

Bridge of Prayer

Mission Without Borders Australia

May-June 2010

"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you." James 1:27 (New Living Translation).

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary, our Jubilee, give thanks for the passionate and sacrificial support of our ministry. Pray for opportunities to celebrate this milestone around Australia.

DAY 2. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. We are constantly humbled by the generosity of individuals and companies who donate to this ministry. Pray for God's blessing on those contributors and encouragement to know they are making a difference.

DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Sydney. Give thanks for our warehouse and growing number of volunteers who come each week to pack for us. Pray we are able to organise groups each day of the week to handle the volume we are now receiving.

DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind'. Melbourne. Give thanks for the wonderful afternoon tea held recently in Melbourne. Give thanks for the growing support of our ministry. Pray for Jenny Grainger as she coordinates this growing ministry.

DAY 5. Jubilee. 50th Anniversary. Give thanks for the blessing of enjoying God's Word in Australia. Pray for generosity as we raise funds for 1,000,000 Bibles for our field countries.

DAY 6. Family-to-Family (F2F). Please pray for the families as the weather warms up and they enjoy the short Eastern European summer weather after a very long and harsh winter. Pray for rain as they work hard to grow crops to feed their families throughout the long winter. Last year's summer was drought ridden and many were unable to harvest any crops.

DAY 7. ALBANIA. F2F. Bici. Alush, Suzana and their 3 daughters live in abject poverty. With only elementary education, they are not able to find permanent employment. Their home consists of 3 rooms, an outside toilet and has no water connection. They are under great stress because Alush is an alcoholic and domestic violence now rules the home. **Pray for all to turn to Jesus as their hope and for 2 more sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 8. ALBANIA. F2F. Popa. Lloiza is a widow and struggles to raise her 3 children, including Shaban who is mentally handicapped. She is unemployed, but very thankful to MWB for its support. **Their ceiling has collapsed from water damage and will cost \$875 to repair. Major roof repairs would cost \$6875. The family also need a wardrobe to store their belongings (\$400). Please pray this family will see God's hand at work in their lives.**

DAY 9. SUMMER CAMP. Pray for wisdom as organisers finalise the names of children able to attend this year's summer camps and for sufficient resources to make sure their dreams come true.

DAY 10. SUMMER CAMP. Pray for adequate resources from finances raised and Gift in Kind donations from companies to meet needs for the Summer Camps themselves as many arrive at camp without adequate clothes and hygiene items.

DAY 11. BOSNIA. F2F. Janjic. Demirela is currently struggling to raise her 3 children alone after her husband left because he was unfaithful. She wants to rebuild the marriage, but Narcis is currently unwilling. The children miss their father terribly. **They live in abject poverty and need 4 sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 12. JUBILEE BIBLE PROJECT. Give thanks for the Word of God that is being distributed throughout our field countries. Everyone is so thrilled to receive God's Word, from the elderly who survived communism and cannot believe they are finally holding God's Word to the youngest children who are so excited to be holding their very own copies of God's Word.

DAY 13. BULGARIA. Emilia Drumevska. Please continue to pray for Emilia. Despite suffering a stroke before she underwent major heart surgery, which resulted in some left side paralysis, her operation was a great success. The result has now secured her heart's normal function for 10 years - a result far greater than her expectations- praise the Lord!

DAY 14. Child Rescue International (CRI) & Child Recovery Homes (CRH). Please pray for the children who live in the Children's Homes we work with in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. As summer approaches it is often an anxious time for children who do not have a safe and caring place to go while their Children's Home closes down over the summer. Pray for open hearts and sufficient resources for Christian families who want to invite a child home these holidays.

DAY 15. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Give thanks for the growing support of this project, including the 7 new sponsorships taken up as a result of highlighting this new project in our March 2010 Focus News.

