



## 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 2010**

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**“You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.”**

**Acts 22:15**

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## May 1

### Saturday [1]: ACTION: Ontario

### Ontario, Canada

ACTION: Ontario is a team-based, cross cultural mission, discipleship training opportunity. ACTION is a 6-week opportunity with a program starting today in Ontario. Please pray that the participants will experience personal renewal and be disciplined in the context of global mission. Pray that the involved missionaries will also experience new life as they walk alongside the North Americans, that there will be a mutual blessing for both, participant and missionary. Teams will be going to DR Congo, Central Asia, Germany and Thailand.

*"So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him." 2 Corinthians 5:9*

## May 2-8

### Sunday [2]: John & Mary Klassen

### Canada/Germany

John & Mary will be spending the month of May in Germany where they spent almost 50 years as missionaries. They will be attending conferences, symposiums, and the European 150th Anniversary celebration of the MB Church in Europe. Please pray for these occasions, that God's faithfulness will be obvious in every aspects of these events. Pray for John as he writes the manuscripts giving an overview of all the Western European German speaking MB Churches that will be presented at this time. His plan is to contact all 130 Western European churches to garner information and pictures from days gone by. Please pray that all these things will flow smoothly and that John's work will be well received.

*"He will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work." 2 Timothy 2:21*

### Monday [3]: Robert & Marlene

### RESTRICTED

Since October 2009, Rob & Marlene have been waiting for the host government to approve an application to register an NGO (Non-Government Organization). This will enable them to buy property and start the retreat centre God has placed on their hearts. The centre will give opportunity to minister to those who are searching and those that need refreshment. The government has just turned down the NGO request, so they are back to square one, looking for alternatives. We know that Satan does not want to give up his territory, so the battle is being fought. Please help us pray that a solution will be found. God is never too early, never too late, but always just on time.

*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:12*

### Tuesday [4]: Jason & Andrea Edwards

### Brazil

For many years MBMSI has worked at placing teachers at PACA (Andrea is the school nurse), but since our vision has shifted strongly towards the church planting paradigm, the fit for Jason & Andrea will be tighter with an educational association.

We would like to thank them and the Lord for the wonderful work they have been doing, and continue to do. Please pray that the transition will be smooth and that Jason & Andrea will continue to impact the lives of these young people for the Lord. Pray that the youth will see Jesus in everything Jason & Andrea do and will follow in their path.

*"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us." Titus 2:7*

### Wednesday [5]: Sandra Fender

### Thailand

As you may remember, Sandra is currently living in Phuket where she is helping that team plant a church. Please pray for safety and protection as the team travels within the country. Pray that they truly will be a blessing to our Khmu Pastors, churches and to our Khmu brother & sisters and that they will be "bearers of Light" in the darkness. The Thai language is very difficult to learn. Please pray that God will intervene in a direct way so that Sandra can comprehend, absorb, and maintain what she learns in her lessons. Please pray for clarity, unity and discernment of her future assignment and team in Thailand.

*"Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." Psalm 5:2-3*

### Thursday [6]: Trevor & Rebekah

### RESTRICTED

Along with working as a Canada-based support for the Oasis Project, Trevor teaches ESL to a local least-reached people group. Please pray for an anointing of the Holy Spirit as he reaches out to these lost souls through the teaching avenue. They ask us to "pray that God will fill us with the Holy Spirit and that we will be sensitive to the opportunities around us to point people to Jesus". Trevor & Rebekah are also asking for prayer for the final 10% of the support. God has been so faithful for the 90% and they are trusting Him completely for the rest.

*"I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth." Psalm 108:3-5*

### Friday [7]: Ben & Melissa Froese

### Germany

Ben & Melissa have been in Germany now for almost four months. Language training is a challenge, so please keep them in your prayers as they try to learn a language that is new to both of them. They are involved with the Berlin MB Church and are already using their many gifts there. This part of Berlin used to be East Berlin and there are still a lot of Neo Nazis there and former Eastern European citizens who still pine for the "good old days of communism". Pray that Ben & Melissa along with the Berlin MB Church will walk into this mission field with confidence, knowing that our Heavenly Father is everywhere and knows everything, and that He will direct and guide their path.

