

Bridge of Prayer
Mission Without Borders Australia
September-October 2008

**"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,
Who loved me and gave himself for me". Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. Give thanks and praise for the incredible generosity of supporters around Australia who continue to give despite hardship. This generosity is humbling and a tremendous encouragement and blessing.

DAY 2. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Praise God for the willingness of individuals to bless the poor we serve with knitted items. Our storage hall is filling up fast. Pray for continued good systems to get the items to us for little or no cost and for God's blessing on all volunteers involved. Collection points are springing up. Pray for inexpensive transport solutions for Victoria, Far North NSW and Queensland.

DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind'. Companies. Give thanks for the generosity of companies donating their excess stock! Pray companies will continue to be generous and offer items our field countries desperately need. All donations to this program, free up critical financial resources for many vital ministries.

DAY 4. ALBANIA. FAMILY-TO-FAMILY (F2F). Shqopa. Lindita & her son Juglis (14) live in a one-room house and have been abandoned by their husband & father. Their only income is \$23/month from the government. Lindita is depressed and suffers from stomach problems. Juglis is restless, nervous and does not sleep well. The local church recommended this family as one that desperately needs love and support. **4 sponsors are needed for this family.**

DAY 5. ALBANIA. F2F. Xhavara. Margarita is a strong woman, determined to hold her family together after the death of her husband. She works as a cleaner, earning \$140/month. She lives with her three teenage sons in a one-room apartment. Pray for strength. They have urgent needs of kitchen supplies, blankets & sheets – total \$375.

DAY 6. ALBANIA. Bible Correspondence Courses. Praise God for the enthusiasm of the children doing these courses. There are now over 50 mothers in the F2F project who are also studying the Bible. Others not enrolled in the F2F program have also asked to participate. Pray for children and parents to come to Christ through this vital ministry.

DAY 7. 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 8. F2F. PHARMACY PROJECT. Pray for many of our beneficiaries who are burdened with poor health. With no support from the government those with chronic illnesses are often unable to purchase the medication prescribed. Praise God for the Pharmacy Project and the life-sustaining help it provides.

DAY 9. SUMMER CAMP. Praise God for the wonderful ministry that took place in the Summer Camps in all 6 field countries! Pray God will protect the seeds sown in each child's heart that attended Summer Camp this year. Pray for continued great ministry to these children in the Children's Homes and families through our F2F program.

DAY 10. FAMILY-TO-FAMILY. Praise God for the supporters that have asked to sponsor the families from our last prayer letter. The Derkach family is now fully sponsored!

DAY 11. SCHOLARSHIPS. Pray for students as they begin a new academic year. Pray especially for those with MWB Scholarships and attending University for the first time.

DAY 12. SCHOLARSHIPS. Pray for those Scholarship recipients who were unsuccessful in passing their final license exams for graduation. They will need to re-sit their exams in February 2009. Pray they will not be discouraged and feel God's peace with them as they continue to study.

DAY 13. BOSNIA. F2F. Kukolj. Elvir is an electrician, but currently unemployed. His wife Sanela suffers from neck trouble and must wear a neck brace. She cares for their two young children. The MWB Coordinator is counselling the parents, teaching them to not be anxious, trust God and live together in unity and love, not in constant conflict with one another. **We need 3 sponsors for this family.**

DAY 14. BOSNIA. F2F. Pray for the provision of adequate supplies for the families. With price rises, they daily have families, those enrolled and those waiting and hoping for enrolment, on their doorstep begging for our help as they have desperate hungry children.

DAY 15. BOSNIA. F2F. Pray for Mira the F2F coordinator. She has a vital strategic ministry to over 100 families, many struggling with trauma from the war. Her love and care for the families was amazing to witness last year, but she needs our continued prayers.

DAY 16. MOLDOVA. F2F. Bahmacenco. This family of 5 lives in the village of Papauti in northern Moldova. Although the father Iurie has stomach problems he works hard on the family's land to provide for his family. His wife Aliona has skills in tailoring, so a sewing machine would help her provide for her family. **They need 4 sponsors.**

DAY 17. CHILD CARE. As the new school year starts and children return to the Children's Homes, please pray for physical renewal for many of the children, particularly those who have not enjoyed good rest or nutrition over the summer holidays.

