray that God would grant them creativity, focus, energy and joy.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us — yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17

Saturday [21]: Bob & Chris Davis**Thailand**

- ① Bob & Chris are continuing language study this year and will be working with the BetEl church plant near Chonburi and Team 2000. Pray that God would give them focus and the ability to learn Thai quickly and that God would use them in wonderful ways this year. Pray for their family and that God would raise up a team around them to work in northern Thailand.

The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. Psalm 145:9

June 22-28**Sunday [22]: Jose & Esperanza Prada****Peru**

- ① Pray for Jose & Esperanza as they re-engage in ministry in Lima after being away on MINA for several months. Praise the Lord for the many connections they made while visiting churches and also spending some time in their home country, Colombia. Pray that they, together with teammates Otto & Lidia Funk, would be one in spirit as they serve. Pray that the ACTION team would be an encouragement and support to their ministry this summer.

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Psalm 106:47

Monday [23]: Al Stobbe**Abbotsford, BC**

- ① Pray that God would give Al great wisdom in his role as Missionary Coordinator. Pray that he would be encouraging and discerning as he walks alongside potential missionary candidates, missionaries in training and missionaries on the field. Pray for wisdom as he plans for MBMSI's Missionary Training Institute (MTI) that starts in September. Pray

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that God would speak to him in ways that will refresh and equip him. *And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11*

Tuesday [24]: Otto & Marjorie Ekk Portugal

- ☺ Praise God for the international team that serves alongside the Ekks in the Lisbon area. Pray that God would raise up more workers to join them and for the five church plants as most believers in these churches are quite young in their faith. As Otto & Marjorie disciple people, pray that a new generation of leaders in the church would be established. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom and energy to serve in a difficult country where spiritism is rampant. *For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5*

Wednesday [25]: DMI Malawi

- ① Pray for safe travel and good health as participants leave today on a Disciple Making International (DMI) trip to Malawi. Pray for wisdom as Bonface and Zelita Machewere provide on-site leadership and coordinate follow-up efforts. Pray that many people would receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour and that they would be integrated into local churches that can disciple them. *... that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31*

Thursday [26]: Vic & Marty Wiens Fresno, CA

- ① Vic is currently in Brazil encouraging missionaries, churches and church leaders in his role as a resource to missionaries in the Portuguese-speaking world. Pray for his family, for protection from disease and danger, for favor with those he meets, and that he would have the mind of Christ for each conversation and meeting as he travels. Pray that God would guide him as he enters into this new role after many years of church planting in Brazil. *For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16*

Friday [27]: Phil & Carol Bergen Burkina Faso

- ☺ Phil & Carol have been translating scriptures and church planting in N'Dorola for many years. In the last year, scriptures have become available in Nanerige and a church family has begun to meet. Pray for Phil & Carol as they host an ACTION team this month, and pray that the ACTION participants will exercise great sensitivity in the community. *continued...*

Pray that they would be a strategic support to the Bergen's ministry. *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9*

Saturday [28]: Robert & Anne Thiessen Mexico

- ☺ Praise the Lord for a safe journey to India recently, where Robert & Anne were able to visit friends and colleagues, and be re-inspired for their work among the Mexico people of South Mexico. Pray that God would bless them as they share stories of God working in their own lives and that those stories would be a catalyst for further conversations about Jesus. Pray for wisdom for them as parents. *"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26*

June 29-30

Sunday [29]: Carlin Weinbauer Abbotsford, BC

- ☺ Carlin Weinbauer has served as Lead Team member for Mobilization since 2005 and has brought great joy and energy to that role and to the entire MBM-SI team. Tomorrow, he will officially retire. In retirement he will be relating to some of MBM-SI's mission activities. Praise God for the special life of ministry that Carlin and his wife Marcia have experienced together. Pray that God would bless them richly as they spend more focused time together and with their extended family. *We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*

Monday [30]: ACTION Winnipeg

- ① Pray for the Winnipeg ACTION teams who start training today in preparation for ministry in Lithuania, DR Congo and Japan. Pray that the training time would be transformational, that participants would encounter Jesus and that they would be well prepared for ministry in an international setting. As Lloyd & Carol Letkeman and their team provide leadership, pray for wisdom, strength, energy and the ability to speak into people's lives in meaningful ways. *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*

Prayer for the Nations



PORTUGAL

During the 16th century, Portugal began its own attempt at world domination—invading Brazil and much of the west coast of Africa. These countries eventually became Portuguese colonies. Brazil became independent in 1822 and the African

colonies in 1975, resulting in a flood of over 500,000 refugees into the country.

Portugal was ruled under a dictatorship for nearly 50 years in the 20th century. Democracy was restored in 1974. Since then, living standards have slowly improved. Over the past 25 years, the number of Christians has increased from around 55,000 to 300,000 (approximately 3% of the total population).

MBMS International works with five church plants in the Lisbon area with the Association of Mennonite Brethren in Portugal.

How do I pray for Portugal?

Despite greater religious and political freedom since 1975, many people are still bound up in old traditions of paganism and the occult. 90% of the population consults spiritist mediums for advice.

Few Christians live in the southern provinces of Portugal, which are much poorer than the rest of the country. Pray that Christians will be equipped and supported to bring the truth and love of Jesus into these communities.

Pray that missionaries serving in Portugal would be encouraged and that God would work in them and through them in mighty ways.

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