*"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:9-10*

## Saturday [8]: Richard & Hazel Funk

### Austria

Richard & Hazel write: "Currently the State church, in many European countries, is in turmoil. It is grappling with the fallout as dozens of stories of abuse at the hands of religious leaders become public. Hundreds of people are turning their backs on the institutional church. Media has dubbed it as 'The Church's Crisis of the Century'. Pray that we may be sensitive to the Holy Spirit leading us to people, who are open to the gospel of God's grace and restoration." Richard & Hazel's ministry to the Austrian leaders is based on the simple principle, "We share with others what we have heard and seen, who in turn will do likewise." Pray that they might have wisdom from God during these difficult times.

*"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2*

May 9-15

## Sunday [9]: MBMSI Fresno Office

### Fresno, CA

The MBMSI staff in the Fresno, California office consists of Galen Wiest, Mark Thompson, Kathy Moser, John-Mark Bergen, and John Ervin. This month they will be sending out groups of ACTION participants to Thailand, Ukraine, and Peru. Praise God for this team that God is using to call out and train new missionaries, and to tell the story of what God is doing around the world through media and communications. Pray for unity, continued vision, and great favor among the churches of the Pacific District Conference.

*"My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the utterance from my heart will give understanding." Psalm 49:3*

## Monday [10]: MBMSI Alumni Celebration

### Abbotsford

The current work of MBMSI stands on the shoulders of many faithful workers who have served before us. Today, MBMSI will celebrate with long-term missionary alumni who live in British Columbia. This is an opportunity to mingle with each other, renew old acquaintances, previous missionaries meeting and mentoring the new ones, and a time of good fellowship. We thank God that so many have gone before, many giving their entire lives to the work of God's Kingdom around the world. This is also a time when past missionaries can learn about volunteer positions available within MBMSI that they may be interested in. Please pray that this will not only be a good time of reconnecting with past friends, but will also be a time of celebrating God's goodness, His faithfulness, and His everlasting love toward us.

*"Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services." Nehemiah 13:14*

## Tuesday [11]: Greg & Becky Ouellette

### Thailand

Church Planting has begun in Phuket! O2W (Operation 2nd Wave) team took a leap of faith and started a gathering at a local "sala" in their neighborhood (open air, but covered area). Pray for this new church plant - that God will lead the team and the people He is drawing to join them. Greg & Becky write: "Our dear friend Bia has

accepted our invitation to come and work with us for at least the next six months. She is helping us establish the Phuket branch office for the Thailand Mennonite Brethren Foundation. We are grateful to God for Bia! She has been a wonderful friend and Thai teacher for the past 2 years. She understands our hearts for Thais, as well as our hopes and dreams for ministering here in Phuket. She also has great administrative abilities, which are just an added bonus to her huge heart to share God's love with Thais." Pray for Bia, that God will bless her, use her, and continue to lead her in the work He has called her to.

*"God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." Ephesians 3:20*

## Wednesday [12]: Doris Goertz

### Japan

Doris writes, "One of my English class helpers and I are having an English Bible study with Mr. K. Pray for wisdom as we try to explain the truths of God's word to him. Pray that Mr. K will understand what he is learning and that he will yield his life to Jesus. Continue to pray that all the English students will grow in their understanding of the gospel". Doris' heart is definitely in Japan and we thank God that He has arranged for her to continue her ministry there.

