

Bridge of Prayer

Mission Without Borders Australia

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" Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary, our Jubilee, pray as we prepare and hold celebrations around Australia – for God to be glorified and the message of our ministry to spread further afield.

DAY 2. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Give thanks two containers left our shores in May, one from Sydney and one from Melbourne. Please pray for the safe delivery of all the wonderful items to the children, families and elderly as quickly as possible and may the beneficiaries see the love expressed in every knitted creation.

DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Australia-wide. Give thanks for all who contribute, from the knitters, to the collection points, to the volunteers who pack the items and the containers. May they all be encouraged to continue to participate in this wonderful ministry making a great impact in our field countries.

DAY 4. Family-to-Family (F2F). Please pray for families during the short, hot summer. Many children will be put to work over the summer in order to grow sufficient food for the winter. With the past two years yielding few crops, because of drought, families are counting on a big crop this year for their survival.

DAY 5. F2F. When temperatures soar in summer, life is miserable for those without access to clean water or adequate hygiene. Pray for safety and protection of immune systems and the resources to help families wherever we can.

DAY 6. ALBANIA. F2F. The Kovaci family consists of Grandmother, Dad, Mum and two children ages, 4 and 1. They live in one room. **They urgently need 2 couch beds (\$425), a washing machine (\$540), table and chairs (\$350) and an iron (\$38).** Pray they are encouraged by their enrolment in our F2F program as they are depressed by their extreme poverty and lack of job opportunities.

DAY 7. SUMMER CAMP. Pray for soft hearts of the children who will attend Summer Camp and for the Gospel message to be clear and received whole-heartedly. Pray for those with emotional baggage of past abuse and neglect to begin the healing process and be touched by the Message of a loving Heavenly Father who will never leave or abandon them.

DAY 8. ALBANIA. F2F. The Meci family consists of Mum Albana and her two sons aged 15 & 13. Their father abandoned the family 10 years ago. Albana is an invalid, who suffers from serious pain in her legs. Despite this, she was, up until recently, employed as a tailor. She recently lost her job which is further burdening the family. **They need 2 more sponsors (\$35/month each) to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 9. SUMMER CAMP. The continuing Global Financial Crisis has affected the financial support and 'Gift in Kind' deliveries to Summer Camp once again this year. Pray for God's provision. Pray for wisdom as making Camps work without crucial supplies is extremely difficult.

DAY 10. JUBILEE THANKSGIVING BIBLE PROJECT. Give thanks for the progress of this great project. People's generosity is providing God's Word in huge numbers, much to the delight of our field staff and partnering churches. Pray for soft hearts for those reading God's Word for the first time and wisdom for those counselling the recipients.

DAY 11. BOSNIA. F2F. Miljanovic. This young family has a two year old son and live in one room in a group home, as they cannot afford rent on their own place. Both are unemployed but very committed to one another. They are Muslim by background but are open to the Gospel message and literature they are receiving. **They need 3 more sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 12. BULGARIA. (F2F) Give thanks this wonderful project is now underway in Bulgaria. Pray for adequate sponsors to come forward to sponsor Bulgarian families waiting for life-changing support and for those enrolled to begin to make sure steps toward healing and self-sufficiency.

DAY 13. BULGARIA. Community Centres. Emilia Drumevska. Thank you for your continued prayers for Emilia. Although she has made a good recovery from her heart surgery, she is currently bedridden with extremely high blood pressure and blood sugar. Pray her health stabilises and depression lifts, as this continuing debilitating health is discouraging.

DAY 14. Child Rescue International (CRI) & Child Recovery Homes (CRH). With the long summer holidays still underway, pray for the safety and welfare of the children. Many return home to some form of family and it is not necessarily a time where they receive adequate nutrition and support. Pray for rest and refreshment for the staff of the Homes, who are very poorly paid. May they return soon to continue to care for the children, despite the challenges.

DAY 15. CRI and CRH. Please pray for those students who recently graduated. It is a daunting and often depressing prospect for those who have to leave the relative stability of a Children's Home and now provide a home and means of support for themselves. Pray for accommodation, work and education opportunities for those in need.

