



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 2009

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Thank you for praying! We believe prayer is the foundation of our ministry and you are a valuable partner in our vision of transforming lives in mission.

**NEW
FEATURE**

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

**I call on you, O God, for you
will answer me; give ear to me
and hear my prayer.**

Psalm 17:6

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June 1-6

Monday [1]: Laurence & Leona Hiebert

JAPAN

Pray for Laurence & Leona and their family as they prepare to leave Japan at the end of this month after having served there since 1988. Praise God for the mighty ways that He has used the Hieberts in Japan over the years, and for the many people who have come to know Him as a result. As their friends, neighbors and acquaintances consider the Hieberts' upcoming departure, pray that this will give them the incentive to ask deeper questions about why the Hieberts have invested so much of their lives in Japan. Pray that the Hieberts will be able to finish well, and pray that their transition into life in North America will be joyful.

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD." Jeremiah 29:12-14a

Tuesday [2]: TREK debrief

Abbotsford, BC

Pray for Luke Haidle and Lori Nickel as they lead TREKers through a process of re-entry into North American life after months of service in Germany, Thailand, Ukraine, Lithuania, Brazil and India. Pray that these young adults will gain understanding of how to apply what they have learned about God and missions to their daily lives. Praise God for the opportunity these people have had to see Him at work both in them and through them and pray that they will return with a passion to serve God wholeheartedly wherever He may lead them in the months to come.

"And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul?" Deuteronomy 10:12

Wednesday [3]: MBMSI Lead Team

Abbotsford, BC

Pray for the Lead Team of MBMSI as they gather today through Friday for three days of meetings. Pray for a spirit of wisdom, unity, and humility as they discern direction and make decisions. Pray that they will be sensitive to the voice and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that they will be bold to follow where He leads. Pray for each of them by name: Randy Friesen, General Director; Ray Harms-Wiebe, Global Program; Selwyn Uittenbosch, Finance & Administration; Paul Dyck, Member Care; and JP Hayashida, IT, Operations & Communications.

"I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me." John 17:23

Thursday [4]: John & Evelyn Wiens

Ukraine

John & Ev are serving in Zaporozhye. Pray that God will put them into relationship with people who are ready to hear the gospel, and that many people will make decisions to follow the Lord as a result of hearing from John and Ev. Pray that as they continue to learn the language, they will have opportunities to engage in relationships with their neighbors. Pray that the TREK team that is leaving in 10 days will finish strong, and that John and Ev will be able to continue to build on the strategic relationships that this team has initiated.

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

Friday [5]: Wendy Eros

JAPAN

Pray for Wendy as she teaches between 24 and 32 English as a Second Language classes each week as an intentional bridge between the community and the church. Pray that her students' curiosity will grow as she continues to talk about her faith and invite students to church services and events. Praise God for the father of one of her students, who recently attended his first church event, and was surprised at the welcome, love and kindness given by church members. Pray that he, and others like him, will return to church with more questions about this community of believers.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

Saturday [6]: Alfredo & Sandra Beltran

MEXICO

The Beltrons provide pastoral leadership at RETO church in Guadalajara. As they disciple believers, pray that there will be significant growth and development within the church and that members will be bold as they share their faith with family, friends and neighbors. Pray that the relationship between the Beltrons and the Matthew Team will be strong and fruitful. Pray that their sons, David and Daniel, will continue to grow into mature Christian men who passionately follow the Lord.

"Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 28:31

June 7-13

Sunday [7]: Barbara Block

India

Barbara has lived and served for many years at the Kodaikanal International School and the Bethania Home for Children, where she serves as an art teacher. Pray that she will have many opportunities this month to have deep spiritual conversations with her students and colleagues, and pray that lives will be transformed as a result. Pray that each of the children Barbara has contact with today will have a greater understanding of the love of God and what it means to follow Him as a result of their interactions with Barbara.

“Do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.” Deuteronomy 4:9b

Monday [8]: Bob & Christine Davis

THAILAND

Bob & Chris Davis, who are serving as church planters in Chachoengsao, recently celebrated a baptism in their church! Praise God that 10 believers publicly proclaimed their commitment to following Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords. Pray that God will continue to touch people’s hearts and that this community will be transformed as these believers live out their faith in day to day life. Pray that Bob & Chris will have energy and strength to continue serving passionately in an area where there is much spiritual opposition- and also much spiritual fruit.

