



## Bridge of Prayer Mission Without Borders Australia January-February 2008

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, Your God reigns!” Isaiah 52:7 NIV

**DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA.** Give thanks for the generosity of supporters for all ministries in 2007. Pray wise decisions are made, for Australia's contribution to the wider ministry of MWB in 2008– the need is overwhelming and resources are limited.

**DAY 2. 'GIFT IN KIND'.** Praise God for the countless volunteers involved around the country – the growth of this ministry is amazing! With 2008 ahead, pray for good structures and inexpensive transport options for getting the GIK to Sydney for packing and then onto our field countries via our distribution centre in Holland.

**DAY 3. 'GIFT IN KIND'.** Praise God for the incredible generosity of companies, who donated some great excess stock in 2007! Pray further donations from new company contacts.

**DAY 4. Operation Christmas Love (OCL).** Praise the Lord for the blessing of Operation Christmas Love! Thousands have received parcels – families, the elderly and disabled, and the blessing will continue into January, with some field countries not celebrating Christmas until early January!

**DAY 5. Family-to-Family (F2F) & Child Rescue International (CRI)** – praise the Lord for the generosity of sponsors of families & children who purchased Christmas gifts – sourced & packed locally – what a blessing!

**DAY 6. ALBANIA. (F2F). Brozi.** Pray for this poor family who are new to our program. Flora, a widow, is struggling to raise her two sons Klaudio (9) and Kristian (5). They live in a very small house with no bathroom. Flora's mother-in-law lives with them and struggles with poor health. They need 4 sponsors.

**DAY 7. ALBANIA. F2F. Popa.** Lloiza, a widow, struggles to raise her 3 teenage children. She is a caring mother, but because of the physical and mental health of all family members, self-sufficiency is unlikely. Hence a gift of couch beds (2 x \$140) would be a tremendous blessing for this struggling family.

**DAY 8. ALBANIA. Vocational Training.** “We have learnt lots of verses, new words and phrases. We are able to speak English! MWB gave us the best opportunity to learn this language. Without it, we cannot find jobs after school. Thank you MWB!” said Amarilda. Praise the Lord for these projects opening doors for the future!

**Day 9. ALBANIA. (F2F). Himaldi.** This poor family continues to struggle with poor health. Father Agim struggles with a disability, from a work accident, and mother Lindita, struggles from the affects of Polio. Due to their state of health, employment is impossible. Provision of a table & four chairs (\$320) would be a blessing.

**DAY 10. Operation Christmas Love (OCL).** Pray for those who received OCL parcels – they would see this generosity as an expression of God's Love and would be touched and challenged by the message of the birth of Jesus, God's Son, in the Christmas presentations they saw, as they received their parcels.

**DAY 11. BOSNIA. F2F. Berisa Family.** Izudin was a prisoner of war and the family fled to Bosnia as refugees. Despite tremendous hardship, they desperately want to find employment so they can be self-sufficient. Pray for employment. The provision of firewood (\$350) would be a blessing during this harsh winter.

**DAY 12. BOSNIA. F2F. Vrgoc Family.** Mum, Davorka will do anything for her children. They fear for her safety, as her occupation is clearing land mines. She continues this dangerous work as she is determined to provide educational opportunities for her children. Firewood (\$550) would be a blessing this winter.

**DAY 13. Micro Enterprise.** Grant discernment as we seek to provide impoverished families with support and opportunity to become self sufficient through the start-up of income generating activities.

**DAY 14. MOLDOVA. Child Sponsorship (CRI). Natalia** is ten and loves drawing and sport. She is described as a leader, confident and outgoing. Natalia's family is very poor and she requires special education. She is able to go home to Mum and siblings each night. A sponsor would be a great encouragement to her.

**DAY 15. Families in Crisis.** Pray for those driven to desperation by lack of food and freezing conditions this winter. Pray our coordinators can identify them and for the resources to relieve their burdens.

**DAY 16. Operation Winter Rescue (OWR).** The harsh Eastern European winter arrived early (by end of November), with temperatures well below zero in all field countries. Our delivery of OWR items – knitted items, blankets, warm jackets, boots, hats and scarves began in early December, but continues. Pray for identification of those most in need, and safety as coordinators travel icy roads to make deliveries.

**DAY 17. MOLDOVA. F2F. Lupan.** Pray for this new family. Both parents are unemployed. Their needs are critical. They need 4 sponsors, and would love to grow seedlings for sale in popular Moldovan greenhouses.

**DAY 18. MOLDOVA. CRI. Semion** is nine and loves games, drawing and music. He would love to be a driver when he grows up. He studies at Orhei School in Moldova, a caring, well-organised, large School. Although he goes home each day, his family is very poor and his parents are divorced. Semion needs a Sponsor.

**DAY 19. Special Projects (SP)** Special projects purchase particular items to bless a Family or Children's Home. They are increasingly for self-sufficiency needs. Many families would greatly benefit from livestock – food for their families and a means for an income. For example, a cow in Moldova (\$1,000).

**DAY 20. ROMANIA. Child Care.** Pray for the authorities working to find solutions for the continuing problem of unwanted children- for compassionate answers to be found, putting children's needs first, before politics.

**DAY 21. ROMANIA . CRI. Andreea** is 8 and would greatly benefit from the love and care of a sponsor. She is an only child and is deaf and dumb. She loves drawing, painting and is hard working. She attends the Christian Input activities in the Home and loves the stories about Jesus.

**Day 22. CHINA.** Pray for safety for our partner workers – persecution persists in many areas; may they be bold in proclaiming the Gospel!

**DAY 23. UKRAINE. CRI.** Sergiy is 15 and studies at Zaturtsy Auxiliary School because he requires special education. He has three siblings and his sister Nadia lives in the same Home. His father is an alcoholic. Sergiy likes maths and would like to be a driver when he grows up. A sponsor is needed to encourage this teenager.

**DAY 24. UKRAINE. Children's Hospital visitation.** Pray for the many children who heard the Gospel last year while in hospital. Many children and mums have responded and asked for a Bible or Christian literature.

**DAY 25. UKRAINE. Christian Radio for Children.** Pray for this project, which reaches 1,000s of children in the Rivne region. It is incredibly popular and has produced much fruit in the lives of children from poor families.

**DAY 26. Operation Winter Rescue (OWR).** Pray for continued finances to provide adequate clothing and footwear to those in need – thousands of children in Homes, as well as families and elderly. Pray for additional funds to ensure we can assist with purchasing resources for heating family as well as Children's Homes – a lack of heating makes life miserable and has a disastrous affect on the health of all affected.

**DAY 27. Vocational Training.** Praise the Lord for the increasing number of Vocational Training opportunities for teenagers and adults in the Homes and Community Centres Mission Without Borders are involved with. Pray for increased funds – one-off gifts, as well as regular sponsors for these life-changing ministries!

**Day 28. Financial Needs.** There are more needs than resources available. Pray for the Lord's provision.

**DAY 29. Field Countries.** Pray for all leaders, workers and volunteers in our field countries- Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine. The need is overwhelming, they must continually encourage and counsel thousands enduring tremendous poverty – love, grace, and patience is needed.

**DAY 30.** Praise God for the continued good cooperation between MWB & governments in our field countries.

**DAY 31. Supporters.** Thank God for all who support His work through MWB by prayer, time and money. Pray especially that all will experience afresh the joy and peace of Christ the light of the world.

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