

Bridge of Prayer Mission Without Borders Australia March-April 2008

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich!" 2 Corinthians 8:9 NIV

DAY 1. MWB Australia. Give thanks to God for the wonderful opportunities we have to support the ministry to the poor of Eastern Europe! Pray we make wise decisions about the use of our limited resources.

DAY 2. 'Gift in Kind'. Give thanks for the dedication and time given by our volunteers who collect and pack our 'Gift in Kind'. Pray for transport companies willing to transport our donations from around Australia to our storage facility in Sydney, for little or no cost.

DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind'. Give thanks for generous companies like Pumpkin Patch and King Gee Clothing who generously donated their excess stock last year. Pray many more companies will come forward to offer their stock and the resources to get this stock to those who need it most as soon as practical.

DAY 4. Volunteering in Eastern Europe. Pray for people to volunteer their time in MWB's short term opportunities in Eastern Europe. These opportunities are a blessing for all and a great chance to witness our overall ministries.

DAY 5. Family-to-Family (F2F). Give thanks for the encouragement of cards, greetings and gifts this past Christmas. The gifts brought indescribable joy! Regular contact, through letters and cards is possible up to four times per year. Although brief, it is very meaningful. Pray families will know they are also loved by Christ, and look to Him for their daily needs.

DAY 6. F2F. Praise God for the local workers and volunteers who daily bring ministry to these families. It is our Mission policy to have local Christians and not missionaries as they know the culture, language, history, understand the former persecution of Christians, and are able to bring a strong testimony. Pray for wisdom in their daily ministry.

DAY 7. ALBANIA. F2F. Pray for the crises of Suicide plaguing Albania. Mental health issues and treatment are completely neglected. This crisis also involves families in our programs. Therefore, wisdom, love and compassion are paramount and prescription medicines distributed through our Pharmacy Project are vital.

DAY 8. ALBANIA. F2F. Brozi. Flora, a widow, is struggling to raise her two sons in a tiny house they also share with her mother-in-law, Klaudio (9) has eye and ear problems and his grandmother suffers from liver and heart problems. They desperately need 4 sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.

DAY 9. ALBANIA. F2F. The **Shkurti** family struggle with tremendous poverty and a washing machine is an urgent need (\$515).

DAY 10. ALBANIA. F2F. The **Alushi** family endures tremendous poverty as they struggle to raise 3 children with special needs. They have an urgent need of a refrigerator (\$515).

DAY 11. ALBANIA. F2F. The **Dule** family is still overwhelmed by extreme poverty; pray for harmony in their home, employment for Skender the husband, and for Majko (16), who has joined the thousands of Albanians who have left the country in search of work. They have an urgent need of a dining table and 6 chairs (\$335).

DAY 12. ALBANIA. Vocational Training. Please pray for the students in our two programs: English language and Computer studies. All students come from poor families, most of who are registered in our Family-to-Family Project. This is a great opportunity for them to gain skills- a great foundation for future employment.

DAY 13. BULGARIA. Community Centres. Please pray for the 300 plus people who are the daily beneficiaries of the Soup Kitchens at our 10 Community Centres. As 60% are unbelievers, please pray for the Bible Studies to engage their interest and the Holy Spirit to convict them of their sin and their need for salvation. Praise God some are attending church and bringing their friends too.

DAY 14. CHILD CARE. Emotional Support classes. Pray for these programs in the Children Homes that teach communication skills, study anger management, appropriate social behaviour and skills and warn teenagers about the dangerous trade of human trafficking. This is vital for children growing up without the love and care of a healthy family.

DAY 15. CHILD CARE. 'Five Day Clubs'. Give thanks for this wonderful ministry in the Children's Homes. They are often the catalyst for children turning to Christ and a wonderful encouragement to the children to grow in their faith through the Bible Correspondence Courses. Pray for fruit, wisdom and creativity for all staff and volunteers involved.

