



Daily Prayer Guide



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

Psalm 2:8

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NEW FEATURE

Exciting stories of prayer are now included in the Daily Prayer Guide on the back of the calendar!

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 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 4:1-6

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June 1-5

Tuesday [1]: Brad

RESTRICTED

You will notice that MBMSI is sending many more servants out to Restricted Access Countries (RAC). Brad is one of these that has heard the call to minister in countries where Christians are a minority and where proclaiming Christ could be very dangerous. Please pray for these teams as they prepare for departure to the fields “ripe unto harvest”. Pray for Brad as he continues to raise support before leaving. The sacrifice will be worth it all as the M* world is seeing more and more new followers of Jesus. The Lord is coming back soon and we must be faithful to scatter the Seed to those least reached.

“This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.” Mark 4:26-27

Wednesday [2]: Lead Team

Abbotsford, BC

For the next 3 days, MBMSI Lead Team is meeting for a time of prayer, worship, and seeking God’s direction for the future. Pray for each one individually that God will cleanse their hearts first, so that when they come together corporately, they will be of one mind and of one spirit: Randy Friesen, Ray Harms-Wiebe, Selwyn Uittenbosch, Paul Dyck, and JP Hayashida. We thank God that He has led this group of gifted men to MBMSI and that He has guided and directed them so faithfully in the past, and will continue to do so.

“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

Thursday [3]: Otto & Marjorie Ekk

Portugal

Otto & Marjorie have welcomed their first grandchild into the world. They thank God that both mother and child are doing well, although the baby was three weeks early. Some of the issues involving a couple of the churches in their area seem to have settled down. One of these churches is very transient. The African immigrants that this church ministers to move around a lot looking for work. Please pray God would give Otto & Marjorie the energy, wisdom, and good health they need to continue to provide solid leadership and guidance for the 5 church plants they oversee. We thank God for several young people who are taking on more and more leadership in the churches, we also pray for more to hear the clear call from God.

“The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.” Psalm 28:7

Friday [4]: Sharin

RESTRICTED

Sharin is part of the C4 Team based on Colossians 4:2-6. The team is currently raising support which must be in place before they go forth. Please pray that this will happen soon, that God will lay upon the hearts of donors to support Sharin prayerfully and/or financially. Recently, C4 went on a reconnaissance trip to their ultimate country

location, where they visited various areas and met a number of people with whom they will be working. Many relationships have already started. Please pray with us that these early connections will serve this team well in the future, and more importantly, will serve the Lord well.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; and pray for us also, that God may open to us a door for the Word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison, that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak.” Colossians 4:2-4

Saturday [5]: Wels MB Church

Austria

These are exciting days for the Wels, Austria, MB Church as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary on June 5-6. Church planters, Lawrence and Selma Warkentin, served in Wels with MBMSI from 1960-1970. Then an Austrian pastor was installed and the Warkentins moved on to new church planting. Pray that the celebration on the city square may bring people to Christ and into the church. The church has enlarged its building once already, but is considering another expansion. Also, pray for Lawrence and Selma as they travel and serve at the dedication of the Berlin church building and at the anniversary celebration in Wels.

“Don’t be afraid! Speak out! Don’t be silent! For I am with you and no one will harm you, because many people in this city belong to me.” Acts 18:10

June 6-12

Sunday [6]: Matt & Ruth

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Matt & Ruth are serving in a Restricted Access Country. They have been there for a couple of months now and request prayer for continued adjustment to the new culture and success in learning the language which they are working on. Pray that they will have good relationships with the neighbors, all of whom have been so welcoming and kind, Praise God. Praise Him also that the apartment is starting to feel like “home”, and that the team is getting along so well, especially the children. Thank you for your prayers.

