

# **Bridge of Prayer**

## **Mission Without Borders Australia**

### **March-April 2009**

***"I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise you. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. Each generation will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness" Psalm 145:1-3,7. (NIV)***

**DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA.** Give thanks for the generosity of our supporters during these harsh economic times. We are thankful for every supporter's contribution – prayerfully, practically and financially. Pray for the Lord's blessings on their lives.

**DAY 2. AUSTRALIA. SUPPORTERS.** As Australia reels from our largest natural disaster, we are aware that a number of our supporters, who have always responded to the needs of those we serve in Eastern Europe with such generosity and compassion, have suffered devastating personal loss. Pray the Lord comforts them in their time of grief and need.

**DAY 3. MWB AUSTRALIA.** Please pray as we finalise a new premises for our office/ warehouse in Sydney. At a time of a worldwide economic crisis and financial strain, this is a challenge. Pray God opens the door for the right place for our ministry.

**DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'.** We are excited and thankful for the blessing of a large number of new supporters who are joining us from Christian Mission International Aid. As CMI Aid ceases their aid ministry, these new supporters are excited they can continue to knit and contribute practically to the poor of Eastern Europe! Praise God!

**DAY 5. Gift in Kind' with Operation Cover-Up.** Give thanks for the wonderful developments of our ministry in Victoria. Our 'workshop' in Dandenong has become a great meeting place, where our ministry is explained and our GIK is packed, and we have a number of very excited new collection points throughout Victoria – a real answer to prayer!

**DAY 6. SPECIAL PROJECTS.** We often ask you to pray for the needs of many of our families – spiritually, emotionally and educationally, but have asked you to prayer for the Lord to provide specific practical needs in each copy of the Bridge of Prayer (BofP). Give thanks for the generosity that has met a large number of specific practical needs over the last year.

**DAY 7. SPECIAL PROJECTS.** In the last Bridge of Prayer, we asked for a number of specific needs. Give thanks for the provision of: a dining table and chairs for the Roci family of Albania, firewood for the Medin family of Bosnia, a washing machine for the Khramtsova family of Ukraine and sewing machines for the Cernei and Scolnic families of Moldova!

**DAY 8. ALBANIA. Family-to-Family. Voci Family.** Arian has casual work in construction and can earn \$AUD7 p/day, but finds life hard to cope with and can be violent. Ardjana stays at home to care for their 5 daughters under the age of 13. **Pray for this family, who need 2 sponsors;** that their physical, but also their emotional and spiritual needs are met.

**DAY 9. F2F. Dule.** Thanks to the work of the MWB coordinator, Skender is drinking less and there is less domestic violence. Pray for reliable work and income for Skender. **This poor family urgently need 3 single beds and mattresses (\$880)**

**DAY 10. ALBANIA.** Praise the Lord for the wonderful ministry to families through our new Community Centre, our F2F and Families in Crisis programs, and our Vocational Training projects- that are providing skills to young people desperate for any assistance in their schooling. These courses will enable them to enter further education or secure employment.

**DAY 11. BOSNIA.** Bosnia still struggles from the legacies of the war. Therefore, practical, successful programs in our other field countries need adaptation in Bosnia. Our passionate staff and volunteers care deeply for those traumatised by war, but require our prayers for strength, love, compassion and wisdom as they try to meet the spiritual, emotional, educational and practical needs of the families enrolled as well as the families who desperately plead for enrolment on a daily basis.

**DAY 12. BOSNIA. Community Centres.** The Glamoc and Zenica community Centres are wonderful hubs that provide meals, medicines and practical needs of the elderly who must survive without old age pensions. They dearly love the staff and volunteers involved, and crave the fellowship they enjoy. Pray for wisdom as they constantly assess those most in need.

**DAY 13. BOSNIA. F2F. Berisa Family.** Izudin is a casualty of the Bosnian war. He was injured, became a prisoner-of-war and then his family (wife Aida, and daughters Adela 15 and Alisa 10) became refugees. The family is so poor they have no food and rely on the Community Centre to provide them with one meal each day. Despite their hard life, they live in harmony and seem to cope with their problems in a positive way. **We need 2 more Sponsors for this family.**

**DAY 14. BULGARIA.** Give thanks for the wonderful ministry we operate in partnership with local churches in 10 Community Centres across Bulgaria. Many have come to faith as they enjoy the food and practical needs they receive. Pray for those who have come to faith that they would find good fellowship in a new church family and will continue to grow spiritually.

