

Bridge of Prayer

Mission Without Borders Australia

September-October 2009

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. Supporters. Give thanks for the generosity and commitment of supporters despite harsh economic times. With our field countries under incredible pressure with the financial crisis, the prayer, financial and practical support of our ministry is such a blessing!

DAY 2. AUSTRALIA. What a blessing to see people busy, supporting our ministry! Whether it is as volunteers in Sydney or Melbourne, knitting madly, being mouth pieces for our ministry, generously financially and prayerfully supporting our ministry or acting as Collection Points, we are humbled by the support... Give thanks everyone's involvement.

DAY 3. Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. The Melbourne container is on its way, the volunteers are busy organising the next one. We are simply overwhelmed with what is in our warehouse in Sydney. Pray for more volunteers in Sydney to handle the volume of donations so we can get them shipped to our field countries before the winter sets in.

DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Give thanks for the transport arrangements now in place in Queensland – a real answer to prayer. Give thanks for the many knitters and supporters who have joined us Australia-wide over the last number of months. Pray they feel welcome and excited to contribute practically to our ministry to the poor of Eastern Europe.

DAY 5. 'Gift in Kind' Companies. Please pray for the continued generosity of companies to donate their excess stock despite the financial crisis. Australia's GIK from companies is growing daily, but there has been a dramatic decrease in our other affiliate countries, drastically affecting our ability to support our field country ministries.

DAY 6. 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 for the continued growth of this program in Australia, with new sponsors committing each month.

DAY 7. ALBANIA. F2F. The Bici family are burdened with poverty. With only elementary education, both parents are unemployed, except for the sporadic agricultural work Alush can find. Alcohol fuels domestic violence. Pray for the Coordinator's work with Alush – his violence is having a devastating effect on his wife and children. **They need 4 sponsors.**

DAY 8. ALBANIA. Vocational Training. Give thanks for the great vocational training opportunities for the poverty-stricken families of our F2F program – English and Computer classes. Pray for great results as the classes resume after the summer break.

DAY 9. SUMMER CAMP. Give thanks and praise for our wonderful Summer Camp ministry! Lives were touched and many made the decision to follow Jesus as a result of this year's Camps. Pray for the continued ministry to these children through our Christian Input and Emotional Support in the Children's Homes, ministry to families and the great Bible Correspondence Courses.

DAY 10. ALBANIA. F2F. BROZI. Flora is struggling to raise her 2 children alone following the death of her husband. She lives with her mother-in-law and they desperately need **2 couch beds and a cupboard to store their meagre possessions. \$787 is outstanding to meet these needs.**

DAY 11. ALBANIA. F2F. CANI. This caring family struggle with crippling poverty, but are committed to their sons' education, knowing it is their best chance to break the cycle of poverty. **A washing machine is an urgent need for the family (\$670).**

DAY 12. BOSNIA. Please pray for Dalibor, the new Country Manager in Bosnia, as our ministry expands. The support and partnership with the small but vibrant churches of this war-affected and economically stressed country are wonderful and vital. As a Pastor Dalibor is well placed to see these partnerships develop further.

DAY 13. F2F. BOSNIA. Suni. Ajsa is still grieving the loss of her husband who recently died of a heart attack. Now left to raise her two children (4 years and 5 months) alone she is destitute. They live in one room in barracks; have no running water, bathroom, kitchen, electricity or money for food or the basics for survival. Erdjan (4) does not speak and Amela (5 months) has never been checked over by a doctor. **Pray MWB Bosnia can be successful in finding them a home, meet their comprehensive needs and we can find 4 sponsors to support and encourage them.**

DAY14. Child Rescue International (CRI) in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Pray for our work in 200 Children's Homes. The practical needs never wane and the financial crisis is further burdening the Homes. Pray for adequate resources.

DAY 15. CRI. Emotional Support. No one can overestimate the critical need of our emotional support to children and teenagers who have suffered grief, trauma and rejection. Before they graduate from the Homes and enter the world as lost

and often angry souls, pray for our vital ministry. The partnership of local churches is vital with many of our volunteers come from these churches. This results in encouraging these lost teenagers to join their congregations and youth groups.