DAY 18. CHILD CARE & VOCATIONAL TRAINING. The 215+ Children's Homes we work with, all offer Vocational Training. Praise God for the great working relationships we have with the Homes. Their great desire is to work with us to provide great Vocational Training Programs. Pray we make wise decisions as to how to use our limited resources for these great programs.

DAY 19. CHILD RESCUE INTERNATIONAL (CRI). CHRISTIAN MINISTRY. As our ministry in the Children's Homes gets underway for the New Year, pray for continued good relations with the Directors and staff. Without this cooperation this ministry would not be allowed. Pray for the Coordinators as they present the Good News of our Heavenly Father and salvation through His Son.

DAY 20. CRI. CHRISTIAN MINISTRY. Bibles are given to children and staff. Please pray for continuing good results and for staff of the Homes who request Bibles for themselves, their children and grandchildren.

DAY 21. CHILD CARE & CHILD RECOVERY HOMES. In Romania and Moldova there are many Homes solely for children with Special Needs. MWB needs your support in collectively sponsoring these Homes – thus providing the needs for all of the children in their care. Your contribution of \$40/month, joined with similar support from other Australian sponsors would help provide for the needs of all of the Children in these Homes – contact us for details. Please pray for the vital ministry to these dear children.

DAY 22. MOLDOVA. Praise God for the great respect MWB receives from the government of Moldova. The great working relationship that exists with John Groza, the country Manager, who is the Protestant Representative and spokesperson for the churches in Moldova and the government itself, is a great blessing to the 65 Children's Homes, hundreds of families & Community Centres we work with.

DAY 23. ROMANIA. F2F. Pater. Marin and Ana both know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Marin cares for their son while Ana works double shifts in the tailoring business to try and provide an income for the family. They have Urgent Needs of some basic furniture- a wardrobe, shoe rack and table \$750.

DAY 24. ROMANIA. F2F. Boroiban. Cristina (15) highlighted in our March Focus News was involved in a car accident and lost 3 teeth. Praise God for the donor who provided the funds for her dental treatment. Pray Cristina will feel more confident to attend school again and not fear travelling alone – a result of the accident.

DAY 25. UKRAINE. CRI. Leonid (5) comes from a poor family and has no siblings. He attends preschool and receives special education as he has poor hearing. He would like to be a sailor when he grows up. He needs a sponsor to encourage him and provide for his needs.

DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Oleksandr (11). His father has died and he has two brothers. He is in second grade and receives special education as he has an intellectual disability. He needs a sponsor to encourage him and provide for his needs.

DAY 27. UKRAINE. CRI. Anastasia (9) was abandoned and has no siblings. She is in good health. Her favourite subject is Maths. She loves to draw and needs a sponsor to care for her and encourage her.

DAY 28. UKRAINE. CRI. Svitlana (7) comes from a poor family and has one brother. She suffers from poor hearing and kidney problems. She receives special education and requires a sponsor to encourage her and provide for her needs.

DAY 29. UKRAINE. F2F. Fesyuk. Olena is the sole carer of her 3 sons and daughter after her husband abandoned the family in 2005. Her son Ivan has finished college and now works for a company which makes garlands and decorations. He is taking on more as the eldest male, and tries to provide for the family, but doesn't earn enough to save up for a new sofa bed for the family. Pray God will provide for this need \$540.

DAY 30. MWB. International. Leadership. The need in our field countries is overwhelming. Give thanks for our godly leadership who are faced with constant struggles to meet huge need. Pray for wisdom in their often tough decisions.

DAY 31. MWB. Supporters. Praise the Lord for our supporters around Australia and across the world! As economic crises grip the world and hardship deepens we are so thankful for your support. The poor we serve are struggling terribly as prices skyrocket. Our resources in many cases have meant we have been able to purchase and provide half of what we could provide a year ago.

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