

Bridge of Prayer

Mission Without Borders Australia

March-April 2011

"Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them'." John 7:37-38 (NIV)

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. As 2011 progresses we thank God for each and everyone one of our supporters. Those who pray, give and contribute practically all form part of the collective MWB Australia family. We appreciate you and know you are faithful in serving the Lord with your resources. May the Lord's peace be with you this year, regardless of your circumstances.

DAY 2. Australia and those affected by the natural disasters. Please pray for the number of supporters who have been affected by the recent disasters battering all states of Australia. Pray for strength as they rebuild and to rely on their Heavenly Father for all they need to endure. Give thanks the worldwide family of MWB International is well aware of the needs of our nation as a result of the natural disasters and are praying for us.

DAY 3. Jubilee Bible Project. Give thanks for the great generosity toward our Jubilee Bible Project worldwide. We have a way to go to meet our target of 1,000,000 Bibles and our field countries are ready with plans for distributing all 1,000,000 Bibles. To date, Australia has donated more than 19,000 Bibles. Pray we can meet the target in 2011.

DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Give thanks for the generosity of individuals who are acting as Collection Points this year. We could not achieve what we do without their support. Many collection points are in areas affected by natural disasters. Pray for wisdom, understanding and patience as some new arrangements are needed.

DAY 5. 'Gift in Kind'. Give thanks for the generosity of Total Care Logistics, who deliver the donated items from the capital cities to us in either Sydney or Melbourne. Pray for them as they were affected by the recent flooding in Brisbane. Pray they can re-establish themselves quickly and for God's blessing on their business. Last year, when the financial downturn affected their business considerably, they continued their generous support of our ministry.

DAY 6. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Sydney & Melbourne. Give thanks for the great fellowship enjoyed by the volunteers. Give thanks for the sacrificial giving of their time.

DAY 7. SPONSOR TOUR. Please pray for the safety of the upcoming Sponsor Tour to Bosnia and Ukraine – away from March 26-April 11. May it be a rewarding experience where we can also bless the field staff.

DAY 8. Field Countries – Politics. Unstable economies and political climates are affecting all our field countries. Pray for stability, godly leadership and the ability of our field ministries to have a great impact in this great time of uncertainty for many.

DAY 9. Family-to-Family (F2F). It is hard to fathom how families are surviving in times where wages are frozen or cut, unemployment is skyrocketing and government benefits are never enough to meet basic needs. Pray for wisdom in how best to distribute finite resources and for the ability to tailor programs to meet the needs of individuals.

DAY 10. ALBANIA. F2F. Voci Family. Give thanks this family is united, the father is employed and they are fully sponsored by Australian sponsors. Arian's salary is minimal however. Pray this salary can increase so he can meet the needs of his family. **They urgently need a cooking stove (\$400) to improve their simple life.**

DAY 11. BOSNIA. F2F. Sabic. Remzija is struggling to raise her 5 children alone after the children's father disappeared. Give thanks their Urgent Needs mentioned on the previous Bridge of Prayer have been met: sofa bed, cupboards and fridge. However, Remzija is devastated as she recently gave birth to a baby boy, who appeared healthy but died at 18 days old due to an untreatable heart condition. **They still require 3 sponsors to meet their needs and encourage them.**

DAY 12. JUBILEE BIBLE PROJECT. Give thanks for the wonderful impact of the Jubilee Bible activities. Families, children, the elderly and disabled have been touched by the Word of God and communities are being transformed. Pray for the MWB Coordinators and partnering churches involved in all field countries.

DAY 13. COMMUNITY CENTRES. They are a haven year round, but are constantly having to turn away the physically, emotionally and spiritually hungry. Pray we can wisely assess those most needing assistance and for the resources to assist them in their hours of need.

DAY 14. BULGARIA. Ninety year old widow Todora Stefanova miraculously survived a house fire last spring that destroyed the roof of her house. She somehow managed to survive the winter with no roof or electricity, despite the snow threatening to collapse the roof. **Urgent roof repairs are needed (\$950) – pray for God's provision.**

DAY 15. CHILDREN'S HOMES. Homes have faced slashed budgets from the state as a result of the continuing affects of the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) and yet are hit with the impossible situation of a steep increase in prices for staple food items and utilities. Pray for wisdom and provision in this crisis.

