

# **Bridge of Prayer**

## **Mission Without Borders Australia**

### **July-August 2009**

***"It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (NIV)***

**DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA.** Give thanks for our new office/warehouse in Sydney! It was a long process, but we are settled in and excited about our new home! May God be glorified in our new hub of ministry and may we achieve a greater contribution to the ministry in Eastern Europe with each passing day!

**DAY 2. AUSTRALIA. SUPPORTERS.** Give thanks for the faithful prayer, financial and practical support of our ministry. In these harsh economic times we are thankful to God for every support given. We know it is sacrificial for many. We humbly thank you for thinking of us and being passionate our ministry, a ministry close to God's heart and producing such wonderful fruit!

**DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'.** How wonderful to have our own premises (warehouse and air-conditioned packing room) to collect, sort and pack our practical donations! Our new big warehouse is close to full – amazing! Give thanks for every contribution! Pray we have a growing number of volunteers who can come to help us in this area of our ministry.

**DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'.** Please continue to pray for good transport solutions. We have had a number of keen offers of new collection points, but we need to have good inexpensive or free transport solutions to make this work. The need is urgent otherwise we have keen contributors but no way of getting it to us in Sydney or Melbourne.

**DAY 5. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up' Victoria.** Give thanks for our workshop in Dandenong, Melbourne, and that the first container from the new workshop is on its way to Europe. Give thanks for Jenny Grainger who is overseeing this ministry and encouraging participation. Pray those contributing practically will catch the vision for our ministry in its entirety.

**DAY 6. 'Gift in Kind' Companies.** Give thanks for the generosity of companies worldwide who in donating their excess stock are meeting many concrete needs, freeing up our financial resources for the other areas of our ministry.

**DAY 7. Family-to-Family (F2F).** Sponsorship of families is the best way to achieve lasting changes in families burdened with poverty. This enables us to provide comprehensive help in the form of Spiritual, Emotional, Educational and Material Support. Give thanks two sponsors were found for the Mesina family thanks to the last Bridge of Prayer.

**DAY 8. ALBANIA. F2F. The Kovaci family** endure extreme poverty. The four members live in one room, with a kitchenette, no running water and no toilet. **They require 4 sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs.**

**DAY 9. SPECIAL PROJECTS.** In addition to the request to pray for the families in the Family-to-Family program, we ask you to prayer for the needs of our families. As a result of the last Bridge of Prayer the following needs were met: 10 Sheep were purchased for the Jurj family, generous contributions were made toward the rebuilding of the Il'Chuk family home after their house fire, a fridge was purchased for the Gulyayeva family and a washing machine was purchased for the Sergiychuk family.

**DAY 10. ALBANIA. F2F. LUSKA.** This poor family of 4 members recently had significant damage to their humble home when floods inundated the area. There is no support for families in the case of such disasters. **They desperately need a wardrobe (\$360) to house their meagre possessions.**

**DAY 11. SUMMER CAMP.** Please pray for the children, staff and volunteers as Camps continue and then finally come to an end. Many lives will be changed for eternity – praise the Lord! Pray the children are encouraged and comforted that as they return home we will keep in contact with them. They can participate in our Bible Correspondence Courses and if they live in a Children's Home they can participate in Christian Input activities in the Home.

**DAY 12. BOSNIA. 'Urgent Needs Fund'.** The Bosnian economy is near collapse and it was already failing miserably in caring for the poorest of the poor. Daily our Coordinators come across desperate families and children. Give thanks Bosnia and our other field countries have an 'Urgent Needs Fund' so they can immediately meet the needs of those they discover. Pray we have sufficient funds for this (funded through general donations to Mission Without Borders Australia).

**DAY 13. BOSNIA. F2F. Sagovnovic.** This young family with 2 young children are trying to make ends meet after relocating because of the war. They love one another and live in a two-room house heated by wood. Both are unemployed in the economy of Bosnia which is at the point of collapse. **They require 4 sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs.**

**DAY14. SCHOLARSHIPS.** Praise God for the opportunities students can enjoy thanks to our Scholarship Fund in all field countries. Pray we can find sponsors for Scholarships for the large number of students we have been informed will graduate soon, but would like to continue their education. Scholarships on average are \$1,650 per year which is all fees, supplies and a living allowance. Pray these students will be motivated, organised and trust in the Lord for strength to endure the hectic schedules typical of Eastern European tertiary institutions.

