

## Daily Prayer Guide



**Ask of me,  
and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession.  
Psalm 2:8**

**March 2008**

☺ **Praise Items**

🕒 **Prayer Requests**

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***T**hank 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.*

If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;  
but God has surely listened  
and heard my voice in prayer.

Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or withheld his love from me!

Psalm 66:18-20

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## March 1

### Saturday[1]: John Warkentin

### Worldwide

- ① John Warkentin is a resource missionary supporting our missionaries with video. He is travelling in Thailand this month to find stories of how God has transformed lives to capture on video. Please pray for safety and good health that God would lead him to the right people. *I sought the LORD, and answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4*

### Randy Friesen

### Lead Team

- ① Pray for Randy Friesen as he speaks at Bethany Bible College's Missions Conference March 2-5. Pray that those present would be encouraged in their participation of missions and challenged to take their commitment to the next level. *Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4*

## March 2-8

### Sunday [2]: TREK Teams

### Worldwide

- ① Pray for the two TREK teams (12 young adults) that have just finished their training in Abbotsford. One team is serving in Peru and the other in Japan from now until June. Please pray that they would quickly adjust to their host cultures. Pray for team unity and a willingness to serve the Lord in any way.
- ① Later this month Luke Haidle, the director of TREK, will be getting married. Please pray for Luke & Joanne as they begin their life together. *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1*

### Monday [3]: Andy & Carmen Owen

### Thailand

- ☺ Carmen & Andy report that The Life Center (TLC) has received permission to put up a large air-conditioned tent next door to the church. This will provide an adequate place for the church to meet as their current building is becoming too small. What an answer to prayer!
- ☺ The leaders of TLC have met regularly over the last several months for prayer and planning. They have developed a vision for evangelism and discipleship for the coming year. Each one is committing to lead another person to the Lord, and to daily walk out his/her faith through personal devotions and corporate gatherings.
- ① The Owens ask us to "Pray for more boldness to share our faith. Pray for more passion to know Him and His word. Pray for the resources and wisdom to move forward with using the tent to facilitate continued (continued...)"

growth. And most of all, pray for more precious Thai people to come to Jesus and be saved." *Taste and see that the Lord is good... Psalm 34:8*

### Tuesday [4]: Andrea

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- ① Please pray for Andrea as she continues to get ready for ministry in South Asia. Pray that there would be 3 or 4 churches who would commit to prayer and financial support. During this waiting period she is working half-time at the MBMS International office and is involved in youth ministry at her home church. Pray that she make the most of the opportunities God gives her here at home. *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12*

### Wednesday [5]: Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga

### Panama

- The Zuluagas work with the Embera and Wounan people groups in Panama. They are involved in discipleship and leadership development. For the next 5 months, there is a group of young people (3 Canadians, 1 American, and 3 Colombians) that is working in the churches in the urban areas and in Maje, a small community of 80 people. Maje is experiencing growth of believers and new leaders, and together they have planned to work in three specific areas: evangelism, social work and literacy.*
- ① Please pray for this team which includes TREK participants that they would have team unity, experience spiritual growth, and that their work would expand the kingdom of God. *Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:7-8*

### Thursday [6]: Richard & Hazel Funk

### Austria

- ☺ Praise the Lord for the great time the Funks are having connecting with friends and family while on MINA (Ministry in North America). The Lord has granted them health, traveling mercies and accommodations while they are staying in Saskatoon.
- ① Please pray for the Funks as God is giving them many opportunities to speak in churches. Pray that God will raise up a great team of prayer and financial supporters as they begin their next term in Austria. *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34*

### Friday [7]: Amber & Amanda Griffioen

### Thailand

A few months ago, Amber & Amanda shared about Rapin "the Bible burner." If you forget the story, a quick summary is that before he became a Christian he was going to burn down all the churches in Phuket and kill the people in (continued...)

the churches because he hated Christians and was so mad that his wife had become a Christian. God got his attention by sending rain out of a clear sky to put out the fire that he had started on his wife's bibles. He then repented and God started to radically change his life. However, now he is again struggling with all the things he was involved with in the past. His new job takes up a lot of his time and he has had difficulties with other employees. Please pray for him that these struggles would draw him closer to the Lord. Pray that he would spend time in the Word and in prayer. Pray that he would put on the full armor of God so that he can take his stand against the enemy.