DAY 16. CHILDREN'S HOMES. MOLDOVA. Following on from Romania's policy of closing down Children's Homes and finding some form of a family to send children to, we are beginning to see the same trend in Moldova. This 'solution' for the future needs of children is not always in the best interests of the child. Pray for wisdom for the authorities and MWB as we amend our programs to continue to meet children's needs.

DAY 17. CRI in Community (CRI COM). Give thanks this project continues to expand in Moldova and is beginning in Romania. Pray for the needs of these children living in Communities, either on their own or with adequate family support. **Contact us if you would like to sponsor a child through this program.**

DAY 18. SEEDS OF HOPE. Give thanks for the wonderful generosity toward to this great new project. \$25 will purchase a parcel of seeds suitable for growing by F2F families in their communities, based on the climate, size of land and diet of families. Pray for adequate rain and sunshine as they prepare the ground and plant the seeds.

DAY 19. MOLDOVA. CRI COM. Maria (6). Maria's parents are unemployed and unable to provide for their 8 children. Maria lives at home with her family and attends the MWB Brinza Community Centre. She is in preschool, likes playing, drawing and would like to be a doctor when is older. **Pray we can find a sponsor to meet Maria's needs.**

DAY 20. MOLDOVA. CRI. Tudor (13). Tudor's mother has passed away and his father has no interest in him. His older sister is his carer but he lives in the Children's Home. Tudor is a slow learner, is in grade 4, likes music and dreams about working in construction when he is older. **Pray we can find a sponsor to meet Tudor's needs.**

DAY 21. MOLDOVA. F2F. Juric. Give thanks this family are doing their best to work toward self-sufficiency. Please pray for 6 year old Victor who has heart problems and needs to undergo medical tests to ascertain what treatment is required. **The family has a horse, but need a cart (\$676) and a milk cow (\$1157) will provide vital nutrition for their growing family of 3 young children.**

DAY 22. ROMANIA. F2F. Jurj. Give thanks that the provision of sheep for the Jurj family (via Australian Special Project) has made such a positive impact on their life! All sheep had lambs, they have a constant supply of milk and cheese and the father is now a shepherd to their sheep and those of other families.

DAY 23. UKRAINE. F2F. Gamza. Ganna has struggled to raise her children alone as her husband passed away some years ago, but the family has suffered a further tragedy with Tetyana, Gann's second daughter, recently passing away from lung disease. She has left behind a devastated husband and two young children, who are now living with Ganna and her 7 children. Pray for God's peace and provision during this distressing time.

DAY 24. UKRAINE. F2F. Veremchuk. Give thanks and praise as the Veremchuk family has been withdrawn from our F2F program because they are self-sufficient! The father is employed (thanks to the circular saw he received via Special Project - SP), the family has finished building their house, thanks to many SPs from Australia and Yuliya and Tetyana are recipients of MWB Scholarships.

DAY 25. VOCATIONAL TRAINING. Give thanks for the passionate teachers determined to provide youths with skills that will aid their future self-sufficiency. Pray they have the resources they need.

DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Ukraine. Rubina (12) is an orphan and has one brother who lives in the same Children's Home. She is in grade 4, quiet and shy, but likes to dance and sing. Rubina enjoys the MWB Bible Correspondence Course and loves answering the questions. **Rubina needs a sponsor to meet her needs and encourage her.**

DAY 27. UKRAINE. CRI. Ukraine. Sergiy (8). Sergiy's father is deceased and his mother has remarried. He has 5 siblings. His mother is unable to care for him, so he lives in the Children's Home. Sergiy is a slow learner and needs special education. He is in grade 2 and his favourite activities are drawing and writing. **Please pray we can find a sponsor to meet Sergiy's needs and encourage him.**

DAY 28. SCHOLARSHIPS. Pray as students finalise their studies and exams for the academic year that ends in May. Pray they remain diligent and achieve great results so they can graduate or proceed to the next year of study.

DAY 29. SUMMER CAMP. Pray as we make preparations for Summer Camps. Pray for provision of supplies (from funds raised and company stock donated) and staff as they prepare programs to encourage, challenge and inspire.

DAY 30. MWBI. Field Staff and Volunteers. Pray for strength, love and wisdom as they care, day in and day out for the downtrodden, hungry, lonely and lost – they are the Lord's hands and feet to the poor of Eastern Europe.

DAY 31. MWB. International. Please pray for our leadership. They need wisdom as they navigate times of great need, skyrocketing costs, sweeping policy changes in the care of children and political instability in most countries.

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