“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.” 1 Timothy 6:12

Tuesday [9]: J & F

RESTRICTED

As J & F continue to serve in a difficult country, pray that God will empower, guide and direct them. Pray for them as they encourage further cooperation among foreign workers to expand the Kingdom work being done in their city. Praise God for the many opportunities He has given them to share their faith with neighbors and friends, and pray that these relationships will bear spiritual fruit. Pray also for J & F’s teammates, who have had numerous opportunities to connect with students at a local university. Pray for boldness and creativity to sow seeds among this transient group.

“Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.” Psalm 25:4-5

Wednesday [10]: Trever & Joan Godard

MEXICO

Trever and Joan serve as country leaders for MBMSI’s work in Mexico, and are also the leaders of the Matthew Team. Pray that God will continue to give them vision and the ability to lead with courage, integrity and joy. Pray that Joan’s ankle, which she broke in December, will continue to heal. Pray that God will continue to shape the vision of the Matthew Training Center, and that this ministry will equip many Latino missionaries for ministry in different parts of the world.

“Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.” Psalm 143:8

Thursday [11]: Jim & Marilou Nightingale

BRAZIL

Jim & Marilou’s vision is to develop an adventure camp and retreat center outside of Sao Paulo that will be used for evangelistic outreaches and pastoral care. They are currently working hard at construction and renovation projects at the camp. Pray for safety as they work, and for the ability to know how to prioritize their tasks. As they engage in relationships with workers and neighbors, pray that they will have many opportunities to talk about their reason for being in Brazil. Pray that people will be curious, and courageous enough to ask questions about faith.

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.” 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

Friday [12]: Cynthia Friesen

THAILAND

Cynthia is involved in ministry with the Operation 2nd Wave team in Phuket, and has had opportunity to connect with people in a small, poor village outside of the city. She recently wrote, “pray that we will continue to learn how to love them and show them that we genuinely care for them. How to show them Jesus in a way that brings them to a place of clarity, able to see all the lies of Buddhism and merit making. We need to be able to present the Gospel of Truth to them in a way that supersedes their culture and ours. We want them to see that Jesus is not religion but Life and Truth and Freedom.” Please join her in praying.

“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

Saturday [13]: John N. and Mary Klassen, back from GERMANY

Praise God that though officially retired, John N and Mary continue to have significant engagement with the MB Conference in Germany. Pray that God will give them strength and good health, and that He will provide them with opportunities to use their gifts in strategic ways. Thank God for the impact that John N and Mary had on so many students during their 48 years of ministry in Germany, and pray that these students will continue to be effective in ministry.

“Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.” Psalm 86:11-12

June 14-20

Sunday [14]: Rob & Judy Griffioen

THAILAND

Rob & Judy lead the Operation 2nd Wave team in Phuket. Praise God that the Thai Mennonite Brethren Foundation was recently declared “official” in Thailand. Pray for Rob, Judy and the rest of the O2W team as they prepare to host and guide a summer ACTION team for five weeks in July and August. Pray that God will give them insight about how to use this team strategically and pray that each participant will arrive ready to listen, learn, and serve. Pray that God’s Kingdom will be advanced in Phuket as a result of the ministry of the O2W team.

“He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40:2b-3

Monday [15]: Baudouin & Marie-Brigette Nsulunka South Africa

Baudouin & Marie-Brigette pastor the Durban MB Church which is focused on reaching Congolese refugees and immigrants. Pray that God will give them the ability to meet the needs of their congregation, and pray that their recently opened day-care will act as a bridge between the church and their community. Pray that more parents will enroll their children in the day-care. Praise God for the newly formed prayer & intercession group in the church. Pray that as these individuals seek the heart of God, they will grow in strength and joy.

“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

Tuesday [16]: Otto & Marjorie Ekk

PORTUGAL

Pray for Otto & Marjorie as they return to Lisbon today after several months of Mobilization in North America, where they visited and reported to their supporting community. Praise God for the many opportunities they had to give glory to God for His work in Portugal and for the rejuvenation they have experienced by reconnecting with family and friends. Pray that their transition back into ministry in Portugal will be smooth and they will have a clear understanding of God’s vision for their next season of ministry. Pray that the church will continue to grow in Lisbon.

