

Bridge of Prayer
Mission Without Borders Australia
July-August 2008

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. Give thanks for the generosity of our supporters and their willingness to give despite the harsh economic times.

DAY 2. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Praise God we have 2 containers on their way. The generosity of individuals is amazing! Give thanks and ask for God's blessing on each and every person contributing. Give thanks for all volunteers who pack and collect for us on a regular basis, we could not function without their support.

DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind'. Companies. Give thanks for the generosity of companies donating their excess stock! Paul Hartmann donated an entire container of medical supplies on their way to Ukraine! Pray for more offers to come forward. These donations are a blessing and enable us to use our existing funds to meet growing needs.

DAY 4. MOLDOVA. CHILD CARE. Natalia (15) lives in Vascauti Children's Home. She is in 8th grade and lost all hearing because of a severe illness. Her father abandoned the family and Natalia and her two brothers rarely see their Mum. We would like to purchase a hearing aid for Natalia, but still require \$800 to fulfil this critical need.

DAY 5. ALBANIA. The victims from the March explosion of an ammunition factory are still suffering terribly. Please pray for adequate housing to be provided for victims who can no longer safely inhabit their homes affected by the fall-out; for strength, grace and patience for our staff and volunteers who are helping wherever possible and for continued good cooperation between MWB and other NGOs as they minister to those affected.

DAY 6. BOSNIA. Preschool education. School does not start until the age of seven, making preschool education vital. This is fee paying however, excluding the poorest of the poor, leaving them at a distinct disadvantage by the time they start school. Praise God for the Christ-centred preschool program for F2F children – bearing much fruit!

DAY 7. BOSNIA. Refugee Camps. Despite the war ceasing over a decade ago, many still reside in refugee camps, even though they were decommissioned years ago. Many families have no other options. Pray a new volunteer can come forward to continue this vital ministry and deliveries to the families struggling to survive in the two Mission Without Border's supported camps.

DAY 8. BOSNIA. Family-to-Family. Praise God for the wonderful ministry to families, with strong cooperation from local churches. Pray for fruit with the Alpha Course underway for families – for many to come to faith and seek fellowship in participating local congregations.

DAY 9. BOSNIA F2F. Kurtanovic Family. Snjezana suffered a number of heart attacks and has now undergone surgery following the discovery of Cervical Cancer. Pray for healing for her and comfort for her husband Rifko and their 4 young children. They are refugees, desperate to become self-sufficient. These setbacks are disheartening.

DAY 10. BULGARIA. Vocational Training. Give thanks for the wonderful impact of the Computer Courses run in conjunction with the local church and the Russe Children's Home. Not only are those graduating students learning vital skills that will aid self-sufficiency, they are also learning of a Heavenly Father and the plan He has for their lives.

DAY 11. CHINA. Please pray for the people of China after the earthquake – with thousands of lives lost and millions left homeless. Give thanks for our partners in China – Target Ministries – and pray for wisdom, strength and adequate resources as they reach out to those affected.

DAY 12. CHINA. Praise God with us that many Chinese have given their lives to the Lord as a result of the earthquake tragedy. Pray for local House Church leaders as they shepherd and minister to these new believers.

DAY 13. CHILD CARE. Praise God for the number of children now hearing sound for the first time with hearing aids funded by generous Australian donors! A whole new world has opened up to these teenagers – a new lease on life. They will now experience so much more of what this world can offer. Many more children are still waiting. Interested in helping? Please contact us.

DAY 14. Community Centres. Not only are these vital places of physical nourishment, the fellowship is priceless! Even though life continues to be very harsh and the beneficiaries are often discouraged, many have come to faith and all now believe there is a God who cares and will always listen and answer their prayers – wonderful fruit- praise God!

DAY 15. As Eastern Europe enjoys warmer weather pray for good health and protection from disease – those without running water and adequate sanitation are at great risk of disease.

DAY 16. Field countries. Please pray for rest and recuperation of our staff and volunteers during their annual summer holidays. They are daily faced with poverty, tragedy, immense struggle and never having sufficient resources to meet the needs of those they come to care deeply for.