DAY 16. MOLDOVA. SCHOLARSHIPS. Give thanks for the scholarships met from the last Bridge of Prayer! Pray for students as they resume their academic year and give thanks they will all be supported and encouraged by a MWB Coordinator.

DAY 17. MOLDOVA. SCHOLARSHIPS. Please pray for the Scholarship Tamara needs to enter a professional school to train as a pastry cook (\$1640). As the new academic year starts we would love to make her dream come true.

DAY 18. MOLDOVA. F2F. Zaida. Artur and Nadejda are unemployed and struggling to raise their two children. Nadejda suffers from an auto-immune disease, both Anastasia (8) and Marcu (4) suffer from peri natal encephalopathy and Marcu was born with a congenital heart problem. Surgery and special education have helped Marcu and he is now speaking his first words. **They need 4 sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs.**

DAY 19. MOLDOVA. CRI. The Razalai Children's Home has 82 children. Significant support from MWB has renovated parts of the Home and supplied them with heating and equipment. However, **the Home badly needs 80 sets of stainless steel dishware as their dishware is inadequate, cracked and rusted. \$1,620 is required to fully fund this need.**

DAY 20. CHILD RESCUE INTERNATIONAL in MOLDOVA, ROMANIA AND UKRAINE. Vocational Training. Give thanks for these wonderful projects giving teenagers the chance at a self-sufficient future. Pray for adequate resources as the classes resume.

DAY 21. ROMANIA. F2F. Abrudan family. Despite Vasile's tireless efforts to find casual work, this loving family is surviving on a sporadic income of \$40/month. They have been encouraged by our practical support and Vasile (9) and Alin (7) are now attending school with the necessary school supplies. **They need 2 sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs.**

DAY22. ROMANIA. F2F. Codreanu. This loving family with 3 school age children would love to **complete the renovations on the new room in their humble home – the bedroom for the children. Pray for the necessary funds (\$1345).**

DAY 23. UKRAINE CRI. Stepan (8) has 7 siblings, an intellectual disability and receives special education. He loves school, playing and **needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

DAY 24. UKRAINE CRI. Yuriy's (8) family are poor, his father is deprived of his parental rights and his mother is ill. He is healthy but requires special education. He needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.

DAY 25. CHILD RESCUE INTERNATIONAL and CHILD RECOVERY HOMES in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Pray for the children as they return to the Children's Homes. Many will return having not enjoyed good accommodation or food while on summer holidays. Pray for our continued good working relationships with the staff. Finding the right balance between our Spiritual, Emotional, Materials and Educational assistance is vital as we meet their comprehensive needs.

DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Victoria's (14) parents are alcoholics; she is in fifth grade and receives special education. She would like to be a teacher when she grows up. **She needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her.**

DAY 27. UKRAINE. CRI. Nadia's (7) parents are divorced and her father has abandoned the family. She is healthy and an only child. She studies in the Children's Home, but comes home at night to her mother. **She needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her.**

DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. Borovyk. This Christian family with 10 children live in Lyubov's sister's 3 room house. Leonid is unemployed, the house has wooden floors, no floor coverings, no bathroom, an outside toilet and cooking is on a wood stove. Practical support, summer camp and vocational training are making a great difference to this family. **They need 4 sponsors.**

DAY 29. UKRAINE. F2F. MYCHKA. This poor family with 7 children are struggling with crippling poverty and the devastating news that their father is now battling and hospitalised with tuberculosis. They require encouragement, practical support and have a particular **need for winter shoes before the cold weather closes in (\$660).**

DAY 30. MWB. International leadership. Give thanks for our leadership as they continue to steer us through these difficult times. Pray for wisdom and God's leading as they make tough decisions but want the Message of the Gospel to remain central.

DAY 31. MWB. Field Countries. Our field countries conduct their vital ministries with great dedication and often personal sacrifice. They love and care for all who come without prejudice and need our prayers as they make tough decisions of who to assist in this time of worldwide financial crisis.

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