

## Daily Prayer Guide



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

**Psalm 2:8**

**May 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.*

Never be lacking in zeal,  
but keep your spiritual fervor,  
serving the Lord.  
Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.  
Share with God's people  
who are in need.  
Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:11-13

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## May 1 - 3

### Thursday [1]: Ron & Betty Russell

### Worldwide

- ☺ Ron & Betty spent several months with MBMSI missionaries in Europe providing member care through fellowship, counseling and prayer. We praise God for the passion he has given Ron & Betty for the care of missionaries and for providing them the means to travel. Please
- 🕒 pray for Ron & Betty as they interact with those attending MBMSI's Spring Adventure this week. Pray for their plans to visit missionaries in South America in the fall that God's work will be accomplished.
- Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints. Philemon 7*

### Friday [2]: Tim & Denice Kuhns

### Brazil

- 🕒 Please pray that Tim & Denice would be effective witnesses for Christ as they interact with students and parents at PACA. Praise God that a boy in kindergarten has accepted Jesus into his life. Pray that he would grow up to love and serve the Lord. Pray that Denice would have more opportunities to share about Jesus with her students. Pray for wisdom for Tim as he heads up the school's administration and works with teachers and parents
- This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5*

### Saturday [3]: Celebrate Mission Night

### Kelowna, BC

- 🕒 Willow Park Church in Kelowna, BC is hosting this event today and tomorrow. It will be a time to celebrate what the Lord is doing around the world. Pray for those who are leading and speaking at this event that the Holy Spirit will give them words. Pray that those who attend will be open to be challenged to be involved in bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.
- Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. Psalm 2:8*

## May 4 - 10

### Sunday [4]: Richard & Hazel Funk

### Austria

- ☺ Richard & Hazel have finished their MINA (Mobilization in North America) and will be leaving for their home and ministry in Salzburg, Austria. We thank the Lord that almost all the financial support they need for their next term has come in.

- 🕒 Pray that the rest of the needed finances will be received. Pray for them as they say good-bye to family and friends and that they would have a safe trip to Austria on the 6th.
- I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8*

### Monday [5]: Phone Keo & Chansone

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- 🕒 Phone Keo and Chansone are MBMSI resource missionaries who frequently travel to Southeast Asia to train leaders and to oversee MBMSI ministry projects. Please pray that the Lord would provide funds to continue assisting churches and social ministries in this area. Pray that God would give his vision and passion to Phone Keo & Chansone for this work.
- But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3*

### Tuesday [6]: Masolo Mununga

### Angola

- 🕒 Masolo is a Congolese missionary who is providing support to church leaders in the Angolan MB Conference. Pray that God would grant Masolo wisdom and grace as he serves the Church. Pray that God would provide for all his needs and bless his family.
- Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14*

### Wednesday [7]: Laurence & Leona Hiebert

### Japan

- 🕒 The Hiebert's church is offering ESL classes and English Bible classes. Pray that there will be a good response to the advertising and that those who would come would be open to hearing about the Gospel. Pray that the Lord would provide one more ESL teacher for the Osaka MB Church.
- Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23*

### Thursday [8]: Greg & Becky Ouellette

### Thailand

- ☺ Greg & Becky are praising God for all the relationships that have come into their lives these past weeks. "Goong" has been a Christian for about a month and a half. They are excited to see her faith grow and to watch her share this new found faith with her 4 sons, her husband, and her extended family as well.

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- ① Yaa has just accepted the Lord. Pray that she would experience the love of God and that she would be released from the burdens she has carried for a long time. Pray for Day that she would encounter Christ in a powerful way.

*For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.  
Psalm 96:4*

**Friday [9]: Russ & Marj Speiser** **France**

- ① Russ & Marj are working on a significant multi-media project. Please pray that the Lord will have his hand on the details and that he would be honored by this project. Pray also that the Lord will lead and guide them as they decide if they should have long-term missionaries join them in their work.

**Victor & Marty Wiens** **Worldwide**

- ① Pray for Vic as he leaves for Portugal today. He will be meeting with MBMSI missionaries and workers to find ways to strengthen and encourage the Church in that country. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be his inspiration and guide as he teaches, counsels and serves in Portugal.

*Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." John 6: 28 - 29*

**Saturday [10]: Robert & Erika Sukkau** **Peru**

- ① "Please continue to pray for our Leadership Team in Trujillo as it plans for the future, especially for Sergio la Rosa as he adapts to his role as pastor. Please also pray for his wife Susan, their daughter Jessica who is in her first year of college in the U.S., and their son David who is in his second last year of high school."

- ① "Please pray for us as we transition out of the church in Trujillo and look to the Lord for guidance for the future. We are thankful that with this transition "God is doing a new thing" (Is. 43:19), both in the church and in our personal lives.

- 😊 "Our thanks again to those who prayed for me, Bob, during the long recovery from an operation of a tumor attached to my prostate that turned out to be benign. During that time I dreamt of jogging again and now that has become reality!"

*This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.  
Psalm 34:6*

**Sunday [11]: Kevin & Wendy** **RESTRICTED**

- ① Please pray for Wendy's continued recovery from surgery in early April. May God restore her health and strength. Pray for wisdom and guidance as Kevin & Wendy decide when to return to the mission field.

Pray for Kevin & Wendy's children, Isaiah, Elise & Zachary, who are doing school by correspondence while they are in Canada. Pray that they will stay focused, motivated and on schedule with their studies.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

**Monday [12]: Darren & Shahna** **RESTRICTED**

- ① Though Darren & Shahna are currently on MINA (Mobilizing in North America), they ask us to remember the children that have consistently attended the kids' club back 'home.' The Gospel was clearly presented to them during an Easter event. Pray that these children and their parents will become followers of Christ. Pray for Darren & Shahna's son Ethan as he adjusts to his newly adopted sister, Asha.

*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.  
Isaiah 26:3*

**Tuesday [13]: Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters** **Thailand**

- ① Dave & Louise are excited about the Leadership Training Program that has just started for new Thai believers. Pray for Dave & Louise as they disciple these young believers and pray that they would grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

- 😊 We praise the Lord that The Life Center (TLC) is now able to meet outside under a big tent. This will give them more room to grow. Pray that the Lord will continue to use TLC to draw Thais to himself.

*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 [14]: DMI** **Worldwide**

- ① Please pray for the DMI campaign in Peru which runs from today until the end of the month. Pray for strength and boldness for the participants and pray that the Peruvians would have open hearts to receive the Gospel. May many come to a saving knowledge of the Lord in Peru.

*They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.  
Acts 16:31-32*

## Thursday [15]: Trever & Joan Godard

## Mexico

- ① Trever & Joan are fund raising for the purchase of a building to house the Matthew Training Center (MTC). Please pray that the Lord will speak to people about giving to this discipleship ministry. Pray that God will bring young people to the MTC to be trained in cross-cultural ministry. Trever & Joan are also in need of monthly financial support. Pray that the Lord will provide this for them.  
*But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalm 33:11*

## Saturday [16]: Paul Dyck

## Lead Team

- ☺ Paul and his member care team are thankful for miracles and answers to prayer that they have witnessed in the lives of MBMSI missionaries & staff. Paul and his wife, Carol, are resourcing MBMSI missionaries in Mexico & Peru
- ① May 19-31. Their desire is to encourage and support them, to love them, and to bless them. They want to be a soothing balm and a deep source of encouragement to each one as they come alongside those that are serving God in Latin America.  
*So encourage each other and build each other up just as you are already doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

## Saturday [17]: Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin

## Paraguay

- ① Pray that Augustin Paco, a new student at the Indian Bible Institute, would have the courage to pursue studies in spite of being behind other students in basic reading and writing skills.
- ☺ We praise the Lord for the much needed rain where the Warkentins live and work. However, more rain is needed. Many of the believers who are from an animistic background think that this drought is a punishment for sin. Pray that they would come to understand God's sovereign rule over nature and mankind, and that they would fully trust God in these times of uncertainty.  
*Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest. Jeremiah 5:24*