DAY 16. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Denis (10) comes from a poor family with both parents who are unemployed. Denis wants to be an artist when he grows up. **Pray he will be blessed to have a sponsor soon.**

DAY 17. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Sandu (13) is an only child. His parents are extremely poor. He aspires to be an architect when he finishes school. Pray he can continue to study with the help of sponsorship in our CRI in Community Program.

DAY 18. MOLDOVA. F2F. Zaida. This 4 member family lives in 2 rooms; with a concrete floor, outside toilet and no bathroom. They have major health problems: mother Nadejda has kidney problems, daughter Anastasia has pancreatic and neurological problems and son Marcu is recovering from heart surgery. **They need 3 more sponsors.**

DAY 19. MOLDOVA. F2F. Gasan. Ludmila (19) comes from this large family of 7 children. This Christian family is very active in their local church. Ludmila will soon finish the Hairdresser's Course at a professional school and **would like to set up a small Hairdresser's Salon to earn money for her family. She needs tools to make this dream a reality (\$1440). Please pray for their provision so she can make a contribution to her family's meagre income.**

DAY 20. SUMMER CAMP. Pray the Lord prepares each child's heart as they come to Summer Camp. Many come heart-broken, but leave as the healing process begins; with a new and deeper understanding they are precious to God.

DAY 21. Scholarships. Pray for all students who receive MWB Scholarships. Final exams are due in May and then students wait on results to see if they can continue their studies in the next academic year beginning in October.

DAY 22. Child Rescue International in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Give thanks and praise for the passion and dedication of our Coordinators. They are 'Dads' and 'Mums' to the children, advisors to the Children's Homes and logistics managers for the practical support we provide. Pray for God's blessing in each of their lives.

DAY 23. ROMANIA. Vasile Pangratie. In the March 2008 Bridge of Prayer, we prayed for physically handicapped Vasile and his need for a medicinal bike to aid in his therapy. The need was met by a donor and Vasile is now able to walk more freely. His mother has gone to Italy to work to earn money to pay the rent for their humble home. **Please pray for Vasile and his sister Ioana, as they constantly struggle to provide food for themselves, while their mother is away.**

DAY 24. ROMANIA. F2F. Tichindelean. Both Traian and Michaela have jobs, but earn minimal income. Determined to provide more than one room and a kitchen for their family of 5, they borrowed money to buy building materials to extend their home. Although they completed the renovations themselves, they are now unable to repay the debt. **They need 4 sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 25. UKRAINE. CRI. Sergiy (14). His mother has abandoned him and he rarely sees his father. He has 2 sisters, sight problems and receives special education. **Pray for a sponsor, so he will know that someone cares.**

DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Petro (14). Petro's father is deceased and his mother is mentally ill. He is a slow learner at school, but is lively, energetic and friendly. **Petro needs a sponsor to meet his needs and be his friend.**

DAY 27. UKRAINE. F2F. Veremchuk. Olexandr, Nataliya and their six children are grateful for all the help they receive. Olexandr is only able to find some seasonal work, and otherwise works their own land to grow crops to feed his family. **The family needs a circular saw (\$775), which Olexandr will use to earn some extra income.**

DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. Samchuk. Ruslan needs continued prayer as he recovers from a stroke and Valentyna earns a small income working for the post office. They are very thankful for the practical support MWB offers. Pray their hearts would be softened by the Gospel. **They urgently need a gas heater, a sewing machine would make a great difference to their lives and need one more sponsor to meet their ongoing comprehensive needs.**

DAY 29. MWB. Field Countries. Church relationships. Give thanks and praise for the renewed and growing networks and partnership we have with churches in our field countries, thanks to the Jubilee Bible Project. May the glory go to God!

DAY 30. MWB. International. It is heartbreaking for field managers to have to cut field projects because of a lack of funds. Pray for generous giving worldwide so budgets can expand once again.

DAY 31. MWB. Supporters. Give thanks for the continued generous support of our ministry despite worldwide financial struggles. May the Lord bless each supporter; because their sacrifice is making a tremendous difference.

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