*"I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." Acts 26:17-18*

## Thursday [13]: Amberley Hulzebos

### Japan

Amberley is making plans to return to USA this summer after serving in Japan since 2004. Please pray that she will be able to make arrangements that need to be made for her departure, but while she is there she will continue to influence lives of those she is teaching in Japan. Pray that her students will remember her as a woman of God and that Amberley's life will speak volumes for Jesus. We thank God for the committed servant Amberley has been over the past six years.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23*

## Friday [14]: 150th Ann. Celebration of the MB Church Germany

2010 is the global celebration marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Mennonite Brethren Church. Celebrations are happening in many countries around the globe this year and the European event begins today with a symposium planned by the three German conferences that will highlight the history of Mennonites in the former Soviet Union. The European celebration will conclude with a Pentecost Celebration on May 24. Ray Harms-Wiebe and Randy Friesen are speakers at these events. Praise God that He has seen the Mennonite Brethren through so many highs and lows for 150 years! What a history!

*"He brought His people out like a flock; He led them like sheep through the desert. He guided them safely, so they were unafraid." "With upright heart he tended them, and guided them with skillful hands." Psalm 78:52-3a, and 72*

## Saturday [15]: Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga

### Panama

Einer and Girlesa are now back in Panama after a brief trip to Canada and Colombia. Just before leaving Panama they moved to Yaviza, a small town in the forest where the MB Conference has a camp. Einer and Girlesa have moved onto the camp property in order to be closer to a particular group of people they are ministering to. Please pray that the transition will go smoothly for them and their adopted son (a nephew), and that the close contact with this group of Wounan will bear much fruit. Pray for protection on this property which is not heavily populated. God has promised that His word will not return void, and we believe that as the Zuluagas teach and mentor, God will open hearts and raise up Wounan leaders to carry on the work.

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16*

May 16-22

## Sunday [16]: Stacy Kuhns

### Mexico

Stacy is currently working with the Matthew Training Centre Team in Guadalajara, teaching at a school a short distance from the city center. Please continue to pray that she may have a strong influence on the family she is living with and for the students she is teaching. The school where Stacy teaches is somewhat opposed to the spiritual influence Stacy is having on the students. Please pray that they will embrace her Christian testimony and that she will leave a legacy of a godly Christian woman in her wake. Stacy’s time in Mexico was only a short assignment and will come to an end soon, when she will transition to another MBMSI mission location. More details will be available when confirmed.

*“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.” Acts 20:24*

## Monday [17]: Murray & Faith Nickel

### Worldwide

Murray is the MBMSI Community Development Consultant. Although most of the work the Nickels have done has been concentrated on DR Congo, more recently the position has expanded to worldwide locations. Praise God that He has given us a knowledgeable and godly couple to take on this challenging role. Please pray for uninterrupted funding to come into their account so they can continue the work. Pray that there will be wisdom to know which projects to support and which to defer, when and how to train and mentor on the field, and that the funds will be available to support those projects.

*“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*

## Tuesday [18]: Liana Penner

### Peru

Liana has been working in Trujillo since 2002, providing ministerial support at the Trujillo MB Church and working as the head of the English Department at the local Christian school. Please pray that Liana will influence her students for Jesus Christ and that she will continue to love the work she is doing. We thank God that He has led Liana to Peru and that she is such a great help and testimony to those she associates with. Please pray that God will make His way clear to her on a daily basis and she will feel your prayers on her behalf.

*“The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.” Psalm 138:8*

## Wednesday [19]: Mark & Amy

### RESTRICTED

Mark & Amy have been in this Asian country for five years now and are coming back to Canada for a visit next month. During that time they will be applying for new visas. Please pray that God will provide these necessary documents to allow them to return and continue the work He has called them to. They are also asking God for help in working out the details of the new efforts to partner with the MB Conference in that country, specifically with the Mennonite Brethren Development Organization. They write, “We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with godly leaders in the local MB Conference and we are trusting God that we can take our relationship with them to the next level.”

*“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.” Colossians 1:9*

## Thursday [20]: ICOMB Meetings

### Germany

ICOMB (International Community of MBs) is composed of one delegate from each of the 19 national MB conferences and a representative from MBMS International. The annual ICOMB gathering will be May 20-22 in conjunction with a German conference convention when they celebrate 150th MB Anniversary. Please pray that these national leaders will form a cohesive group as they plan and discern various MB activities and issues around the world where the MBs have an established presence.