“Therefore in the east give glory to the Lord; exalt the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea. From the ends of the earth we hear singing; ‘Glory to the Righteous One.’” Isaiah 24:15-16a

Wednesday [17]: Kevin & Karlene Klassen

THAILAND

Kevin & Karlene serve on the Operation 2nd Wave team in Phuket together with Greg & Becky Ouellette, Cynthia Friesen, and Rob & Judy Griffioen. Praise God for the unique opportunities He is giving this team to impact the community around them. Pray for the Klassens as they continue to learn the difficult Thai language, and adapt to Thai culture and climate. Pray that their sons, Tyler, Andrew & Jesse,

will thrive as they live in Phuket. Praise God that a spirit of unity is developing among the churches of Phuket, and pray that this spirit will continue to grow.

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” Philippians 2:1-2

Thursday [18]: Sandra Plett

MEXICO

Sandra is part of the Matthew Team in Guadalajara. She recently wrote, “I’ve seen God’s gentle whisper in the lives of our youth as some are stepping forward in faith towards ministry opportunities. Four of our youth will participate in our month-long leadership training program this summer (HADIME ACTION). Alfonso is one of these youth, and has sensed God calling him into ministry, and possibly into missions. His willingness to surrender his own desires (become economically stable, support and care for his family, etc.) inspires me!” Alfonso will also be participating in our SOAR: South Texas program next month. Pray for Sandra as she continues to work with and speak into the lives of Alfonso and the other youth in the church.

“For you have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth. From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother’s womb. I will ever praise you.” Psalm 71:5-6

Friday [19]: Missionary Training Institute Graduates

Pray for Ben & Melissa, Luke, Trevor & Rebekah, Motohiro & Mariya, Dave & Mel and Matt & Ruth. They have all recently graduated from our Missionary Training Institute and are now mobilizing prayer and financial support as they prepare to enter into ministry. Pray that God will orchestrate strategic relationships with people who will join their network of support. Pray that these new missionaries will remain encouraged and full of joy as they engage in this important season.

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

Saturday [20]: MBMSI Office Staff

Winnipeg, MB

Lloyd & Carol Letkeman, Fern Janzen and Eileen Klassen serve in the Winnipeg office of MBMSI. Pray for Lloyd, Carol and Fern as they prepare for the ACTION: Winnipeg program. Pray that the participants, who will be going to DR Congo, Lithuania, Japan, Mexico and Paraguay, will already be sensitive to the ways in which God is preparing them to serve. Pray also for Eileen Klassen, who is currently on medical leave. Pray that God will give her strength, comfort and healing as she battles illness. Praise God for this wonderful team who are calling and equipping people to engage in mission.

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.” Deuteronomy 7:9

June 21-27

Sunday [21]: Otto & Lidia Funk

PERU

Otto & Lidia have been serving in Peru for several years, and have recently moved to Piura at the invitation of Miraflores MB Church. Pray that they will be agents of peace and restoration in this new setting, and that their excitement in serving Christ will be contagious. Pray that as they build new relationships, trust will quickly grow and that they will transition well into this new ministry role. They recently asked that we would pray that they “never run out of love to give.” Pray that Christ’s love will flow freely between them and the members of the Miraflores MB Church.

“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2

Monday [22]: Russ & Marj Speiser

FRANCE

Pray for Russ & Marj as they use the creative arts to share the gospel with people from many cultures across Europe and North Africa. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to give them creativity and the ability to communicate with clarity as they produce evangelistic television shows that will be broadcast into creative access areas and organize, plan, produce and perform in concerts in many different cities. Pray that God will draw many people to Himself through their ministry.

“I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.” Deuteronomy 32:3-4

Tuesday [23]: Regional Mobilizers

MBMSI’s Regional Mobilizers are involved in calling individuals and churches to deeper involvement in global mission by going, praying and giving. Pray for Sam Dick (RM Coordinator), John Best (Western Canada), Galen Wiest (Western US), Lloyd & Carol Letkeman (Central Canada), Craig Jost (Midwest US) and Philip Serez (Eastern Canada) as they travel, preach and meet with a variety of people interested in global mission. Pray for divine appointments and the ability to discern how best to encourage each individual they meet.