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2*

### Saturday [8]: Sean & Erika

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- ☺ Sean & Erika are grateful that Sean finished his Master's degree and that the Lord provided a way for him to attend his graduation in England. Please pray for Sean as he will have more teaching opportunities at the university level. This will be a challenge for him.
- ① The Lord has also blessed the women's tea that Erika and her friend are hosting every month. It is a chance for women to practice their English and the one in January was very well attended. Erika is receiving more requests to teach and tutor English. Pray for wisdom to know which positions to accept.
- ① Sean & Erika's daughter, Sophia, is turning 5. Pray that they would find the right school for her. *Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19*

**March 9 - 15**

### Sunday [9]: Laurence & Leona Hiebert

### Japan

- ① The Hieberts were recently in a minor car accident. We are grateful for God's protection and that no one was hurt. Please pray that God would be glorified even through this. The Hieberts now need to get a new (different) car. Pray that they would get insurance money to help them buy a new car and that God would guide them to finding one. *If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Matthew 7:11*

### Monday [10]: DMI

### Worldwide

- ① Please pray for 2 upcoming Disciple Making International (DMI) campaigns: Peru mission planned for April 12 - 26, Malawi mission planned for June 25 - July 13. Please pray that God would bring people willing to serve in these missions and that there would be a great harvest for the Lord! *In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

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### Randy Friesen

### Lead Team

- ① Randy Friesen and some travel companions will be visiting churches and training leaders in Africa this month (March 10-30). Praise God for the opportunities they have and pray for health, safety and energy as they travel. *The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:7-8*

### Tuesday [11]: Barbara

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- Barbara writes: "We support 6 families at present with parents dying of AIDS/HIV. Our money helps provide food and milk for the families, with some gifts of clothing and monthly support sessions at Bethania (Home for Children). Most of these families have already lost the father (breadwinner) to AIDS. We are really looking for a long term donor to help with this program." Please pray that the Lord would provide a long term donor to sponsor these families.
- ① Pray that the teachers and staff at Kodaikanal International School would have unity in Christ and would be a good witness to the community. *So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9-10*

### Wednesday [12]: Ken & Marilyn Fast

### Brazil

- ① Please pray for Marilyn's father who was hospitalized at the end of December for congestive heart failure and pneumonia. Miraculously, he has been gradually improving, though he still remains in the local hospital in Kansas. They would appreciate your prayers not only for the complete recovery of Marilyn's father, but also for strength and wisdom for Marilyn's mom as she makes adjustments and decisions regarding the future. Ken & Marilyn are also seeking God's direction regarding what he wants them to do to help Marilyn's parents. *If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. Psalm 37:23-24*

### Thursday [13]: Sean Amstutz

### Japan

- Sean is an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher in Japan. He works within the context of a local MB church and uses teaching as a bridge for introducing community members to the church.*
- ① Please pray for Sean that he would find ways to improve his teaching abilities. Pray also that God would bring the right students to his classes and that they would open to hearing the Gospel. *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3*

**Friday [14]: Darren & Shahna****RESTRICTED**

- ① Please pray for Darren & Shahna as they begin their MINA (Ministry in North America) this month. They have also just adopted a little girl, Asha, from Nepal. We praise the Lord for this gift he has given them. Please pray for peace and grace in this time of transition. Pray for good connections with family, friends and supporters during their time in North America. Asha has some medical issues that need to be addressed before returning to the mission field. Pray for her doctors and that Darren & Shahna would have wisdom and receive good counsel. *[The LORD] satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:5*

**Saturday [15]: Rob & Judy Griffioen****Thailand**

- ☺ The English classes that the O2W (Operation 2nd Wave) team started in mid-January have had 50 kids in attendance. We praise the Lord that many relationships have been started this way. Pray that these relationships will lead to greater things in the future. Pray that God will give the O2W team peace and unity in determining how to accomplish church planting as a team in Phuket. Rob was recently interviewed by CBC's "The National" video journalist Sasa Petricic on Koh Kho Khao Island. Please pray that God would use this interview for His glory and that it will not create problems for future outreach in Thailand.  
*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*

**March 16-22****Sunday [16]: Wendy Eros****Japan**

- ① Wendy has finished reading *The Purpose Driven Life* and has been sharing what God has been teaching her with ladies at church and in her English classes. A few of these ladies have asked for their own copies of the book. Aki wrote this email to Wendy, "I'm reading the Purpose Driven Life one chapter a day. I think it's very interesting. I had been believing in God. I'm praying to God every day. I don't know yet that Jesus Christ is God. Now I am in such a state." Please pray that the Lord will reveal himself to Aki and 2 other ladies who are reading this book. *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10*

**Monday [17]: Phil & Carol Bergen****Burkina Faso**

- ☺ Praise God that another elder in the village of Kotoura has accepted the Lord. This is truly a miracle as many said this would never happen. We also thank the Lord that Carlin Weinbauer (MBMSI Lead Team, Mobilization) and 8 North Americans representing the Bergen's supporting churches ventured  
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out of their comfort zones to serve alongside the Bergens.

