

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 2009

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**NEW
FEATURE**

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

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

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May 1-2

Friday [1]: Christoph & Antonia Hagele

LITHUANIA

Christoph & Antonia support the Lithuanian MB Conference by teaching at the Evangelical Bible Institute, ministering to youth, and serving the four MB church plants in Lithuania. Two of these church plants currently need a pastor to join them. Pray that God will raise up leaders. Pray that Christoph, Antonia and their four children will be very aware of the Lord's presence in their lives, and that God will continue to use them to advance His kingdom in strategic ways. Pray that they will continue to find joy in their ministry, and that many people will be introduced to Jesus as a result of this family's presence in Lithuania.

"And He said, 'My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.'"

Exodus 33:14

Saturday [2]: Sandra Fender

THAILAND

Sandra Fender is currently focusing on learning Thai, in order to enable her to serve effectively in North Thailand. Pray that God will give her focus, joy and energy as she engages in long hours of study. Pray for boldness and favor as she interacts with Thai people, and that God will use her strategically, even in this time that is focused on language acquisition. Pray that God will continue to speak to Sandra in ways that she can understand, and that He will give her the boldness to obey His voice. Pray that God will continue to work in mighty ways throughout Thailand, drawing people to Himself in powerful, loving, miraculous ways.

"For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." Isaiah 50:7

May 3-9

Sunday [3]: Saji & Bindu

RESTRICTED

After several years of service in a restricted access country, Saji & Bindu are spending some time in North America for a season of rest, encouragement and preparation for their return to the field. Praise God for the direction he has given them over this past year, and pray that the Lord will continue to reveal His plan for the next phase of their life and ministry. Pray that the Lord will use Saji & Bindu to point people toward Jesus while they are in North America. Pray also that God will continue to build a strong team of prayer and financial support around this family.

"I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me." Psalm 101:6

Monday [4]: Mark & Amy

RESTRICTED

Praise God for this wonderful family, who has committed their gifts, time and energy to sharing the love of God with many people who do not yet know Jesus. Pray that the Kids Club they run will continue to gain momentum, and that this ministry will build community in their neighborhood. Mark and Amy recently wrote, "Please pray for the kids and youth of this city. We would like to encourage you to take some time in the next few weeks to ask for God's blessing and protection on the younger generation that we live among here." Pray also that Mark and Amy's children, Alexis, Dania and Sophia will continue to thrive and grow.

"Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them.'" Ecclesiastes 12:1

Tuesday [5]: Amber & Amanda Griffioen

THAILAND

The Griffioen sisters have recently completed their three-year commitment with MBMSI's Jornada program. Both of them are going to spend this next season of life continuing their programs of study. As they connect with their prayer and financial supporters over this next month on MINA (Mobilization in North America), pray that God will enable them to communicate effectively and compellingly the things that they have seen God do in and through them. Pray that their adjustment to life after Thailand will be healthy, and that God will give them joy as they enter this next season of life and ministry. Praise God for the wonderful work that He has done through these women.

"I know your works, and love, and faith and service and patient endurance, and your latter works exceed the first." Revelation 2:19

Wednesday [6]: Jason & Andrea Edwards

BRAZIL

Jason and Andrea serve at Pan American Christian Academy (PACA) in Sao Paulo. Praise God that as they interact with a variety of teens, some are expressing real interest in understanding more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Pray for Andrea as she interacts with young women in Middle School, some of whom are very clear about the fact that they do not want to be followers of Jesus. Pray that God will give Andrea words to say, and an abundant love for these young women that will make them more interested in Jesus. Jason is meeting with one young man after soccer practice a few times a week to talk because he is processing many questions relating to faith. Pray that Jesus will become real to this young man as they read through the gospel of John together and that God's Spirit will prepare his heart to believe in Christ and follow Him as Lord.