**DAY 15. MOLDOVA. SCHOLARSHIPS. Muradin** loves sport and would like to continue his education at a tertiary institution focussing on sport. **He requires a scholarship (\$1,890) to cover his expenses.** This will enable him to work toward self-sufficiency in the future.

**DAY 16. MOLDOVA. SCHOLARSHIPS. Mihai** would like to enter a trade school to become a welder when he graduates from high school. **A scholarship (\$1,890) will enable him to fulfil his dream of being self-sufficient.**

**DAY 17. MOLDOVA. F2F. Tarita.** This poor family with 4 children began building onto their home in 1990 but have been unable to finish the renovation because of a lack of finances. **Contributions toward the total cost of \$3570 for the project would be appreciated so they can complete the renovations/extensions to their home.**

**DAY 18. MOLDOVA. F2F. Vuple.** Veronica and Ion love and care for their 3 children, but as both parents are unemployed they have negligible income from the government (child support), which is incapable of providing the basic necessities. **They need 2 more sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs.**

**DAY 19. MOLDOVA. SCHOLARSHIPS. Luminita** would like to continue her studies so she can qualify as a tailor. **She needs a scholarship (\$1,970) for her study needs, living expenses and necessary equipment to complete her course.**

**DAY 20. MOLDOVA. SCHOLARSHIPS. Tamara** would like to enter a professional school to qualify as a pastry cook. **She requires a scholarship (\$1640) to meet her course costs and living expenses.**

**DAY 21. CHILD RESCUE INTERNATIONAL. MOLDOVA, ROMANIA AND UKRAINE.** Please pray for our staff and volunteers as they restructure our programs to assist the number of children who no longer reside in Children's Homes but still desperately require our assistance. Government policies being implemented are closing down Homes but often fail to provide for their continuing basic needs of children for food, clothing, shoes, education and medicines.

**DAY 22. ROMANIA. F2F. Codreanu.** This young poor hardworking family would dearly love to **connect electricity to their humble home (\$1,285),** greatly improving their daily lives.

**DAY 23. ROMANIA. F2F. Jurj.** Give thanks for the 10 sheep purchased for this desperately poor family. **5 more sheep (\$95 each) are still needed to meet their needs and enable them to work toward self-sufficiency.**

**DAY 24. UKRAINE CRI. Nadya (9)** has four siblings; her parents are poor and live far away from the Children's Home. She requires special education and likes to draw and play with her friends. **She needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her as she grows up.**

**DAY 25. UKRAINE CRI. Maria (10)**'s Mum has passed away and she currently returns home each night to her father and sister. Maria is a grade 3, likes Maths, handicraft and wants to be a hairdresser when she grows up. **She needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her as she grows up.**

**DAY 26. CHILD RESCUE INTERNATIONAL and CHILD RECOVERY HOMES in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine.** Pray for the thousands of children who are currently enjoying summer holidays. Unfortunately, this means many are not in safe situations, which provide for their basic needs. Pray local churches and Mission Without Borders have the resources to meet their needs.

**DAY 27. UKRAINE. CRI. Dmytro (8)**'s father has passed away; his mother is poor and rarely visits him in the Home. He is an only child, in grade 1 and likes to play with his friends. **He needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

**DAY 28. UKRAINE. CRI. Vitaliy (6)** is in preschool, has hearing problems and is an only child from a poor family. He likes drawing and wants to be a fireman when he grows up. **He needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

**DAY 29. UKRAINE. F2F. ARTYUH.** Iryna is struggling to raise her two children alone- Vadym who will graduate from high school next year and Iryna (8) who suffers from Down Syndrome. They continue to mourn the loss of their husband and father who died of pneumonia a year ago. We will meet their comprehensive needs through our F2F program. **The family still requires 3 sponsors to meet their needs.**

**DAY 30. MWB. International leadership.** We face challenging times with the international financial crisis. Pray for wisdom for our leadership as they distribute reduced resources to areas of critical and growing need.

**DAY 31. MWB. Field Countries.** Our field countries are currently under extraordinary pressure. Hungry, desperate children, families and elderly are begging for help each day. Families previously self-sufficient are currently under extreme pressure as jobs disappear and there is no government support for the unemployed. **Pray for wisdom, strength, grace and love.**

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