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

Monday [7]: Phil & Carol Bergen

Burkina Faso

The mighty hand of God is working in Burkina Faso! Total strangers show up wanting to hear the Word in their native Nanerige language, and after just a week or two, they ask for baptism. As one of them said, “We are choosing God’s Word. What can be better than that?” What, indeed! Each one of the new believers has counted the cost—many will be persecuted in their villages and even by their families for their faith in Christ. Please pray that their faith will remain firm; that they will feel the peace and strength of Jesus as they stand up to persecution. Pray that those 17 who were just baptized will continue to grow in the faith and become strong Christian leaders in their communities.

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Tuesday [8]: Andy & Carmen

Thailand

"Praise God for the church members at The Life Center (TLC), and our TREK team, who are boldly sharing their faith! Five university students accepted Christ as Savior in May, through an English camp, and many others continue to learn more about faith in Jesus through weekly cell groups. TLC members are also rejoicing in a "new" worship center, having worked together to fix up an old restaurant just a few blocks from the previous TLC, with much more space and many opportunities for ministry. Pray for effective outreach and creative vision in this new facility. We praise God as a family for our newest family member, Eleanna Joy, who joined us in February. Pray with us that the adoption would be finalized and we could obtain a passport and visa soon, in order to return to the US for a MINA (Mobilization in North America)." *"O Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your words are trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, O Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever." 2 Samuel 7:28-29*

Wednesday [9]: Craig & Fabiana

RESTRICTED

Craig & Fabi feel blessed to have so many opportunities to be speaking in churches, raising awareness and funds for the ministry in the country they will be going to shortly. Please pray for them as they travel around the area visiting churches and individuals. They praise God that a third of their support is already in place. They have sent off a proposal to a potential partner in their destination country and are praying that it will be well received. The C4 team (based on Colossians 4:2) is encouraged that God is sharpening their vision and they have a clear idea of where they will be working in this RAC country. Pray for Fabiana's health as well, that God will completely heal her. Pray for discernment around their departure date; they want to be sure the timing is right. *"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91:1-2*

Thursday [10]: Sandra Plett

Mexico

Sandra writes. "I want God's divine insight to know when and how to speak into the lives of the youth around me, both to encourage and to challenge them. I am also sensing that it is time to move more boldly in some of my discipleship relationships with the youth girls, so I'm praying for courage and boldness to move where God is calling me. It is exciting to see some of our youth moving into roles of preaching and teaching that they never thought possible. Praise God for the gifts He has given them, and their willingness to use them." Please help us pray for wisdom for Sandra. *"Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off." Proverbs 24:14*

Friday [11]: Otto & Lidia Funk

Peru

During the past few months, Otto & Lidia have gone through many challenges with several churches in North Peru that have had pastoral problems. Otto & Lidia are working hard to try to provide care, counsel and direction for hurting people in these

scenarios. Please pray that they will feel God's touch as they mentor and minister to these people. Pray that these troubles will bring the congregations closer to each other and closer to God, that this experience will somehow bring honor to His Name. Satan is determined to destroy the work of God, but we know we have a power greater than that. He will triumph in the end! Please keep Otto & Lidia and the northern Peruvian churches in your prayers.

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

Saturday [12]: Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters

Thailand

Recently, the Thai people celebrated the annual Water Festival. Dave & Louise hosted a water party for the B*rm*se (restricted access immigrants working in Thailand) people to whom they have been ministering for the past year. Over 100 showed up on one of the two days these immigrant workers get off every year! Dave & Louise incorporated an outreach into the fun of throwing water on each other to celebrate the day. After the laughter, face painting, singing and testimonies, 60 people gave their hearts to the Lord! The Holy Spirit showed up in a huge way, making Himself evident in the lives of these new believers as they opened their hearts to Him. Another church plant is born! This is the prayer of Dave & Louise to the Lord: "We ask that you would continue to reveal Jesus' power to each person and cause each one to hunger to know you more. We ask for strength, strategic wisdom in planting cell churches and for the joy of the Lord to be upon our missionary team and our B*rm*se ministry team as we make committed Christ followers for you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen!"