"So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:11

Thursday [7]: Robert & Marlene

RESTRICTED

As Robert and Marlene reach out to people in the Central Asian country where they serve, pray that God will open many doors for them to proclaim the love and truth

of Jesus to people who have never heard. Pray for continued vision and favor with authorities as they work toward setting up a non-government organization (NGO), and as they take steps toward starting a camp and retreat center ministry. In July and August, Robert and Marlene will host a Summer ACTION team. Pray that God will raise up a translator for this team that will be reaching out to nomadic people, and that Robert and Marlene will already be encouraged by the interactions this team is having with them in preparation.

“Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his going forth is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” Hosea 6:3

Friday [8]: Richard & Hazel Funk

AUSTRIA

Richard and Hazel serve the Austrian MB Conference by resourcing and supporting pastors and churches. Today, they are welcoming a team from West Portal MB Church (Saskatoon, SK) to serve with them for ten days. Pray that the Funks will be able to gain new vision for ministry through the eyes of this team. Pray also that the Austrian MB churches will be encouraged by the personal contact and prayer ministry of this team. As the Funks prepare to host the MBMSI European Retreat and Consultation in October, pray for wisdom and joy, and that the logistics of hosting a large group of people will fall into place.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives any one whom I send receives me; and he who receives me receives him who sent me.” John 13:20

Saturday [9]: TREK

WORLDWIDE

This is the last month of international service for TREK teams serving in Germany, Thailand, Brazil, Lithuania and Ukraine. Pray that God will enable each team to finish strong. Pray that team relationships will be characterized by love and service to one another. Pray also that TREK teams will be a great encouragement to their host missionaries, and that people in each country where they are serving will turn to Jesus as a result of encountering Jesus through these TREKers. Praise God that He continues to call out and equip people to serve on His team, and pray that He will direct each TREKer with clarity as they discern next steps in life and ministry.

“You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God.” II Corinthians 9:11-12

May 10-16

Sunday [10]: Doris Goertz

JAPAN

Doris is currently mobilizing a team of prayer and financial supporters as she prepares to return to a vital ministry serving the Japan MB Conference. She recently wrote: “In the past months I have focused a lot on raising the necessary financial support in order to return to Japan. I know, however, that even more important than that is having a team of committed prayer partners who will regularly pray for me and my ministry in Japan. My past experiences in Japan have shown me that

only through prayer can my ministry be effective.” Pray that God will mobilize an army of prayer warriors for Doris. Pray also that this time in North America will be a transformational season of preparation for Doris.

“But we will devote ourselves to prayers and to the ministry of the Word.” Acts 6:4

Monday [11]: Berlin MB Church

GERMANY

Andrew and Olga Pritzkau serve as church planters in Berlin. As they prepare to say goodbye to the TREK team that has been serving with them for the past seven months, pray that the TREKers will be able to finish well, and that the Pritzkaus will be able to carry on relationships that TREKers have made with people in Berlin. Pray that Andrew and Olga will continue to be blessed with vision, joy and favor as they serve in a very post-Christian society. Pray for Gary and Ellie Loewen as they serve this year as project managers during the major renovation of the church facility. Pray also for Ben and Melissa Froese who are currently in the process of gathering a support team around themselves in order to serve in Berlin for the next few years.

“According to the commission of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” I Corinthians 3:10-11

Tuesday [12]: Andy & Carmen Owen

THAILAND

Andy & Carmen are part of Team 2000 in Chonburi. Praise God that this team has been living and working together for the past nine years, and that they are still laughing together, praying together and serving the Lord together. Pray for Andy and Carmen, and the other members of this team, as they spend time in the Lord's presence discerning the next steps as a team. The team has devoted every Tuesday morning for this purpose. Pray for continued vision, and praise God for the pastoral presence that Andy and Carmen have in The Life Center church plant.

“And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” Isaiah 58:11

Wednesday [13]: Melanie Humphreys

LITHUANIA

Melanie serves in the Student Life department at Lithuania Christian College in Klaipeda. Pray that as she interacts with students, she will be able to point them toward Jesus and that these students will seek to find instructions for life from the Bible. Praise God for the many opportunities Melanie has had to speak into the lives of students at LCC, and pray that she will continue to be filled with wisdom as she teaches, counsels and mentors students. Pray that many of the students at LCC will become the next generation of godly leaders throughout Eastern Europe. Pray that God will continue to give Melanie joy, energy and vision as she serves the Lord.