*“So then, you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and member of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:19-22*

## Friday [21]: Jose & Esperanza Prada

### Peru

Jose and Esperanza are Colombian missionaries under MBMSI in Lima. Their growing church plant had outgrown its facilities and for almost 2 years they had been looking for a larger place in the same area with no success. Then with only 3 weeks before they had to be out of their current location, God answered their prayers and gave them the location, size, and cost that they wanted. Praise God! This test

has strengthened the faith of the church. Thank God with us! Please pray that this new location will open more doors for ministry, and that this body of believers will reach out to the community which will result in Kingdom growth.

*"Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it." Mark 16:20*

### **Saturday [22]: Andrew & Olga Pritzkau Germany**

The much anticipated Berlin MB Church grand opening is just around the corner. Andrew & Olga have several requests at this time: "Please pray for the door to door flyer hand out in the neighborhood of the church, as we invite people to the grand opening and dedication on May 30, 2010. Please pray for the final paperwork for the Berlin church building to receive an occupancy permit, and for the final touch-ups still to be done. Pray for the dedication weekend and Open House on May 28-30, 2010. Also pray for the ACTION team coming in May - June to assist the church and reach out to kids in the community." (ACTION is a multi-generational 6-week program that gives participants opportunity to engage in cross-cultural ministry as they work alongside MBMSI missionaries on the field).

*"But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good." 2 Thessalonians 3:13*

## **May 23-29**

### **Sunday [23]: Ernie & Elfrieda Reimer Canada/Lithuania**

Ernie & Elfrieda are MBMSI liaisons for Lithuania. Praise the Lord that there are decisions being made for Christ in places like Alytus – a new church plant. Praise God that the pastors of the churches are working well together and unity does exist. This wasn't always the case. The Evangelical Bible Institute (EBI) is having another good year, and Christians are looking outward and seeking to be involved in missions. Please pray that a revival will come to Lithuania, as Christians get caught up in the materialistic thrust stimulated by the European Community. Pray that a replacement will be found for the Haegele family, the coordinators of the church work, when they go back to Germany next year.

*"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2*

### **Monday [24]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez Thailand**

The Abundant Life Home Orphanage (ALH) is continuing to grow. House #3 and #4 opened in April and more children have been taken in. Please pray for the ten new children at ALH, that they and the new nannies will bond quickly and love and serve each other. Praise God for the building project at the orphanage; they will break ground soon! Once completed ALH will have 7 cottages with 8 children in each along with a caring couple to parent them. This will give the children a feeling of family. Please help us pray for finances to come in to completely cover the cost.

*"It has not entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 2 Corinthians 2:9*

### **Tuesday [25]: Jen Schmidt Mexico**

Jen writes: "SOAR Mexico took place the week leading up to Easter weekend. We hosted 46 people for 1 week, who came from Canada and the States in an intergenerational short term missions program. We had a great week together serving, learning and growing. The theme for the week came from Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news..." Praise God for fruit as the result of the efforts from the SOAR teams. Pray that God will continue to do transformational work in the lives of the new contacts that were made during the SOAR week." This is the beginning of a very busy time for the team in Guadalajara. Please pray for energy as they engage in the lives of the community's youth.

*"But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good." 2 Thessalonians 3:13*

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

Robert, Anne, and family have been living among the Mixteco people of Mexico since 2003. They have been mentoring a woman named Cleo Young who has spent the past year living in a village near an unreached group called the Chatino. She has been learning language and culture and preparing to enter this area. Recently she has requested the village authorities to allow her to move directly into a Chatino village, but her request was denied. Please pray she will find a way to live among the Chatino people. Pray also for Robert & Anne as they continue to mentor her.