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:12-14

June 13-19

Sunday [13]: Russ & Marj Speiser

France

Praise God that over the past number of months, Russ and Marj have had opportunity to reconnect with donors and prayer supporters in North America. Praise God that He has kept them safe as they have traveled from place to place. Please pray for the ministry of worship leading that Russ and Marj are involved in. Pray that the sharing times after their concerts will bear much fruit and that lives will be won for His Kingdom. *"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song." Psalm 56:2-4*

Monday [14]: Cynthia Friesen

Thailand

"Praise the Lord that my team and I have been told we will be getting our one-year visas. Thank you so much for all your prayers. God has also opened some new doors for us through the ministries of our first ever TREK team (TREK is a six or ten-month

ministry working with established missionaries). They have helped us strengthen relationships with the community college we are working with and we look forward to many more opportunities to share the gospel on that campus. After lots of prayer and anticipation, we are looking forward to renting and opening our ministry centre very soon. Please pray with us about the challenges and the opportunities that this will bring about."

"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith." 2 Thessalonians 1:11

Tuesday [15]: Blaine & Michelle Warner

Burkina Faso

More baptisms in N'dorola! Watching the birth of a new church is an exciting thing to see! On Easter Sunday five people were baptized at the brand new church plant in Silorola. Blaine & Michelle write: "We praise the Lord for continuing to bring more people into His church." Also continue praying for the N'dorola church that is meeting in Phil & Carol Bergen's yard. Please pray for follow up with the attendees after going through an intense two-week course of the Chronological Bible Story. Pray that this course will bring these young Christians closer to their newly found Redeemer. Men are asking if they can bring their wives to church; something they were not allowed to do when attending their previous place of worship. Please pray that Blaine & Michelle will have the patience, strength, and wisdom to continue serving in these two congregations. Thank God that He is reaching this previously unreached people group who can finally hear the Word in their own language.

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever. I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints." Psalm 52:8-9

Wednesday [16]: John & Evelyn Wiens

Ukraine

John & Evelyn are six months into their small church plant in Zaporozhye. This little congregation is slowly growing. Praise God for that! John and Ev continue teaching English, where the last part of the lesson is a devotional. Some of their students have now been spotted at the Saturday night worship service, with at least one of them accepting Christ recently. The heavenly angels are singing! Pray for a harvest. A TREK team is there now, and is making a significant impact in the community by cleaning parks, and removing dried trees and stumps from the grounds of the Children's Dental Clinic. They want to teach and model volunteerism, which is a foreign concept in a post-Communist era country.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captive..." Isaiah 61:1

Thursday [17]: Edd & Ingrid Russell

Thailand

Edd & Ingrid write: "In February we were in Thailand, getting to know the country, meeting with some of the MBMSI missionaries and Thai and K*mu believers, celebrating what God is doing in that country. Towards the end of June we will

be winding down our internship at Mountain View Community Church. We are thankful for this time of learning with emphasis on prayer, spiritual warfare and church planting and also thankful for the relationships which have been built here. We are so grateful for faithful partners that are standing with us as we prepare to head to Thailand this fall to start language school. Please pray with us as we continue to mobilize financial and prayer partners, that we will be able to focus on God, trusting Him who called us to also provide the support we need to be ready to head out."

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well." Matt. 6:33

Friday [18]: Phone Keo & Chansone

RESTRICTED

Phone Keo & Chansone are now a little closer to moving overseas in July or August. Provided that all their support has come in, they want to continue their ministry in-country. Please pray that the financial partners will help them reach 100% of their support. Pray that the preparations will go forward without delay; that the necessary paperwork will be processed efficiently. Phone Keo was recently in Asia ministering to refugees from a neighboring country where Christians are also often persecuted. We want to pray for the Christians there too, that God will turn temporary sorrow into eternal joy.