- ① Please pray for the Bergens as they work on translating the Bible into Nanerige and sharing Christ with the Nanerige people. *Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown." Mark 4:20*

**Tuesday [18]: Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters****Thailand**

- ① "B" is a young lady whose family just recently allowed her to continue attending a cell group hosted by The Life Center. This was after he father had forbid her to go to meetings. She shared with Louise that her father has brought home another wife. This resulted in "B"'s mother leaving with "B"'s sister. When she shared this with Louise, a lady visiting from Winnipeg told her that there is a grandma in Winnipeg who has been praying for her every day for the last year. Pray that "B" would continue to be strengthened and encouraged, knowing that God loves her so much that he has a woman praying for her daily. *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Ephesians 3:17-19*

**Wednesday [19]: Mark & Amy****RESTRICTED**

- ① Please pray for Mark & Amy as they get ready for their MINA (ministry in North America). Pray that they would be able to prepare their 3 daughters to come back. Pray that their time visiting family, friends and supporting churches would be encouraging and productive. Pray that their ministry would continue to grow and produce under the leadership of others. *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 [20]: Jim & Francine****RESTRICTED**

- ① Jim & Francine request prayer for the people that they are working with. These people are tormented by the evil spirits they work so hard to appease. Please pray that they would desire to be free from this torment. Pray that their eyes would be opened through faith to the unmatched name of Jesus – the name that is "above all names" – and to which even evil spirits will one day bow in worship and confess Him as Lord! (Phil. 2:9-11) Pray that in 2008 many of these people would turn to the Lord. *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. Ephesians 1:17*

**Friday [21]: Reg Wall****Thailand**

- ① Pray for Reg as he studies the Thai language and learns more about the culture. Pray that he would enjoy learning new things and that God would give him a sense of humor when things get difficult. Pray too that he would have  
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many opportunities to share the Gospel with those he meets. *Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:39*

### Saturday [22]: Robert & Marlene

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- ☺ Robert & Marlene write “When we held the New Year’s party for the parents of our Golden Key Club our staff chose to honour and encourage several of the moms who have made efforts in their parenting this past year. Bilgunnaa’s mom received her certificate with tears in her eyes. Bilgunnaa has attended our club for the past 3 years and during this time whenever we had home visits both his parents would be passed out drunk. This fall his mom started attending our parent’s meeting and a local home fellowship and she has REALLY changed! – the light is spreading!!”
- ① Pray that the Lord would direct Robert & Marlene and their team as they desire to expand their community programs and need more space to do this. Pray too that these programs would point people to Christ. *O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit. Psalm 30:2-3*

### March 23-29

### Sunday [23]: Christoph & Antonia Hagele

### Lithuania

- ① Please pray for the Hageles as they teach at Evangelical Bible Institute in Lithuania. Pray that God would give them the strength and grace for all the responsibilities they have at the school. Pray that God would use them to impact the youth at the school. *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1*

### Monday [24]: Kevin & Karlene Klassen

### Thailand

- ① “We praise God for bringing a solution to the schooling needs of our children next year. Reg and Jen Toews have been accepted by MBMSI as short term missionaries and are now in the process of sharing and raising support for next year. They are both teachers and have graciously offered to homeschool our kids along with their 3 boys for the next school year. (Sept. ‘08-May’09) Please pray for them as they prepare for this adventure.” *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:4-5*

### Tuesday [25]: Otto & Marjorie Ekk

### Portugal

- ① We praise the Lord that he is accomplishing his work in Portugal. The Ekks write “if you sense from us that there is a tremendous need for more workers, then you are in tune with our reality. God has opened the doors here, we don’t want to neglect them. So we feel like the writer in 2 Corinthians, “the

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love of Christ compels us” They report that the work in Massamá is in great need of one more missionary couple. Please pray that the Lord will provide someone to commit full-time to this project. Please pray for the transition that the Portugal team will go through this year as the couples each take a turn returning to their various homes for ministry and support raising. *My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:1-2*

