

Bridge of Prayer

Mission Without Borders Australia

May-June 2008

"You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body. When I was put together there, you saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in your book before I was one day old. God, your thoughts are precious to me". Psalm 139:15-17 (NCV).

DAY 1. MWB Australia. Give thanks for the privilege of serving as part of an international ministry, and for the opportunity to share the blessings of this country; with those who are struggling with the basics we take for granted.

DAY 2. 'Gift in Kind'. Give thanks for the dedication of volunteers who collect and pack these donations. Pray for the next container's quick and safe delivery to our international headquarters. Give thanks our previous containers' blessing has been spread throughout all 6 field countries!

DAY 3. MWB AUSTRALIA. Pray for opportunities to speak in the community about our ministry. Spreading the word will bless our field countries.

DAY 4. UKRAINE & ALBANIA. Mother Care. Pray we can raise the necessary finances for these vital projects saving and improving the lives of Mums and their children.

DAY 5. SUMMER CAMP. Pray we raise sufficient funds to send thousands of children to Summer Camp this year! Pray for generous companies around the world to supply many of the practical needs for the Summer Camps. The more they can provide, the more we can offer the children during and after the Camps.

DAY 6. Family-to-Family Program (F2F). Praise God for the thousands who benefit from this program. Pray for new sponsors to come forward to take up the sponsorships of waiting families desperate for support and encouragement.

DAY 7. MOLDOVA. Community Centres. The three centres continue to provide both physical and spiritual food. Ecaterina from January's Focus News has passed away. Pray for her two teenage children, trying to survive on their own, now both their mother and father have passed away. Their physical needs are many, such as repairing the very dilapidated home the local authorities has given them permission to live in.

DAY 8. ALBANIA. Pray for the victims of the explosion that rocked Albania. Many were injured and thousands are homeless. Pray we have the resources to meet the continued needs of those left homeless. Give thanks for the relationship we have with the government and the great opportunity we had to immediately respond to the crisis.

DAY 9. F2F. Pray for the Coordinators who are the heart, hands and feet of our Family-to-Family ministry. Our Mission is to 'Reach People for Christ' while endeavouring to work with families to alleviate their poverty and help them work toward self-sufficiency. They need prayer for love, patience, wisdom and compassion.

DAY 10. ALBANIA. F2F. JEVGU. Donika is raising her 3 children alone, now her alcoholic husband has abandoned the family. Pray for employment opportunities for Donika. An urgent need is a washing machine \$515.

DAY 11. ALBANIA. F2F. METALLA. This family has struggled with crippling poverty, but is proof that with help, there is hope. Dallendyshe, a widow, struggles to raise her 3 children, but is thankful for all assistance. Pray Dallendyshe and the kids are encouraged by the Coordinator visits. An urgent need is a wardrobe (\$335).

DAY 12. ALBANIA. Mother Care and Baby Care. Give thanks for this wonderful ministry to mothers and the babies. Give thanks for the amazing improvement on the infant mortality rate at the Maminas Clinic. Pray each mother would understand they are loved by God and choose to live lives as His children.

DAY 13. CHILD RESCUE INTERNATIONAL. MOLDOVA. Aura (8) has significant hearing loss and receives special education. She requires a sponsor to encourage her and help supply her needs. She urgently needs a hearing aid (\$740).

DAY 14. MOLDOVA. F2F. MANOLI. Mihail & Larisa are a young couple beginning their life together. They would dearly love to be able to provide an income for themselves and their daughter Virginia (2). Their dream is to run a business growing and selling vegetables. They require 3 sponsors to encourage them and provide for their needs.

DAY 15. MOLDOVA. CRI. Daniel (6) is funny, loving, musical and friendly. He requires special education and speech therapy. He loves drawing. He urgently needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.

DAY 16. CHILD CARE. Pray for the thousands of children in the Children's Home as summer draws near. Some have places to go, such as extended family, while others have nowhere to go as Homes close down over summer. Pray for many more Christian families to come forward to welcome these kids into their homes over summer.