“The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.” James 3:17

Thursday [14]: Finance Team

ABBOTSFORD

Under the leadership of Selwyn Uittenbosch, the finance team (Dale Regier, Gayle

Doerksen, Dianne Schroeder, Rachel Wall and Susan Blaney) manage a significant number of processes that enable the various missionaries and ministries of MBMSI to accomplish the purposes to which God has called them. We thank God for their attention to detail, their passion for missions and their joy as they serve. Pray that God would bless them and their families, and that He would continue to give them focus and energy as they perform a vital function on the MBMSI team.

"We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." II Corinthians 4:18

Friday [15]: Jose & Esperanza Prada

PERU

Jose and Esperanza serve as church planters in Lima. Praise God for the people who have been introduced to Jesus as a result of their ministry. Pray that the Lord will give the Pradas strength and wisdom as they provide leadership to the church, and that people will experience spiritual growth as a result of the discipleship they receive from Jose and Esperanza. Pray that relationships among church members will remain strong. Pray also for the Peruvian MB Conference, and for George Rodriguez who is providing leadership to the conference.

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7

Saturday [16]: Phone Keo & Chansone

RESTRICTED

Pray for health, strength and protection for this couple as they travel between North America and Asia, and as they enter into ministry situations that are often disapproved of by local authorities. As they provide counsel, support, training and encouragement to a growing number of Christian leaders in a South East Asia, pray that this couple will be filled with wisdom, joy and the ability to speak truth into the lives of leaders. Pray that God will continue to grow the church in the nation where they serve, and that believers will remain faithful, strong and encouraged in the midst of persecution.

"He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away." Isaiah 49:2

May 17-23

Sunday [17]: Tim & Denice Kuhns

BRAZIL

Tim and Denice serve as teachers at Pan American Christian Academy (PACA) in Sao Paulo. Pray for abundant energy and wisdom as they teach and interact with students. Pray that those students who already follow Jesus will take steps to deepen their faith, and that students who do not yet know Jesus will encounter the Lord in a significant way. Pray for God to use Tim and Denice in strategic ways to disciple and point people toward Jesus. Pray that there will be unity of vision and purpose among the staff team at PACA, and among all of the MBMSI missionaries serving in Brazil.

"Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching." II Timothy 4:2

Monday [18]: Phil & Carol Bergen

BURKINA FASO

Praise God that a church has started and is growing in N'Dorola, where the Phil and Carol serve. The vast majority of people who are accepting Christ, attending church and being baptized are the first people in their family to ever take such a step. Pray that God will give strength, wisdom and joy to each of these new believers, in the midst of some of the challenging implications that the decision to follow Jesus will have for them. Pray that the church family in N'Dorola will be able to love and serve the community in a way that will make the gospel compelling to many more people. As Phil and Carol continue to provide support and leadership, pray for strength, health, vision and favor. Pray for Paul Dyck (Lead Team—Member Care), Ike Bergen (MBMSI Board) and Andrew Bergen as they travel to Burkina Faso this week to encourage the Bergens and the Warners.

"In God we boast continually, and we will give thanks to your name for ever." Psalm 44:8

Tuesday [19]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez

THAILAND

Ricky and Karen are part of Team 2000, serving in Chonburi. Pray for vision and the ability to hear God's voice as Ricky and Karen work at creating and articulating vision for MBMSI's continued involvement in Thailand. Praise God for the many people that have come to know Jesus in Chonburi as a direct result of Team 2000 being present with the gospel, and pray that God will continue to call many people to Himself in Thailand. Pray that the Sanchez family, along with the rest of their team, will be able to discern how God is calling them to continue to engage in ministry, and praise God for their years of faithful service.