May 18 - 24

## Sunday [18]: Jim & Francine

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- ① Jim & Francine live in an area that is currently experiencing unrest. Though this has not affected their everyday life, there is tension among the people around them. Pray that the Lord would intervene in this situation and that he would keep Jim & Francine and their family safe. Pray that God would use these turbulent circumstances to draw this particular people group to himself.  
*You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalm 32:7*

## Monday [19]: Carlin Weinbauer

## Lead Team

- ① Carlin & Marcia are visiting MB Churches in Northern BC until the end of the month. Pray for safe travels and that they would bring encouragement to pastors and churches to be involved in global missions.  
*A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones. Proverbs 15:30*

## Wendy Eros

## Japan

- ① Pray that the Lord would continue to provide Wendy with opportunities to share Christ with her ESL students. Pray for 2 ladies from MBMSI's TREK team who are sharing during chapel time with the adult classes as well as helping to supervise the children's classes. Please pray that their time together will be enjoyable and glorify God.  
*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Ephesians 6:7*

## Tuesday [20]: Randy Friesen & Ray Harms-Wiebe

## Lead Team

- ① Randy Friesen and Ray Harms-Wiebe will be attending a mission conference at St. Petersburg Christian University from May 20-24. Please pray for them as they speak and participate.
- ① At the end of the month, Randy Friesen will be traveling and meeting with strategic partners and exploring possible future mission initiatives and opportunities. Pray for safety, good health, divine appointments and discernment. Please pray also for his wife and children at home.  
*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, Philippians 1:9*

## Wednesday [21]: Mark & Amy

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- ① Mark & Amy and their 3 daughters are in Canada for the next couple of months. Please pray for a good time with family, friends and supporters. Pray for a Christian couple that has just fled persecution and are new to Mark & Amy's city. Pray that they would find housing and that God would provide for and protect them. Pray also for the children who have learned about Jesus through the Kids' Club. Pray that they would come to know him in a personal way.  
*As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. 2 Samuel 22:31*

## Thursday [22]: Liana Penner

## Peru

- ① Pray for Liana as she teaches English in Trujillo. Pray that she would have many opportunities to share the Gospel with her students and their families. Liana is also involved in the Trujillo MB church. Pray that God would use her to train and disciple young Peruvian leaders.  
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*Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Psalm 73:23-24*

### **Amber & Amanda Griffioen**

### **Thailand**

- ① Amber has been in Thailand on a tourist visa and has to leave the country every 6 months to renew it. This last time she renewed she was informed by the Thai embassy that she will either have to get a job to stay in the Thailand or she will need to return to Canada. Please pray that the Lord will provide a job for Amber to her to continue her work in Phuket.

*Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed. Uphold me, and I will be delivered; I will always have regard for your decrees. Psalm 119:116-117*

### **Friday [23]: Andrew & Olga Pritzkau**

### **Germany**

- ① Pray for Andrew & Olga as they pastor a new church in East Berlin. Praise the Lord for the building they were able to purchase. Pray that God would provide for the labour and money for the renovations. Pray that God will raise up godly leaders from within this church of young believers. Pray for the TREK team that is working with this church. May they be an encouragement to others and a witness in the community. *For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 1 Corinthians 1:17*

### **Saturday [24]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez**

### **Thailand**

- ☺ We praise the Lord that through the ministry of DMI 11 people in Northern Thailand prayed to receive Christ. Pray that these new believers would grow in their relationship with God and would tell others about the Gospel.
- ① A new boy and 2 new girls have recently come to live at the Abundant Life Home orphanage. Pray that they would feel welcome and that they would bond with the other children and their new 'mom.' Pray that the Lord would heal all these children from HIV.

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5*

## **May 25 - 31**

### **Sunday [25]: Cynthia Friesen**

### **Thailand**

- ☺ Cynthia is praising God for the many relationships she has made with Thais recently. Pray for wisdom for Cynthia as she faces, and is sometimes overwhelmed by the needs (both physical and spiritual) of those around her. Pray that new Thai believers would have wisdom to know what parts of the Thai culture they need to reject and which parts they can retain as they walk with Christ.

