

Bridge of Prayer

Mission Without Borders Australia

January-February 2010

☐Love the Lord your God with all your heart and Love your neighbour as yourself.☐☐Luke 10:27 (NIV)

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. Give thanks for the wonderful growth of our ministry in 2009. It was a tumultuous time worldwide ☐thank you for your support despite the unease about worldwide economic crises.

DAY 2. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. This ministry experienced significant growth in 2009. We moved into a new office/warehouse in Sydney and at the end of 2009, even after a container was sent, the warehouse was half full of wonderful donations ready to be sent in the new year! Praise God this growth and give thanks for all contributions.

DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind' with Operation Cover-Up – Volunteers. With the great growth we experienced, the need for additional volunteers to sort and pack the donations and some muscle for the new great warehouse has become urgent. We are so thankful for the wonderful volunteers who have given sacrificially, but we could use volunteers daily to keep up with donations received ☐please pray for God's provision.

DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind'. Melbourne. Give thanks for our wonderful ☐workshop☐in Dandenong, and the growing interest in our ministry in Melbourne. Praise God for the willingness of volunteers to come and pack the donations.

DAY 5. Operation Winter Rescue. (OWR). Praise God for the wonderful initiative of Operation Winter Rescue, which will be delivering warm clothing, boots, blankets, knitted items, food, medicines and firewood to the children, families and elderly as they try to brave the intense cold that is currently gripping our Field countries. The economic crisis has intensified this daily struggle for families, the elderly and Children's Homes.

DAY 6. ALBANIA. Operation Winter Rescue. As deliveries begin, pray our field staff is able to identify those most in need. Many families and the elderly are trying to endure the intense cold without adequate housing, electricity or running water ☐pray our field colleagues can identify those most in need..

DAY 7. BULGARIA. Community Centres and Operation Winter Rescue. Praise God for the Burgas Community Centre. Give thanks for all who attend each day. Pray we have the resources to meet their needs as well as the needs of those who attend the other Community Centres we run in partnership with local churches in our six field countries.

DAY 8. SPONSOR TOURS. Give thanks for the wonderful opportunity 12 Australians had to tour our ministries in Moldova and Ukraine. Pray as we prepare the Tour to Albania & Romania April 11-28, 2010.

DAY 9. ALBANIA. Family-to-Family (F2F). Dule. Praise the Lord Skender has responded well to the MWB Coordinator and is slowly changing his ways ☐his alcoholism and violence have threatened to tear their family apart. Pray for continued progress, a willingness to support his family and stable employment to meet their needs. The family has an **urgent need of a fridge \$500 and need one more sponsor to meet their ongoing needs.**

DAY 10. ALBANIA. F2F. Roci. This 4 member family are burdened with tremendous poverty and a severely disabled son. **They have urgent needs of a front door for the house \$500 and a gas cooking stove \$400.**

DAY 11. Family-to-Family (F2F) and Families in Crisis. Many of the families in our programs, or in areas we are able to assist on an adhoc basis, are currently trying to endure the harsh winter without adequate heating, running water, electricity. Pray we can assist those most in need and safety as our staff travel on icy roads to make their deliveries.

DAY 12. Child Rescue International (CRI) & Child Recovery Homes (CRH). Give thanks for this vital ministry to children in over 200 Homes. Pray we are able to stretch our resources as far as possible to meet the demands for warm clothing, boots, heating, food, medicine and hygiene items, as the harsh winter continues.

DAY 13. BOSNIA. Refugee Camps. Abandoned refugee camps still house many families, singles and elderly. Life is miserable, living in shipping containers more than a decade after the war ended. Pray for the many that are heartbroken and emotionally wounded by the war and for strength for our staff and volunteers as they minister to the heart-broken.

DAY 14. BULGARIA. Community Centres. Pray volunteers can stay strong and committed to this ministry, despite persecution from suspicious neighbours. Pray for softened hearts to the ministry of these faithful Christians.