"He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together." John 4:36

Wednesday [20]: Stacy Kuhns

MEXICO

Stacy Kuhns serves in Guadalajara alongside the Matthew Team. Pray that she will be able to learn Spanish quickly and effectively. As she has entered a ministry setting where a missionary team has already been serving for several years, pray that Stacy's role in Guadalajara will be obvious and that relationships between Stacy, the Matthew Team, and RETO Church will be strong and supportive. Praise God for the opportunity Stacy has to serve with the SOAR S. Texas program in July, and pray for the leadership team as they prepare for this program. Pray also for stamina, wisdom and joy as the missionaries in Guadalajara host several teams from North America this summer. Pray that these teams will play a strategic role in the advancement of God's Kingdom.

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Thursday [21]: Murray & Faith Nickel

DR CONGO

Pray for Murray and Faith as they assist the Congolese in the development of improved healthcare, social programs, higher education and the operation of Christian businesses. Pray for strength, health and wisdom to know how to best use their gifts and resources as they serve. Praise God for the many believers that live in DR Congo, and pray that the Lord will continue to raise up Christian leaders

in that nation. Praise God for the many MB missionaries who have served in DR Congo over the past 95 years, and pray that the MB conference in that nation will continue to have a significant impact for the Kingdom.

"But if anyone has the world's good and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18

Friday [22]: Liana Penner

PERU

Liana has been a faithful servant in Trujillo for many years, offering encouragement and love to the people God has put in her path. Praise God for her faithful obedience and pray that God will continue to give her joy in her work. Pray that God will give Liana abundant opportunity to share her faith with Peruvian people as she teaches ESL and provides ministerial support in the Trujillo MB Church. Ask the Lord to continue to give Liana vision for the ministry to which He has called her.

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

Saturday [23]: MBMSI Office

WICHITA

Craig Jost and Chris Spahr serve faithfully in the US Midwest MBMSI Regional office. As they prepare for the SOAR South Texas program (July 14-24, 2009), pray that God will give them the energy, wisdom and attention to detail that is needed to run a program successfully. Pray that the hearts of participants will be touched and prepared by the Lord for service. Praise God for the faithful engagement in global mission of MB churches throughout the US Midwest, and pray that God will continue to call out missionaries, prayer warriors and generous givers from this region.

"[We] do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in [our] prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him." Ephesians 1:16-17

May 24-30

Sunday [24]: Greg & Becky Ouellette

THAILAND

Greg and Becky serve with the Operation 2nd Wave Team in Phuket. Pray that God will continue to help them connect with people in their neighborhood. They recently wrote: "We invite you to pray for 3 neighborhood boys: Phii, Diamond and Ae. They visit our home regularly. Phii is especially curious about our faith. He has recently told us that he is moving to Bangkok very soon. We long to see him have a clear picture in his mind of who God is, and what He has done for him, and how he can put His trust in God as he moves to a new place." Pray also that language study will continue to go well for Greg and Becky, and that God will give them great joy as they serve in Thailand.

"And the Lord will scatter you among the people...but from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 4:27a, 29

Monday [25]: Jen Schmidt

MEXICO

Jen has been part of the Matthew Team in Guadalajara for the past several years, serving the MB churches in Guadalajara, hosting short term teams from North America, and being a part of the Matthew Training Center leadership. Pray for Jen as she disciples young women from RETO church. As Jen prepares for a busy summer of hosting short term teams, pray that she will have the ability to see all the details that need to be taken care of. Pray that many people will decide to follow Jesus as a direct result of the short-term teams that come to Guadalajara this summer. Pray for continued vision for the Matthew Team, and that God will make their vision of seeing Latino people trained and sent out in global mission a reality.