### Wednesday [26]: Robert & Anne Thiessen

### Mexico

- ☺ We thank the Lord that the house church that the Thiessens are leading is growing. There are now about 25 adults who attend weekly. Veronica is a single mom who is planning to host a cell group in her house. Many single women have asked her, “How do you do it?” She hopes a cell group will guide these friends towards God’s help. Please pray for this ministry. Robert is mentoring many young leaders who are planting churches in Mexico. Please pray for wisdom and insight as he does this. Pray that the Lord would empower and encourage these church planters in their daily work. *Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23*

### Thursday [27]: Blaine & Michelle Warner

### Burkina Faso

- ① Blaine & Michelle (who are studying French in Paris) write that language and culture learning have been easier. Please continue to pray for them as they study. We thank the Lord for Blaine & Michelle’s ‘chance’ meeting of a Bible translator who had previously told their co-worker, Phil Bergen, he was too busy to help with translating the Bible for the Nanerige. He now has 2 men who have the time to help. Pray that this would become a reality and that they would be able to coordinate this work. *I will praise you, O LORD, my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. Psalm 86:12*

### Friday [28]: SOAR Heartland

### Winnipeg

- ① Today is the beginning of SOAR Heartland which runs until April 5. It is a 10 day discipleship program in Winnipeg, the heartland of Canada. Church teams will be serving with inner-city ministries and churches. Please pray that each team member would be a light for Christ in the darkness and they would have opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray too that the ministries and churches they are serving would be encouraged. *Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2-3*

## Saturday [29]: DMI

## Worldwide

- ① Please pray for the Disciple Making International Banquet being held tonight at the King Road MB Church in Abbotsford. The guest speakers are Bonface and Zelita Machewere from Malawi. Pray for a great evening of hearing how God is working around the world! Pray that the Holy Spirit would prompt many to give, to pray and to go. The DMI banquet will also be a time to thank the Lord for James Nikkel. James has been the director of DMI for the past five years. Pray for James and his wife, Elfrieda, as they continue to serve the Lord in retirement. *In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:4-5*

**March 30-31**

## Sunday [30]: Victor & Marty Wiens

## Worldwide

- ① Victor & Marty have recently transitioned from their ministry in Brazil to ministry in Fresno, CA. We thank the Lord that their house in Canada sold and that they are able to build a house in Fresno. Please pray for Marty as she looks for work. Pray for Vic as he coordinates Portuguese speaking ministries and travels to Angola, Portugal and Brazil. *But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalm 33:11*

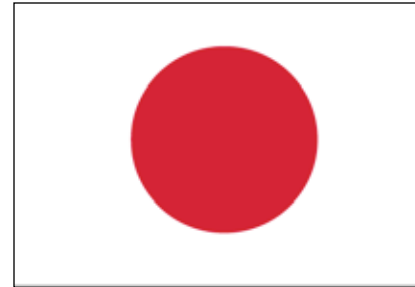
## Monday [31]: Global Program

## Worldwide

- ① The Country Team Leaders Summit is being held in Abbotsford March 31 – April 4. This is the annual gathering of missionary Team Leaders from most of the countries where MBMSI is serving. Eleven (11) country team leaders and most of their wives will be in Abbotsford during this time. Please pray for safety in travel and unity in spirit as they learn together and cast vision for the future. Pray for Ray Harms-Wiebe as he leads the summit and for the participants that this would be a time of refreshment and fellowship. *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*

# Prayer for the Nations

## Japan



Japanese people are sincere, polite and hardworking but are more often than not too busy to pay attention to the Gospel. Though many see the value of religion, only about 10% believe in a personal God. Missionary work in Japan is challenging. It is difficult even for long-term missionaries to learn the language and understand the culture. The Japan MB conference (JMBC) was founded just after World War II and now has over 1,500 members in over 25 congregations. MBMS International partners with the JMBC by sending English teachers to give classes as part of the churches' evangelical outreach vision. Church planting has also been the center of our partnership and work there for over 50 years.

## How do I pray for Japan?

Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring revelation of God and then a conviction of sin to the nation of Japan.

Pray that the youth who are turning from their parents' values and work ethic would turn to the Lord rather than materialism and drugs.

Pray for more long-term missionaries to come to Japan and be involved with evangelism, church planting and teaching.

Pray for the Japanese church. Pray that it will mature and become a powerful influence in Japanese society and politics.

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