

Bridge of Prayer

Mission Without Borders Australia

March-April 2010

☐You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat☐Isaiah 25:4 (NIV)

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. Give thanks for the support of our ministry over the last 50 years! We have great stories to share of the past, but so much to give thanks for as God has protected and grown our ministry since the humble ☐Underground Evangelism☐days!

DAY 2. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Give thanks for the generosity of individuals and companies that is growing this ministry daily! Give thanks for Total Care Logistics and their willingness to ship our GIK from around Australia to us in Sydney and Melbourne. And finally, give thanks for the passion and dedication of our coordinators and collection points around Australia. Their self-less dedication is priceless -we couldn't do it without you!

DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind' with Operation Cover-Up. Sydney. Please pray for a growing number of volunteers for our Sydney warehouse. Our warehouse is full and aid continues to arrive. We have a wonderful dedicated small team, but could use a group of volunteers every day ☐pray for God's provision!

DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind'. Melbourne. The wonderful hub of activity of our Dandenong ☐Workshop☐is proving to be a well-oiled machine in sorting, packing and sending containers, thanks to Jenny Grainger, Morag Thorne and their dedicated band of volunteers ☐pray for God's blessing on each of their lives and this vital ministry!

DAY 5. 'Gift in Kind' Companies. Please pray for provision of stock from companies. The quantity of this diminished significantly during 2009, leaving many of our projects without the resources we have enjoyed in years past.

DAY 6. Field Staff and Beneficiaries. Health. Please pray for our field staff and beneficiaries. It has been an incredibly cold, long winter for those trying to survive without adequate housing, heating, clothing and food. Pray for peace in homes struggling; poverty causes an enormous amount of stress and malnutrition leaves children, families and the elderly susceptible to illness.

DAY 7. Jubilee. 50th Anniversary. Give thanks for this time of celebration and freedom that allows us to share the message of salvation freely in our field countries. The plea of local churches for Bibles has given fuel for our Jubilee initiative - funding 1,000,000 Bibles for our field countries. Pray we can raise the funds to enable this to become a reality!

DAY 8. BULGARIA. Give thanks and praise for the incredible generosity of Australians to support Emilia in Bulgaria who required urgent heart surgery. Pray for Emilia as she recovers from the surgery.

DAY 9. ALBANIA. Family-to-Family (F2F). Xhavara. Margarita is a loving mother doing her best to raise her 3 sons alone after the death of her husband. They are a loving and hardworking family who appreciate all the help they have received so much. **They need one more sponsor to meet their comprehensive needs.**

DAY 10. Child Rescue International (CRI) & Child Recovery Homes (CRH). Please pray for the 200 Homes we work with in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. The winter has been extremely harsh and the threat and reality of Swine Flu has wreaked havoc. Pray for protection and for resources to meet the nutritional needs of those growing bodies.

DAY 11. SPONSOR TOUR. April 11-28. Please pray for the Sponsor Tour as it experiences our wonderful ministry in Albania and Romania; for safe travel, and wonderful fellowship amongst the tour group and our field staff.

DAY 12. BOSNIA. Broken promises by a bankrupt government are leading to either depression or anger from the general public. Most see a future of great struggle and no hope. The war trial of Radovan Karadzic returns the focus to the suffering of the war and racial division. Pray our ministry continues to shine the light of Jesus on this troubled nation.

DAY 13. BOSNIA. F2F. Sagovnovic. This young family with 2 children are hard working. Zeljko is committed to finding any job he can, but unemployment has left them with zero income. **They need 3 more sponsors to meet their needs.**

DAY 14. BULGARIA. Please pray for the new Religious Act in the pipeline in Bulgaria. This will, unless amended, threaten the legality of many evangelical denominations and their work.

DAY 15. BULGARIA. Christian Ministry. Our staff and volunteers are reaching out to the local handicap clubs with the Gospel. Pray for open hearts and volunteers committed to this great ministry opportunity.

DAY 16. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Please pray for this new initiative meeting the needs of children living in the community with either no parents or one parent and trapped in extreme poverty. Many of the children are shunned by society and yet cry out for love, acceptance and support. Pray we can meet their comprehensive needs.