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." Matthew 4:16

Saturday [19]: Syras & Natasha

RESTRICTED

Syras & Natasha are preparing for long term ministry in Asia. They are currently doing a church planting apprenticeship as part of their training, as well as raising funds before their departure can be finalized. Syras is completing his thesis for his Doctorate in clinical psychology, and Natasha is completing her degree. They want to use their education and gifting to see people healed in Asia, and brought to a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ. Praise God that he was so present at the recent prayer retreat they held in May. They are asking for prayer around their prayer ministry in Saskatoon, and that they will continue to grow in sharing Jesus. Pray that their support will be raised shortly, so that their ministry overseas will be able to start.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

June 20-26

Sunday [20]: Father's Day

Worldwide

Today is a day to celebrate our Christian fathers. Let's use this opportunity to thank God for those who are serving Him in foreign countries. Many of the MBMSI missionaries have small children and it is sometimes difficult to know how to divide your time between your ministry and your family. Please pray for these men, that they will discern priorities, will be great role models for their children, and will lead them in the way of the Lord. Pray for protection from the evil one who seems to

enjoy attacking families. Pray that God will help these fathers raise godly men and women, in spite of difficult situations, that each man on the MBMSI team will be a man of integrity with a heart that follows after God.

"Let the LORD judge the peoples. Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High." Psalm 7:8

Monday [21]: Baudouin & Mary-Brigette Nsulunka, South Africa

The Nsulunkas thank God for strengthening their weekly morning devotion services. More people are coming and spiritual growth is happening. Marie-Brigette has some health issues; please pray that the Lord will heal her body and help her to be comfortable. Please pray for the World Cup visitors in Durban, and that the outreach happening during the event will produce much fruit, that God will lead the team to those in need of Christ.

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

Tuesday [22]: MINA Retreat Abbotsford, BC

MBMSI is hosting a retreat at Stillwood Bible Camp June 22-25 for missionaries who are returning for MINA (Mobilization in North America). Praise God that 13 adult missionaries and 15 children will be able to attend. Pray for a time of renewal, for the missionaries as well as their children, as we worship, share together and pray for each other.

"All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth." Colossians 1:6

Wednesday [23]: Stephanie RESTRICTED

Stephanie writes, "After a difficult few months, God has restored my health completely and I am feeling energetic and motivated. And thank you to everyone who has been praying. As a part of my preparation for church planting overseas, I am apprenticing at a new church in East Vancouver for the summer. Please pray that I will learn as much as possible about church planting, and will also be able to contribute to this body of believers, and to the community, in a meaningful and Spirit-inspired way. Please pray for my teammates and I as we prepare to head overseas. We are currently raising prayer and financial support while sharing the vision God has given us to bring the good news of Jesus to the beautiful people whom we are called to serve."

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Matthew 16:18

Thursday [24]: Jim & Marilou Nightingale Brazil

As some of you know, the Nightingale family was recently attacked at the Adventure Camp/Barnabas Centre. Jim and his son were badly beaten and all the items of value were taken from their home. We thank God that they were not killed, which is usually what happens during a robbery in Brazil. There were broken bones and bad bruises, but those will heal. We need to pray for the emotional aftermath of this tragedy, especially for the children. They are quite isolated on this property and

naturally fear is now an issue. Pray that God will give them all a time of rest and healing as they enter five months of MINA (Mobilization in North America). Praise God that he had his hand on their lives. Pray for the attackers, that God will reach out to them and heal their broken lives.

"Many are asking, 'Who can show us any good?' Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD. You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:6-8

Friday [25]: Rob & Judy Griffioen Thailand

Rob & Judy write: "We praise God that He puts us in places where we can use and invest the gifts that He has entrusted us with while we are here on earth. God has given us much joy to encourage some of the most exploited and oppressed. We are seeing these people come to love memorizing God's Word, and each month we give them a new chapter to soak in. Most recently God answered prayer for a young girl who was being forced into prostitution because her parents were too poor to meet their payments. She is free now, loving God and overwhelmed by HIS love for her. She had just recited a chapter of scripture from memory and shared with us how the Love of God has just touched her heart so deeply. Then she buried her head in her Bible and wept and wept. God is so good! He heals the broken hearted and sets captives free. Thank you for praying".