**DAY 15. MOLDOVA. F2F. Ursoi.** We asked you to prayer for funds for house renovations for this active Christian family in the last BofP. Praise God this need has been met! They require **1 more sponsor to meet their only going needs.** Tragically one of the families who sponsor the Ursoi's has suffered tremendous physical and personal loss in the Victorian bushfires.

**DAY 16. MOLDOVA. F2F. Lupan.** This industrious family need a second green house; to enable them to sell seedlings and produce. Sponsors have already provided generously, **but there is \$640 outstanding before this need can be met.**

**DAY 17. MOLDOVA. F2F. Cimbir.** This dear Christian family are working hard to renovate a few rooms, above a fire station, to become a home for their family of 6 children. **Pray for the provision of funds for a bath (\$385).**

**DAY 18. Child Rescue International (CRI) & Child Recovery Homes (CRH).** Give thanks for the vital ministry to children in over 200 Homes in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. As government policies change, many children are being shuffled around to different Homes or returned home to families unable to meet their basic needs. Pray for wisdom for our staff and volunteers as they try to keep track of the children and provide for their comprehensive needs.

**DAY 19. MOLDOVA. CRI. Vera's (8)** father is deceased and her mother is unemployed. She has one brother, one sister, is in good health, likes to draw, play games and has a firm faith. **Pray for a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her.**

**DAY 20. MOLDOVA. CRI. Ana (9)** was abandoned by both parents. She still remembers the last visit she had at the Home from her mother, who remarried and abandoned her. She requires special education, but enjoys reading, drawing, playing games and would like to be a cook when she grows up. **She needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her.**

**DAY 21. ROMANIA. Child Recovery Homes.** Praise God for our unique ministry in these Homes. The majority of the children have special needs. Therefore our emotional support classes and Christian Input are vital and thankfully successful. Pray for continued good will between MWB and the staff and wisdom as they meet the needs of these special children.

**DAY 22. ROMANIA. F2F. Surdu.** Adriana, wife and mother to 8 children, works as school cleaner, earning \$AUD238 p/m. Sadly her husband Vasile endured throat cancer and has now been diagnosed with lung cancer. Pray they will stay strong in their faith and for their church family to support them. **Pray God will raise-up 4 sponsors to meet their needs.**

**DAY 23. UKRAINE CRI. Yuhym (8)** comes from a poor family of 12 children. He receives special education in the Children's Home. Yuhym is in first grade and likes to read and write. **He needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

**DAY 24. UKRAINE CRI. Volodymyr (11)** is an only child, healthy and lives in the Children's Home because he needs special education his parents cannot afford. **Pray for a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

**DAY 25. UKRAINE CRI.** Ukraine has over 100,000 children who reside in Children's Homes. Please pray for good ongoing relationships with the directors and staff of all Homes we work with. We have great freedom to not only provide for vital practical needs, but our Christian ministry is highly valued, appreciated and successful – praise the Lord!

**DAY 26. UKRAINE. F2F. IL'CHUK.** This large committed Christian family have 13 children living at home, and are always involved in witnessing to their local community. More than half of their home was destroyed by fire in January. **With no government or other avenues available to assist this family in their time of need, please pray for the provision of a fridge, clothes, footwear; and windows, doors and other building materials as they rebuild their humble home.**

**DAY 27. UKRAINE. Vocational Training.** Give thanks our training centre in Sarny has a great reputation for producing highly skilled students with skills and qualifications that will enable them to secure employment. Pray for all Vocational Training courses in Ukraine, including those in most of the Children's Homes, for adequate resources and wisdom in providing the best high quality courses that will enable students to secure employment or act as a foundation for further study.

**DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. Veremchuk.** Olexandr and Nataliya are both unemployed and have six children. Olexandr loves his family dearly and often travels to other districts to try and find work to provide for their needs. Nataliya and the children love the Lord, are involved in their local church, and are thrilled the Lord has answered their prayers- Olexandr has started coming to church! Pray for his salvation. **This family needs one more Sponsor to meet their needs.**

**DAY 29. UKRAINE. F2F. Tysarchuk.** This Christian family with 8 children all struggle with poor health, but are hard working and care for one another. **They have practical urgent needs of a gas stove (\$865) and petrol saw (\$325).**

**DAY 30. MWB. International leadership.** Please pray for great wisdom and guidance as they lead us through these harsh economic times. Although demand is down in the West, the need has never been greater in our field countries.

**DAY 31. MWB. Field Countries.** Thanks to the worldwide economic crisis, budgets have had to be slashed, at a time when the field countries have experienced high inflation and millions who worked abroad to earn money have lost their jobs and returned home. Pray for wisdom and generosity in our affiliate/fundraising countries, so we can meet the growing need.

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