

# ***Bridge of Prayer***

## ***Mission Without Borders Australia***

### **May-June 2009**

**"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him" James 1:12. (NIV)**

**DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA.** Give thanks for commitment to our ministry despite harsh economic times. Give thanks for the provision of a new office/warehouse for MWB Australia. Commit this new place to God's care and may He be glorified as we endeavour to raise support for Mission Without Borders in our field countries in Eastern Europe.

**DAY 2. AUSTRALIA. SUPPORTERS.** Give thanks for the growing number of supporters of our ministry: through prayer, financial giving and participation in our 'Gift in Kind – Operation Cover-Up' (GIK) ministries! May each and everyone feel welcome and seek the Lord for how He would like them to bless the poor of Eastern Europe.

**DAY 3. MWB AUSTRALIA.** Please pray as we finalise and settle into our new office/warehouse at 10 Stubbs St Auburn – we are excited about the potential, and have seen God's hand in its provision. Give thanks for the provision of a forklift and pallet racking, which will enable us to store and organise the growing volume of GIK from individuals and companies.

**DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'.** Please pray for additional volunteers to assist in our new warehouse in Sydney (Auburn): we need weekly sorters and packers of the donated items, as well as assistance to organise the warehouse itself. Please also pray for good transport solutions Australia-wide that are a blessing for all involved.

**DAY 5. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up' Victoria.** Give thanks for our workshop in Dandenong, Melbourne, and for the growing number of supporters of our ministry in Victoria. Jenny Grainer and Morag Throne are available to come and speak about our ministry – pray for opportunities that will bear fruit and open doors.

**DAY 6. 'Gift in Kind' Companies.** Give thanks for the generosity of Hartmann's International – 3 containers full of hygiene items- incontinence pads, sterile gauze and bandages numbering hundreds of thousands- our field countries are thrilled!

**DAY 7. 'Gift in Kind' Companies.** Please pray for good quality, company donations of stock worldwide, for the benefit of our field countries. With limited financial resources, the supply of food, clothing, hygiene items and supplies for Summer Camp and Christmas are vital in these difficult times.

**DAY 8. Family-to-Family.** 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 the Berisa and Veremchuk families are now fully sponsored thanks to the last Bridge of Prayer.

**DAY 9. SPECIAL PROJECTS.** We ask you to prayer for the needs of our families, but in addition ask you to pray for the Lord to provide some of their critical needs. Give thanks for the following needs met as a result of the last Bridge of Prayer: bed and mattress for the Dule family, the greenhouse for the Lupan family, the petrol saw for the Tysarchuk family and the generous contributions toward the Il'Chuk family, who lost much of their house and possessions in a fire in January.

**DAY 10. ALBANIA. Family-to-Family. Tocka.** Emirjeta, a victim of domestic violence, is now divorced, but struggling to raise her son Ergi (5). Homeless until recently, they are now living with her sister in very poor conditions. She has now secured a casual job. Pray for her in her distress, for comfort and strength to go on; that she might turn to the Lord for the strength she needs. **They need 4 sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs and encourage them.**

**DAY 11. SUMMER CAMP.** Please pray for the children as they prepare for Summer Camp. With limited resources this year we have had to reduce the number of children able to attend Summer Camp. Please pray for wisdom of who to choose. The Lord knows the heart of each child and who He wants to attend. Pray our leadership is sensitive to His voice.

**DAY 12. SUMMER CAMP.** Praise God for the Message of the Gospel each child will hear as well as the endless food and fun they will enjoy. All return to their impoverished homes and Children's Homes encouraged to participate in our Bible Correspondence Courses and attend a local church if possible. Pray for spiritual growth and fruit.

**DAY 13. BOSNIA.** The Bosnian economy is near collapse and it was already failing miserably in caring for the poorest of the poor. Daily MWB has numerous hungry Mums and their children on their doorstep asking for food; just simple flour and oil to make bread. **Pray we can stretch our resources to feed as many families as possible and for more Australians to come forward to sponsor the growing number of families in need.**

**DAY 14. BOSNIA. F2F. Miljanovic.** Jasmin and Arijana are a young married couple who love and dote on Zlatan (9 months). They live in abject poverty in a Collective Centre, in one room and share the toilet and bathroom with the other families. This Muslim family are open to the Gospel. Pray for open hearts and our Coordinator Mira, who will play a crucial role in encouraging them. **We need 4 Sponsors to meet the comprehensive needs of this family.**

**DAY 15. COMMUNITY CENTRES.** Give thanks for the wonderful Community Centre ministry we operate in partnership with local churches in all 6 field countries. Pray for Andrey in Bulgaria (we shared his story in the Overcomers Magazine),

who is struggling to accept the Gospel he is hearing every day. Pray we have the resources to meet the needs of the beneficiaries.