DAY 17. Child Rescue International and Child Recovery Homes. Please pray for children with Special Needs. We support thousands through our Child Rescue International Program with individual sponsorship, as well as 13 Homes with collective sponsorship. The food, medicines, clothing, shoes, furniture and hygiene supplies are greatly appreciated by these children, who are the most neglected.

DAY 18. Romania. Child Recovery Homes. Home. 1/8 is for emotionally troubled children and is affiliated to Australia – we are responsible for the sponsorship of the entire home. They are currently 14 children in this Home and they are well-loved by the carers. Pray for new sponsors to come forward to regularly support this Home.

DAY 19. SCHOLARSHIPS. Hundreds of young people are able to complete high school and tertiary education thanks to the Scholarship Fund. The scholarship pays for their Fees; and they also receive support for their study and living expenses. This is an investment in the future of Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Pray each student holds firm to the knowledge they are loved by God and He has a plan for their lives.

DAY 20. Summer Camps. Praise God for the wonderful opportunity for thousands of kids to enjoy a holiday of a lifetime! Pray for safety as children travel, good weather and adequate resources for all camps.

DAY 21. Summer Camp. Pray for children's hearts to be softened and ready to receive the message of their loving Heavenly Father at Summer Camp this year. Pray many would take up the opportunity to enroll in MWB's Bible Correspondence Course when they return home.

DAY 22. Please pray for the thousands of children with no safe place to go over summer as Children's Homes close down. Pray for protection and provision for children living in precarious situations without adequate housing and food.

DAY 23. Pray for provision for those Christian families who take in children from Children's Homes for the summer, offering them a safe and caring environment. Many Christian families barely have enough to sustain their own families. Pray that God would bless them for their generosity and provide for the needs of everyone.

DAY 24. MOLDOVA. CHILD CARE. "Dear Jesus, thank you for entering my heart. I want You to lead my life to the very end. I know that you died for our sins. You were not guilty of them. You are my true Friend," prayed Andrei (15), from Cenisaulti Children's Home. Pray for this Home. The local Orthodox priest & Director oppose our ministry.

DAY 25. MOLDOVA. Vocational Training. Give thanks for the wonderful comprehensive vocational training facility at Ghidighici Farm. Pray for good weather for a good crop of vital vegetables and produce the Children's Homes will rely on for the coming year.

DAY 26. MOLDOVA. Vocational Training. Pray the Car Mechanics Workshop can be finished soon and ready for use by teenagers in the new school year. Pray Home staff and Coordinators can identify the prime candidates.

DAY 27. UKRAINE. F2F. Kashetsky. This poor family with five children are in desperate need of support. Living in Rivne, all suffer health problems relating to the fallout from the Chernobyl disaster: respiratory problems, the two daughters have throat problems and one year old Victor has encephalitis and testicular cancer. Having undergone surgery, he is now undertaking chemotherapy. Pray for strength and healing. They require 4 sponsors.

DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. Derkach. This poor family of eleven children desperately needs your help. Having lost their father in a tragic accident (he was returning home from teaching at church) a few months ago, this Christian family is now struggling to survive. They live in an unfinished house of 4 rooms, with wood floors that are not covered, an unfinished bathroom and kitchen with wood stove. Living in Sarny, badly affected by the Chernobyl Disaster, all suffer from respiratory and health problems. They require 4 sponsors.

DAY 29. UKRAINE. Mothercare. Please pray for nurse Lyudmyla as she teaches the mothers-to-be how to take care of themselves and their babies during and after delivery. Pray for her as she daily assesses the needs of Mums.

DAY 30. MWB. International. Leadership. Give thanks for the good cooperation we have with the Children's Homes and authorities in the countries we work in. Give thanks authorities trust us and ask for help. Pray for wisdom in who we assist, as the need always well and truly outstrips our resources.

DAY 31. MWB. Supporters. Our supporters form a world-wide family from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, the UK and USA. May we together know that God who called us to serve Him is being glorified in the lives of the many beneficiaries in Eastern Europe!

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