"The Lord compensate you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, under whose wings you have come to trust." Ruth 2:12

Tuesday [26]: Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters

THAILAND

Dave and Louise are part of Team 2000, serving in Chonburi. Praise God that He is transforming lives through the Bethel church plant in Chachoengsao, and pray that He will continue to use this young church community as agents of transformation in their community. As Dave and Louise, along with the rest of their team, spend focused time discerning what God is calling them to for the next season of ministry, pray that God will direct them with clarity. Pray for strength, health and joy as they serve. Pray for wisdom as they evangelize, disciple and train Thai people. Pray that God will raise up godly Thai leaders for all of the church plants with which Team 2000 is engaged.

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Psalm 18:2

Wednesday [27]: Vic & Marty Wiens

WORLDWIDE

After serving in Brazil for many years, Vic and Marty have transitioned back to North America. Vic is serving as a resource person to MB believers and missionaries in the Portuguese-speaking world (Brazil, Angola, Portugal). As Vic travels extensively, pray that God will grant him safety, energy and the ability to communicate effectively across cultural boundaries. Pray that this work will result in more people accepting Jesus and more missionaries being sent out from the Portuguese-speaking world.

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou alone, Lord, makest me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8

Thursday [28]: Kevin & Wendy

RESTRICTED

Kevin serves on the Oasis team, providing North American administrative support to media and leadership training ministries in North Africa. Praise God for the heart that He has given this family to serve the people of North Africa, and for the

opportunities they have had to see lives transformed in this region. Pray that God will continue to grant Kevin and Wendy spiritual, physical, relational and emotional health, and that He will give them clarity as they spend time discerning whether the Lord is calling them to relocate and reengage as international missionaries.

"They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him." Romans 15:21

Friday [29]: John & Geri Ervin

WORLDWIDE

John is a media resource missionary who captures stories of God's transformational work through video and photography in order that the North American church may celebrate what God is doing as a result of their partnership with missionaries around the world. Pray that churches and individuals will be led into worship as they experience these stories, and also that they will be called to deeper engagement in global mission. This ministry requires a high degree of creativity and discernment, as well as expertise. Praise God for the gifts He has given John and for his obedience in using them to bring glory to God. Pray for health and strength, as his travel schedule is often heavy.

"...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b

Saturday [30]: Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga

PANAMA

Einer and Girlesa serve among the Wounaan people in Chepo and the jungles of Panama. Pray for the emotional health of the Wounaan people. In recent years there have been several suicides which have deeply affected the community. Pray that Einer and Girlesa will be able to disciple this group of people and that God will use them strategically as agents of healing. Einer and Girlesa have recently received custody of Girlesa's six-year old nephew, Ilbanover. Pray that they will be able to parent this young boy well, and that the emotional wounds from his past will be healed as a result of being in a safe, loving environment.

"Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you, asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding." Colossians 1:9

May 31

Sunday [31]: Member Care Team

ABBOTSFORD

The Member Care Team is responsible for encouraging the spiritual, mental and emotional health of the entire MBMSI team. Praise God for the team He has called to this essential ministry: Paul Dyck, Teresa Born, Al Stobbe, Annelisa Toews and Katie Born. There are also a number of volunteers who serve on the Member Care team. Pray that God will grant each member of this team wisdom and joy as they walk closely with people in both easy and challenging seasons of life and ministry. Pray that they will remain healthy as they strive to lead others into health.

"Where there is no guidance, a people falls; but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14

Prayer for the Nations



Colombia

Colombia retains its reputation for being one of the most violent countries in the world, with a history of guerrilla, paramilitary and drug-related forces imposing control on many areas of the nation. The church, however, is growing rapidly in this context.

Please pray:

- that the political, legal and spiritual leaders of the nation will have the courage to stand up for what is right.
- for the continued growth of the Colombian MB Conference.
- for the two Colombian MB churches that MBMSI provides assistance to in outreach and church planting efforts.
- that the Colombian MB conference will continue to send out missionaries around the globe.
- that a new generation of Christian leaders will be called out and equipped for solid Bible teaching and discipleship.
- for MBMSI missionaries from Colombia: Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga (Panama), Jose & Esperanza Prada (Peru), and Alfredo & Sandra Beltran (Mexico).

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