**DAY 16. CHRISTIAN OUTREACH.** Please pray for every opportunity we have to share the Gospel: for the Coordinators, at Summer Camp, at our offices – for fruit and soft hearts ready to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

**DAY 17. SCHOLARSHIPS.** Praise God for the opportunity students can enjoy thanks to our Scholarship Fund in all field countries. Pray for good results for students and wisdom for the staff as they choose students for the coming academic year.

**DAY 18. MOLDOVA. F2F. Mesina.** This poor family, featured in our April Focus News are working hard to attain self-sufficiency. Pray for them in their new faith. **They need 4 sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs.**

**DAY 19. Child Rescue International (CRI) – in Children’s Homes and now in Communities.** Give thanks for the ministry to thousands of children in Children’s Homes over the last 15 years. Give thanks for the expansion of this program to now include children abandoned, but still living in Communities. Pray for wisdom for the local churches and MWB Coordinators as this new program develops and for all these children to be grafted into a new church family.

**DAY 20. Child Rescue International (CRI) – in Children’s Homes.** As the policy of closing down Children’s Homes continues in Romania and begins in Moldova, pray we are able to keep track of children, who most often still require help for their basic needs. For those that must leave, pray the seeds of the Gospel sown over time will bear fruit and they might be able to join a Christian fellowship as they return home to extended families and communities.

**DAY 21. MOLDOVA. CRI. Stefan’s (9)** parents are divorced and his mother works abroad. Stefan is in first grade and receives special education. Stefan likes to play soccer and play with his friends. **He needs a sponsor to meet his needs.**

**DAY 22. MOLDOVA. CRI. Tamara (9)** has an intellectual disability, receives speech therapy and special education. Her family is poor but live close to the Children’s Home. She would like to be a dressmaker when she finishes school and loves to sing and dance. **She needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her as she grows up.**

**DAY 23. VOCATIONAL TRAINING.** Give thanks for the highly successful Vocational Training programs in all Children’s Home and also in operation throughout our Community and Training Centres. Pray for wisdom to allocate resources and students to the most appropriate courses to suit the local economy.

**DAY 24. ROMANIA. F2F. Jurj.** Cornel and Garofita struggle to raise their 3 young children on \$65/month. They share a 2-room home with their Aunt. Their living conditions are extremely poor. **Both parents are unemployed, but 10-15 sheep (\$95 each) would enable this family to move towards self-sufficiency. They also require 2 more sponsors.**

**DAY 25. UKRAINE CRI. Yuriy’s (7)** family is poor, his parents are divorced and he has 8 siblings. He receives special education. Yuriy is in grade 1 and likes to write and play with his friends. **He needs a sponsor to provide for his needs.**

**DAY 26. UKRAINE CRI. Anastasiya’s (10)** father is deceased and her mother is too poor to care for her. She has 3 siblings. She is in grade 2 and would like to be a cook when she grows up. **She needs a sponsor to meet her needs.**

**DAY 27. UKRAINE. F2F. IL’CHUK.** This large committed Christian family lost much of their home and possessions in a fire in January 2009. Give thanks for the generosity of supporters who have given \$2,000 toward their needs, but replacing their home and possessions is going to require significantly more. Pray the Lord provides for their needs as they continue to reach their community for Christ. **They still need building materials, doors, windows, clothes and footwear.**

**DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. Gulyayeva.** All family members struggle with poor health – they live in the Sarny region, still affected by the fallout from the Chernobyl Nuclear disaster of April 1986. **A fridge is a critical need for this family and there is \$625 outstanding before this can be met.**

**DAY 29. UKRAINE. F2F. Sergiychuk.** This passionate large Christian family are involved in local Christian ministry and missionary work further afield. Living in the Sarny region they are also affected by poor health. **A washing machine is a critical need and \$475 is outstanding before it can be supplied for this struggling family.**

**DAY 30. MWB. International leadership.** Give thanks for our Godly leadership who are steering our organisation through trying times – great hardship in Eastern Europe and harsh times in our fundraising countries. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they respond to growing need. Their desire is to love and serve the Lord, bringing Glory to His Name.

**DAY 31. MWB. Field Countries.** Hungry families, desperate children and lonely and destitute elderly are crying out for help each day in Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Pray for strength for our field staff and volunteers, turning away the hungry is heart-breaking and they are endeavouring to make our resources stretch as far as possible...

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