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Wednesday [24]: Robert & Anne Thiessen

MEXICO

Robert & Anne are church planting in southern Mexico. They recently wrote, “We see ourselves as a training ‘school,’ a discipling church, so we’ve been taking our new leaders and coaching them in how to teach stories in front of a group. We are intentionally handing over the teaching time to new leaders. As a church, we want more people to share and teach, pray, play instruments, and lead music. We want them to develop ministries we’ve never even heard of. We want them to know that when they leave this living room this Sunday, they can take the church with them.

They can do church anywhere. They can ‘be’ the church all the time.” Join Robert & Anne in praying that this will come to pass.

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Thursday [25]: Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin

PARAGUAY

Melvin & Gudrun have served faithfully at the Indian Bible Institute and Yalve Sange High School for many years. Students at IBI are now well into their academic year. Pray that they will be diligent as they prepare for leadership in their home communities, and pray that Melvin & Gudrun will have opportunities to mentor and equip these young Christian leaders as they study and live in community. Pray that Melvin & Gudrun will adjust to having an “empty nest” as their grown children pursue work and study away from home.

“May the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13:20-21

Friday [26]: Samir & Lewiza

RESTRICTED

Samir & Lewiza are involved in evangelism, discipleship and leadership training throughout the Arab world. Their team use television, radio, and the internet as well as conferences and training seminars and have seen much spiritual fruit as a result of these ministries. Pray for wisdom, energy and vision as they lead a team that includes men and women from and in many countries. Praise God that their online Bible training program will soon be operational, and pray that this new resource will train and equip many believers for leadership in the church.

“Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.” Psalm 119:33-35

Saturday [27]: ACTION

Pray for those who will be participating in an MBMSI ACTION program this summer, and for those who will be training these people for service. Pray that God will use this time to reveal Himself to each participant, and to those they will be serving. Pray that many people will come to know Jesus as a result of the ministry of these teams that will be serving in Japan, DR Congo, Lithuania, Paraguay, India, Thailand, Central Asia, Ukraine, Peru and Mexico.

“As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.” Matthew 10:7-8

June 28-30

Prayer for the Nations

Sunday [28]: Blaine & Michelle Warner

BURKINA FASO

Blaine & Michelle are church planting together with Phil & Carol Bergen in N'Dorola. As they adjust to life in a new culture, pray that they will be quick learners and that they will adapt well. Praise God that a church has been planted within this past year, and pray that many more people in N'Dorola will come to know Jesus. There is a common problem in this area, where women are interested in the church and learning about Jesus but their husbands are not. Join us in praying for the husbands of the women in the church. Pray that God will meet each of these men.

"Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty." Psalm 104:1

Monday [29]: Ken & Marilyn Fast

BRAZIL

Today, Ken & Marilyn will be leaving Brazil after serving there for 30 years. Praise God for these faithful servants who have impacted many lives through their roles at Pan American Christian Academy. Pray that the students Ken & Marilyn taught and influenced over the years will passionately follow after Jesus, and that those who are in positions of leadership today will be inspired to equip the next generation, as Ken & Marilyn equipped them. Pray that God will continue to guide and direct Ken & Marilyn as they transition into this next season of life and ministry in North America.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matthew 25:21a

Tuesday [30]: Member Care Volunteer Team

Ron & Betty Russell, John & Isabelle Balzer and Frank & Esther Martens are serving with MBMSI as Member Care Volunteers. Praise God for these gifted and experienced couples, who are willing to do whatever it takes as they support missionaries with encouraging visits on the field, from babysitting to prayer ministry. Pray that God will equip these couples with everything they need as they pour into missionaries, and pray that missionaries will be refreshed, renewed and revitalized by visits from these Member Care Volunteer couples.

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

South Africa



The Republic of South Africa is a beautiful, diverse country both geographically and culturally. After years of apartheid there is

great need for continued reconciliation, for solid Bible teaching and for the training of Christian leaders. Numerous independent churches are pastored by those with little education and can be heavily influenced by traditional, animistic culture.

Please pray:

- for Baudouin & Marie-Brigitte Nsulunka as they pastor the Durban MB Church and are working to plant more MB churches.
- for the huge proportion of the population affected by AIDS, and for the Christian ministries working to help
- that creative ways will be found to equip leaders with solid theological education in spite of economic and geographic limitations

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