DAY 17. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Cristina is 10 years old. Her mother is ill, her father has abandoned the family and she is an only child. She is helpful, obedient, studious and loves to dance. She suffers from chronic pyelonephritis (a serious kidney infection) and is often ill. **Please would you consider sponsoring Cristina?** Please pray for her needs to be met and for encouragement as she battles poor health and loneliness.

DAY 18. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Ina is 4. Her parents are poor and have gone to Russia to find work. She is cared for by her grandmother and has one brother. She is shy, in kindergarten and likes to play with dolls. **Please would you consider sponsoring Ina?** Please pray for her needs to be met and for encouragement as she struggles.

DAY 19. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Tudor is 11. He comes from a poor family with both parents and four siblings. He is friendly, outgoing, healthy, in grade 3 and a talented drawer. He would like to be an artist when he grows up. **Please would you consider sponsoring Tudor?** Please pray for his needs to be met both practical and emotional.

DAY 20. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Valerii is 12 years old. His parents are very poor and he has 4 siblings. He is healthy, in grade 5, likes sport, soccer and technology. **Please would you consider sponsoring Valerii?** Please pray for his needs to be met and for encouragement as he endures tremendous poverty.

DAY 21. MOLDOVA. F2F. Bahmacenco. This poor family with 3 children are hardworking, hospitable and loving. **They need 3 more sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 22. Scholarships. Pray for all students who receive MWB Scholarships; for dedication, commitment and success regardless of their struggles. Self-doubt and challenging living situations are only two challenges that face these students. May they take heed of the encouragement of the MWB Scholarship Coordinators and trust in the Lord always.

DAY 23. Child Care. Please pray for the ministry to those who have grown up without parents. Meeting their practical needs is vital, but the spiritual and emotional support is priceless. Seeing souls once lost, now saved, grafted into local congregations and maturing with a healthy outlook on life, takes a tremendous amount of effort, but is priceless!

DAY 24. ROMANIA. F2F. Buta. This family of 4 do not have electricity, connection to gas, water or a bathroom. Both parents were previously employed, but Raduta recently lost her job and Dumitru has not been able to work because of recent surgery. **They require 4 sponsors to meet their comprehensive needs.**

DAY 25. Operation Christmas Love. Give thanks for this great ministry. It came at a time of intense cold and much suffering and was therefore a great blessing. Pray for those who received boxes, for them to see Jesus in what we do.

DAY 26. Operation Winter Rescue met many critical needs this past winter. Temperatures well below zero gripped our field countries for longer than usual, making our deliveries more vital than ever. Give thanks for all who contributed, allowing the delivery of wonderfully knitted items from Australia, as well as bedding, clothing, boots, heating materials, medicines and food to thousands of children, families and the elderly in all 6 field countries.

DAY 27. UKRAINE. F2F. II'Chuk family. Give thanks and praise this large Christian family are now self-sufficient and therefore have been withdrawn from the F2F program. After the fire that engulfed their home the family benefited from 15 Special Projects, making a dramatic impact on their ability to recover from this traumatic event.

DAY 28. UKRAINE. Gamza. Ganna is struggling to raise her 7 children after the death of her husband. This caring Christian family is surviving thanks to our F2F program. They urgently need to replace the windows of their home.

DAY 29. MWB. International. Church relationships. Give thanks and praise as we celebrate our 50th anniversary-our partnership with local evangelical churches in our field countries grows from strength to strength! It is wonderful to know those who come to faith through our ministry can be integrated into local churches.

DAY 30. MWB. International. We continue to face uncertain times economically in some of our supporting countries and our field countries continue to suffer growing unemployment, placing more and more at risk of extreme poverty. Pray for wisdom as we distribute finite resources and for beneficiaries to see Jesus in all we do.

DAY 31. MWB. Supporters. The sacrificial giving and support of our ministry enables our ministry to continue and expand. Every contribution is appreciated. Pray for peace, joy and blessing for each sacrificial giver to our ministry in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, South Africa, UK and the USA.

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