DAY 16. MOLDOVA. Child Rescue International Sponsorship Program (CRI). Eugeniu (10) is deaf, benefits from a hearing aid, receives special education and speech therapy. He loves drawing, sport, games and his school lessons. He is athletic, funny, helpful and outgoing and needs a sponsor to provide for his needs and encourage him. **DAY 17. MOLDOVA. CRI. Natalia (8)** is an only child and suffers from Cerebral Palsy and developmental delay. She loves drawing, music, writing, playing games and would like to be a teacher when she grows up. She is described as artistic, helpful and outgoing! Natalia needs a sponsor to provide for her needs and encourage her.

DAY 18. MOLDOVA. F2F. Lupan. Pray for this poor family with 2 children, new to our F2F program. Both parents are unemployed, but they would love to grow seedlings for sale in Moldova greenhouses. Their needs are critical. They desperately require 4 sponsors, to meet their needs and encourage them as they strive for self-sufficiency.

DAY 19. Scholarship Fund. Give thanks for the dedication of poor parents, such as Davorka Vrgoc (Bosnia), who worked clearing land mines to try to finance her daughter's education. Give thanks this need is now met through the Scholarship Fund! Pray our field countries can support those Scholarship students as well as identify those most in need.

DAY 20. Scholarship Fund. Praise God for the wonderful blessing of Scholarships for capable students keen to finish higher education! Pray for students, who carry a huge study load that usually eclipses the load of Australian students. Pray for increased numbers of Australians to come forward to pledge to the Scholarship Fund.

DAY 21. ROMANIA & MOLDOVA. F2F. Pray for the families affected by last year's drought. Families are starving as their cellars are bare with the failure of last Summer's harvest; and animals had to be sold because of a lack of feed. Pray for the resources to care for these families suffering a big setback as they strive for self-sufficiency.

DAY 22. ROMANIA. F2F. Vasile Pangratie (17) suffers with multiple disabilities and is incapable of performing many tasks. He was reintegrated into his natural family in 2002. Doctors have recommended physiotherapy with a medicinal bicycle (\$625). This is impossible for this poor family and distressing for Vasile, as he knows without it he will never have the chance to find employment and integrate into society. This gift will mean healing and a future.

DAY 23. ROMANIA. F2F. George and Lungu **Balan** and their 4 children live in a 2 roomed house, with no kitchen and bathroom. Cooking is done by gas-bottle stove. Both parents often find casual work in another village, leaving the grandmother to care for the children. They are in desperate need of a cooking and heating stove (\$725), as the children suffer frequent cold-related illnesses. Materials to repair the foundations of their home are an additional need.

DAY 24. ROMANIA. CRI. Ciprian (12) and Ionut (14) are brothers. Their parents are alcoholics, their mother has abandoned them and they only get rare visits from their grandmother. Ionut would like to be a builder and is honest and well behaved. Ciprian loves Maths and would like to be a fireman. Both need sponsorship, encourage and prayer.

DAY 25. ROMANIA. CRI. Bianca (6) is deaf and dumb. She loves stories, drawing and is described as friendly and sociable. Only able to visit her very poor family in school holidays, Bianca needs a sponsor to show her love and support.

DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Nastya (8) is an only child, comes from a poor family and suffers from poor eyesight. She likes to study and would like to be a doctor when she grows up. She needs a sponsor to care for and encourage her.

DAY 27. UKRAINE. CRI. Oleksandr (Sasha) (10) has poor eyesight and receives special education. He is friendly and would love to be a driver when he grows up. He requires a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.

DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. GAMZA. Ganna struggles to raise her children alone, following the death of her husband. They are thankful for everyone's assistance, but still have urgent needs of a Fridge, 2 Beds and a Bathub.

DAY 29. Vocational Training. Give thanks for the various Courses offered to teenagers and adults in the Children's Homes and Community Centres! Pray especially for the Courses run solely by MWB, for wisdom as we prepare teenagers for independence – not just vocationally, but with life and social skills and a firm faith in God.

DAY 30. MWB International. Praise God for the opportunity to present our work through a documentary in Europe! Pray for fruit and increased supporters of our work, ultimately benefiting the children & families in our programs.

DAY 31. MWB Australia. Give thanks for our supporters, who give so sacrificially. Pray for God's blessing and provision in every area of their lives.

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