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." Isaiah 61:1

Saturday [26]: Samir & Lewisa RESTRICTED

God has blessed the team in this country with property for a training centre and recording studio through the generosity of donors in North America. In the past they have had to rent a studio each time they record TV and radio spots. Now they are building their own facility. God has been so faithful as builders have been hired, a trusted Christian architect found, and money has continued to come in, although much more is needed. Praise God with us! Lewisa is getting ready to host the annual Women's Conference for abused women. Women's lives are being changed, and the impact is being felt through the entire family. Please pray for Lewisa as she plans this event, and pray for the women who will be attending in August. We trust God to perform miracles as He has done in previous years at this conference.

"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

June 27-30

Sunday [27]: Saji & Bindu RESTRICTED

Saji & Bindu write: "Pray for us as we are just beginning language classes that we would be diligent and focused. Pray for our relationship with Ramse, who we are meeting with regularly. Pray for the children on the team as they end home school

with Ms. Rosanna and as we look for other options in the fall." The Father has blessed them immensely in the first 40 days of their adopted country.

"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you." Psalm 9:10

Monday [28]: Kevin & Wendy

RESTRICTED

Kevin & Wendy along with the rest of the C4 team are currently raising support before heading off to their assigned ministry field. We thank God with them that the path forward is getting more clear to them and that God has affirmed many plans and visions the team has. Please pray that the rest of the needed support will come in before mid-July, which is when they are hoping to leave Canada. Pray that God will give them peace about the time-line, knowing that all things are in His care and under His wing.

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

Tuesday [29]: Jim & Francine

RESTRICTED

After an earthquake in April, Jim, Francine, their sons, and their team had the opportunity to make up 700 "love kits" for the disaster victims and distribute them in the hospitals. Pray that some of these relationships will continue. Thousands were killed or injured, and 100,000 were left homeless. Many contacts were made during this time, and we want to pray with the team that some of these can be maintained. Jim & Francine write, "Our hearts grieve for the people that have been affected. We are so thankful that we serve a God who can redeem suffering, and can bring life out of death. We believe this is what He is going to do in Y* and among the T people as well. Pray with us for an out pouring of the Holy Spirit among the people that they will turn from idols and demon worship to know and worship the One who loves them and gave Himself for them. Pray for the many seeds already sown in hearts to grow and bear fruit."

"The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death." Proverbs 13:14

Wednesday [30]: James & Alyssa Wiest

Mexico

James & Alyssa are raising support before they can depart for Guadalajara to join the Matthew Team there. As of this writing, they were at about 75%, so God's faithfulness is very evident, and they are so grateful to Him and to you for your generous engagement in ministry with them. James & Alyssa write, "Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and for the encouraging responses we have received from many of you. You all mean so much to us. We pray God will continue to pour out his great, great love over you. That you will know more of God's presence in your lives and experience him in ways that are personal and specific to you. Praise God that he is continually revealing more of himself to us!"

"We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly as he knows us." 1 Corinthians 13:12 (The Message)

Prayer for the Nations

Lithuania

Religious freedom in the post-Soviet era has stimulated growth in the number of Christians in Lithuania. Evangelical churches are growing, even though they face some discriminatory policies. Traditional denominations are favored in terms of land purchasing, zoning, taxation policies, financial support from the state and official registration. One significant issue faced by the growing Lithuanian church is a lack of trained leaders.



Please pray:

- That LCC International University and Evangelical Bible Institute may be used to godly, well-educated and visionary leaders for the nation.
- For Christoph and Antonia Hagele as they teach and mentor new leaders.
- That the MB churches in Lithuania will be used strategically by the Lord to advance His Kingdom in that nation.

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