DAY 16. CRI and CRH. For those recent graduates, pray they might recall the Emotional Support and Christian Input classes they attended, where we taught and counselled about healthy relationships and turning to God when they struggle. For those who had contact with the local churches through the Christian ministry in the Homes, pray they might gravitate to these churches as a family who can support them as they become independent.

DAY 17. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Give thanks for the growing support of this project. Please pray for the children enrolled. Oftentimes their home situations are challenging and the summer holiday without school is not always a positive, refreshing time.

DAY 18. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Diana (9) comes from a very poor family. Her parents are unemployed; she has 3 siblings, likes music and drawing and would like to be a painter when she grows up. **Diana needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her.**

DAY 19. MOLDOVA. CRI in Community. Alexandra (11) comes from a very poor family. Her parents often cannot meet their needs and go to Moscow to earn money. Alexandra is in grade 4 and is a loving and friendly child. **Alexandra needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her.**

DAY 20. MOLDOVA. F2F. Zaida. This family of 4 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 just one more sponsor – can you help this poor family?**

DAY 21. Scholarships. We have many students requiring scholarships, please pray for them. Their study loads are much greater than the average Australia students and they face many obstacles in life, which threaten their ability to achieve good academic success. Most scholarships are \$1,500-2,000 per year. Pray we can fund as many as practical as without this support most will not be able to realise their dreams.

DAY 22. Government. Most of our field countries are currently under considerable political and economic instability thanks to the financial crisis and politicians trying to gain the upper hand in these trying times. This instability is very unsettling and results in inflation and governments not able or willing to help the poor. Pray our reputation remains strong in these unstable times, and for sufficient resources to meet the needs of the increasing number who are desperate for support.

DAY 23. ROMANIA. F2F. Codreanu. This family of 5 lives in great poverty. Florian takes whatever work he can get to support his family. Up until recently, they lived in one room. Thanks to 2 Special Projects, they have been able to build a bedroom for the children and electricity has also been connected. **An outstanding and critical need is a heating stove (\$512).** Without it, the long winters are miserable.

DAY 24. ROMANIA. F2F. Banu. This family is working hard to support themselves, but the financial crisis has pushed prices up, making it harder to make ends meet. Eugenia and their 3 children are Christians, praying for the salvation of their husband and father Vasile. **They need 2 more sponsors to meet their needs.**

DAY 25. Community Centres. Pray for our staff and church partners in our Community Centre ministries. They clearly share the Gospel Message regularly and it is our prayer that as we provide food for the body each beneficiary will accept the food for the soul. For those that do, pray they remain strong and have the confidence to share this message with friends and family.

DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Mykola's (10) family is very poor. He lives in the Children's Home because he requires special education. He is an only child, very quiet, likes to read, write and wants to be a tractor driver when he grows up. **Mykola needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

DAY 27. UKRAINE. CRI. Vitaliy (12) comes from a poor family. His mother is deceased; he has one sister and suffers from light Tuberculosis. He is a happy boy who loves soccer and would love to be a professional footballer one day. **Vitaliy needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him.**

DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. Kopyshyk. This poor Christian family of 8 children live in an old house of two rooms, which they share with another family. The floor is wooden with no coverings, they have an outside toilet, no bathroom, with gas used for cooking and heating. **They need 2 more sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 29. MWB. Field Countries. Church relationships. As God's Word goes out in huge numbers, we have the opportunity of strengthening a growing number of church partnerships. Pray for unity and a common purpose-seeing souls won for Jesus and grafted into churches passionate about the Gospel and nurturing souls for God's glory.

DAY 30. MWB. International. Please pray for great wisdom for our international leadership as we negotiate our way through the continued economic instability that is affecting Europe. Pray for godliness, integrity and unity as we reach out with the love of God to thousands desperate for help and hope.

DAY 31. MWB. Supporters. What a blessing to be part of a worldwide organisation dedicated to reaching people for Christ while meeting critical comprehensive needs – may each and every supporter right across Australia be blessed by being part of this great ministry!

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