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*It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. Psalm 18: 32-33*

### **Monday [26]: Summer ACTION Program**

### **Worldwide**

- ① Summer ACTION teams will be working with MBMSI missionaries in Burkina Faso, Germany and Peru from June 4 – 26. These teams begin their cross-cultural training today. Please pray that the Lord will prepare them for the work they will be doing in these countries. Pray for that they would bless and encourage the long-term missionaries they will be working with. Pray that these short term workers would have many opportunities to share the Gospel.

*But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1Samuel 12:24*

### **Tuesday [27]: Saji & Bindu**

### **RESTRICTED**

- ① Saji & Bindu are in Canada and the U.S. on their MINA (Mobilizing in North America). Pray for safety as they travel in North America. Pray that they would be able to mobilize people and prayer for their area of ministry. While they are away, pray that their bakery and coffee shop would thrive as a business and be a place where people can hear the Gospel. Pray also for the friends that Saji & Bindu leave behind. Pray that the seeds that have been planted in their lives would grow. *Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:13*

### **Wednesday [28]: Baudouin & Marie-Brigitte Nsulunka**

### **South Africa**

- ① Baudouin & Marie-Brigitte are working with Congolese refugees in South Africa. Pray that the Lord would provide for their needs and that he would guide them in their ministry. Pray that many Congolese refugees would find hope and peace in Christ through this ministry. *For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Psalm 84:11*

### **Thursday [29]: Jason & Andrea Edwards**

### **Brazil**

- ☺ Jason & Andrea praise the Lord that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of the youth with whom they work. They are also grateful for a great first year of marriage and ministry together
- ① Please pray for the Rio Bonito MB Church as they start a children's ministry. Pray that the Lord would provide and use this to bring many to salvation. Pray that the team from Enid MB Church (Enid, OK) would encourage Jason

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& Andrea and their church and that God would be glorified through their time in Brazil.

*For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD. Psalm 117:2*

### Friday [30]: **Otto & Lidia Funk**

#### Peru

☺ The Funks are grateful for the TREK team that is ministering with them in Trujillo. The young people in this team are “sunshine” to the missionaries. They are learning how to serve in a cross-cultural setting. Pray that they would be able to share the Gospel with many Peruvians and lead them into a relationship with Christ.

① The church in Trujillo has received noise complaints from a neighbour who seems to be determined to shut them down. Please pray that the Lord will resolve this conflict either by changing the neighbour’s heart or by providing the church another location to hold their services.

Please pray that the Lord will provide the finances for the Funks to be fully supported.

*Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 1 Peter 5:2-3*

### Saturday [31]: **John N. & Mary Klassen**

#### Germany

① Pray for John & Mary who teach in a Biblical Seminary in Bonn and minister in local churches. Pray that God would use them to challenge students in their relationships with God. Pray that they would be an encouragement and a godly example to pastors in Bonn.

*The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. Isaiah 50:4*

## Prayer for the Nations

### AUSTRIA



Austria is famous for its music, art and beautiful scenery. However, Austrians need a personal faith in Christ. Seventy-five percent of Austrians call themselves Christians but 80% have been involved in the occult and only 3% of the younger generation attends

church. Evangelical churches are small and few in number and pastors for these congregations are needed. MBMS International has been working in Austria for over twenty years. The vision is to see Austrian MB churches produce strong, motivated and spiritually vibrant leaders. MBMSI workers in Austria provide mentoring, teaching, and preaching.

### How do I pray for Austria?

Theological liberalism is prevalent within the Lutheran church in Austria. Pray for the group of evangelical pastors and lay leaders which struggles against this. Pray that that the Spirit of God would move in the Church in Austria and there would be revival.

Christian campus ministries have a strong witness in the seven Austrian universities. Pray that Christian students would have a great impact on Austria and its churches.

Pray for perseverance and encouragement for the missionaries who are involved in evangelism and discipleship with Austrians. Pray that they will live with the expectation that their faithful work will result in fruit.

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