DAY 17. SUMMER CAMP. Pray the MWB Coordinators in the Children's Homes and F2F projects make the right decisions of who to send to the wonderful Summer Camps in each field country.

DAY 18. Micro Enterprise. Give thanks for the Micro Enterprise Projects gaining momentum. This project is particularly successful in Bosnia and is helping families attain their dream – self-sufficiency.

DAY 19. ROMANIA. F2F. STOICA. Mugiu is struggling to raise her 2 children, now her husband has abandoned the family. Ionela struggles with significant disabilities and Florin has finished school and works wherever he can to earn an income for the family. Please pray for this family. They desperately want to finish building two rooms to improve their humble home. We still require \$1230 to complete this important project.

DAY 20. VOLUNTEERS. Eastern Europe. Volunteers are hard to come by in hard economic times. Logic would say it is therefore extremely difficult to find volunteers in Eastern Europe when most families are struggling to feed their families. Therefore give thanks and praise for the hundreds of volunteers in our field countries who volunteer their time to bless and minister to the children, families and elderly beneficiaries of our programs.

DAY 21. BOSNIA. F2F and Community Centres. Give thanks for the servant, generous hearts of Bosnian families, who having received a cow for their families, are now donating some of the cheese to the Soup Kitchen for needy elderly and families.

DAY 22. BOSNIA. F2F. Slatinovic-Gas. Djenana is determined to provide for her two children Azer (13) & Mevlida (10), and willingly takes up any work she can find. She is now divorced from the children's father due to his alcoholism. He does not support the family. They live in a one-room apartment and require 4 sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.

DAY 23. Community Centre ministries. Give thanks for the great working relationships we have with local congregations as we implement these strategic ministries. Food for the body, soul and comfort for the heart is on offer with wonderful results! Pray for the many elderly who rely on the Soup Kitchens for their daily food.

DAY 24 . Community Centres. Vocational-Education Courses. Pray for the students who are studying great courses at our centres. Run by MWB and the local church, they have also become a wonderful opportunity to share our faith and encourage students to seek Christ and live lives honouring to God.

DAY 25. URGENT NEEDS FUND. Give thanks to God for the Urgent Needs Fund, used to meet the critical needs of many beneficiaries of our ministries. This Fund blessed countless people in need over the harsh winter. Pray for wisdom as our leaders assess the greatest needs: endless, as countries struggle with skyrocketing prices!

DAY 26. UKRAINE. F2F. LOBASYUK. This family of 6 children, all suffer with poor health, as they live in the forest-swamp area of Sarny, the region severely affected by the Chernobyl disaster. They require 3 more sponsors to provide for their needs and encourage them as they struggle to raise their children in difficult circumstances.

DAY 27. UKRAINE. F2F. KARPYUK. This Christian family of 8 children is hard-working in their field as well as holding onto employment or completing vocational training. They live in a 3-room house with wooden floors and no bathroom. Their dream is to lay pipes so they can have running water for their home. They require 2 sponsors.

DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. The **KHARCHUK** family struggle with Borys, the father's blindness, and most other family members struggle with health issues. They require one more sponsor to meet their needs. A gas fire boiler is a critical need. We are pooling the generosity of many, but still require \$520 to complete the project.

DAY 29. UKRAINE. CRI. Oksana (9) comes from a poor family and requires special education. She likes maths and wants to be an artist when she grows up. A sponsor is urgently required to meet her needs and encourage her.

DAY 30. MWB International. As annual strategic meetings take place in June, pray for wisdom and guidance for leadership in the field countries and affiliate (fundraising) countries. The need is great and ever-increasing. Pray they make wise decisions as our ministry expands to meet the need.

DAY 31. MWB Supporters. Give thanks for all support we receive: pray, finances, knitting, humanitarian aid and for God to bless all who have blessed our ministry.

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