*"If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you." Exodus 33:13*

### **Thursday [27]: Christoph & Antonia Haegele Lithuania**

The Haegele family has been church planting and teaching in Lithuania since 2001, and are preparing to return to Germany in 2011. Please help us pray for a replacement. They have sent several prayer requests: "Please pray for our son Erich who is writing his high school exams in Lithuanian, end of May to mid June. Also pray for the EBI students (Evangelical Bible Institute) who have to finish their spring semester by June. Thank God for a wonderful TREK team (6-month MBMSI mission assignment) who is serving in Siauliai." Pray for unity and good working relations amongst all those serving together. "Please pray for good preparations for summer camps (children, teenagers, men, students). Thank you for your prayers." We pray with them that God will prepare all those attending the camps; that they will come with an open heart for Jesus.

*"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:3*

### **Friday [28]: Dave & Mel RESTRICTED**

It has been almost 2 months since Dave & Mel left Canada for this Central Asian country. The business of establishing themselves into their new neighborhood has begun. The team has found accommodations within walking distance from each other and what a blessing that is! The next step is language study and cultural

familiarization, so please pray for those issues. Please pray that God will give them the gift of language. Pray for safety for the team, for unity amongst themselves, and for God to already be preparing the souls that will be won for Him. Pray that the children will have an easy time adjusting to the many changes. A short-term missionary named Rosanna will be teaching the children of Team 58:12, so please pray for her as well, that she will have a rewarding time with the children.

*"He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:4*

### **Saturday [29]: MBMSI Operations Team                      Abbotsford, BC**

The Operations Team at MBMSI consists of JP Hayashida, Ann Zauner, Mark Klassen, Joanne Toews, and Paul Bergen. This team keeps all the various parts of MBMSI working in synergy. We thank God for bringing together this gifted group of godly people who have been called to serve Him. At this time, they are asking for prayer for smooth implementation of all the new hardware and software changes that will strengthen our applications at MBMSI.

*"How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!" Proverbs 16:16*

**May 30-31**

### **Sunday [30]: Member Care Volunteers                      Worldwide**

John & Isabelle Balzer, Frank & Esther Martens, and Ron & Betty Russell are MBMSI volunteer couples who extend a ministry of support and encouragement to our missionary families. Please pray for these couples, that God will reveal needs that beg attention, and that they will also be a source of encouragement as they visit the MBMSI missionaries in the field. Thank God with us that He has given these couples a heart for our missionaries, so that they are willing to take on this awesome responsibility.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38*

### **Monday [31]: Prospective Missionaries                      Worldwide**

There are 16 missionaries that have now finished training and are involved in church plants in their home environments while they build a support team around them to be mobilized to their future mission fields. Please pray for each individual as they connect with potential donors and prayer supporters. Pray that they will feel God near to them, directing and guiding each step in the mobilization process.

Pray for: Brad, Stephanie, Syras and Natasha – Restricted Access Country; Krista Deboer – Burkina Faso; Wendy Eros – Japan; Craig & Fabiana, Kevin & Wendy, Marcela, and Sharin – Restricted Access Country; Edd & Ingrid Russell – North Thailand; James & Alyssa Wiest – Mexico.

*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Immediately they left their nets and followed Him." Matthew 4:19-20*

# Prayer for the Nations

## DR Congo



North American MB missionaries first reached the shores of the Belgian Congo in 1912. Since that initial Church-planting endeavor, the denomination has grown to a population of over 85,000 believers representing upwards

of 650 congregations. The missionary torch has long since been passed into the hands of indigenous believers. While statistics show that 95% of the population is Christian, only 19% are declared evangelicals, and significant portions of the population have yet to hear the gospel, including pygmy tribes who are currently being reached by the new generation of Congolese believers. The DR Congo has long been burdened by corrupt government, extreme poverty and unremitting violence. MBMSI is working alongside local lay-people who aim to reach their communities in holistic ways. In many cases, their evangelistic efforts are closely tied to ministries of peace building, social justice and poverty reduction.

### **Please pray:**

- For unity and solid leadership within the Congolese MB Conference.
- For Bukavu MB Church and other civilians living in Eastern Congo where violence persists.
- For the MB educational institutes in Congo and for the next generation of new leaders who are currently emerging...they are the future hope of this country.

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