DAY 15. MOLDOVA. CRI. Tatiana (15) has one sister and her parents are both deceased. Tatiana is a slow learner, in grade 8 and she would like to be a Dressmaker when she is older. **She requires a sponsor to meet her needs.**

DAY 16. MOLDOVA. F2F. Scura. Ivan and Maria are struggling to raise their 5 children, including triplets who will celebrate their first birthday on January 26. They have no income except the grandfather's invalid pension. The family would love to have a greenhouse or chicken farm. **They require 4 sponsors to supply their needs.**

DAY 17. MOLDOVA. Bac. This poor family has 2 children. The father works in construction, but requires his own tools. Borrowing tools has greatly hindered him earning maximum income. **Contributions toward tools for construction work –a perforator, screw driver, angle saw, drill, concrete mixer etc. \$2250** would be most appreciated.

DAY 18. BOSNIA. F2F. Lojpur. Tomislav & Slobodanka are very committed to working hard and providing their 2 sons with a happy home, but are struggling under great poverty. Give thanks for the love they have for their children and pray they are responsive to the Gospel. **They require 4 sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 19. MOLDOVA. Melnic. The Melnic are a poor family with 5 children. Mum is a hairdresser capable of earning a good income, however hiring tools is hindering this. **The purchase of hairdressing equipment- \$2200 will provide this family with what they need to earn a good income.** Any contributions toward this need would be appreciated.

DAY 20. MOLDOVA. F2F. Nagorneac. They are a poor family with 8 children. The mother is unemployed and the father can only find casual jobs but is a skilled worker of metal. **Contributions toward the purchase of tools for a smithery workshop \$ 8625** would enable him to build a business that would earn a good income for the family.

DAY 21. MOLDOVA. CRI. The Razalai Children's Home has 85 children with Special Needs. They really enjoy the MWB activities and participate in the MWB Agricultural course. **They badly need floor coverings for the dormitory \$2800.**

DAY 22. ROMANIA. F2F. Dinica. Ion and Angela are struggling to raise their 5 children in a tiny 2-room house. They have an improvised kitchen and no bathroom. Neither parent has a stable job. Angela takes care of the children and must keep a constant eye on Ana Maria who has a severe intellectual disability and autism. **Pray this Orthodox family is open to the Gospel the Coordinator shares and for 4 sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs and encourage them.**

DAY 23. UKRAINE F2F. Borovyk. Leonid and Lyubov are raising 11 children. They share a 3-roomed house with Lyubov's mother, which has wood floor coverings, no bathroom, and an outside pit toilet and is heated by wood. We are assisting this Christian family with regular food and hygiene deliveries and are also helping the older children with Vocational Training. **They need 4 sponsors to meet their needs.**

DAY 24. UKRAINE. CRI. Tetyana Oliferchuk (6)'s father is deceased and her mother is extremely poor. She has 4 siblings. Tetyana is in first grade and likes to draw. She receives special education in the Home and at night goes home to her family. **She requires a sponsor to provide for her needs and encourage her.**

DAY 25. UKRAINE. CRI. Petro (13) has one brother, his father is deceased and his mother is mentally ill. He has a mild intellectual disability, is in Grade 6 and likes maths. He is a lively, energetic and active child and would like to be a Driver when he grows up. **He needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Yuriy (11) has five siblings. His father is deceased; his mother is too poor to provide his needs and lives far from the Children's Home. He is in grade 3 and likes to play soccer. He would like to be a pilot when he finishes school. **He needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

DAY 27. Operation Christmas Love. Give thanks and praise for the Operation Christmas Love deliveries of 30,000 boxes ☐pray people respond to the Gospel message that accompanied the deliveries.

DAY 28. Operation Winter Rescue. Pray we have the resources to meet the needs of our beneficiaries this winter.

DAY 29. MWB. International. Give thanks and praise as we celebrate our 50th anniversary next year! God has grown our ministry from our humble days as ☐Underground Evangelism☐to today working with many churches in our 6 field countries to assist thousands of children, families and elderly ☐praise the Lord!

DAY 30. MWB. International. Give thanks for our godly leaders who are negotiating MWB through tough economic times. Even though Australia is recovering quite quickly some of our supporting countries and all of our field countries have been hit very hard. Pray we have adequate resources to help those most in need.

DAY 31. MWB. Supporters. Praise God for the growing number supporters; prayerfully, financially and through our growing ministry of ☐Gift in Kind ☐Operation Cover-Up. Pray for God's blessing on each and every one, and for them to know the beneficiaries of our programs are humbled and so thankful for every donation.

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