

Bridge of Prayer

Mission Without Borders Australia

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"We constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. 1 Thessalonians 1:11 (NIV)

DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA. We are living in a time of great upheaval as we see so many suffering around the world. Despite other areas of the world currently experiencing great hardship, give thanks for the continued, generous support of our ministry in Eastern Europe.

DAY 2. MWB supporters. Australia continues to recover from floods, cyclones and fires and it will take many a long to recover physically, emotionally, materially and spiritually. Thanks for sharing your stories and prayer points. Please contact us if you would like us to stand with you in prayer as you heal. Give thanks the beneficiaries, staff and volunteers in our field countries have cared enough to pray for us when their own situations remain grim.

DAY 3. Jubilee Bible Project. Give thanks for the great generosity toward our Jubilee Bible Project worldwide. To date, funds for more than 720,000 Bibles have been raised. Pray for continued generosity so we can meet our target of 1,000,000 Bibles as our field countries are ready and waiting to distribute all 1,000,000 Bibles!

DAY 4. 'Gift in Kind' with 'Operation Cover-Up'. Give thanks and pray for God's blessing on the many volunteers who pack for us, act as Collection Points around Australia and have ultimately played crucial roles in this growing ministry.

DAY 5. 'Gift in Kind'. With many suffering and trying to rebuild Australia wide, things have slowed down in this area of our ministry. Pray for God to continue to compel, those who are able, to knit and create the wonderful items for us, especially as the weather cools down.

DAY 6. 'Gift in Kind'. Companies. Please pray we can expand our network of companies willing to donate their excess stock to us as the need remains critical in Eastern Europe. Pray for God's blessing on 'Total Care Logistics' and 'Paul Hartmann' in particular. Their generosity is humbling and has made a difference in thousands of lives.

DAY 7. Children's Homes -Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. As school winds up for another academic year, pray for good accommodation solutions for children from Children's Homes that close down over the long summer holidays.

DAY 8. Field Countries – Give thanks for the warmer weather as this means less illnesses and the ability for children to play outside - a blessing for children and their carers.

DAY 9. Family Care. Seeds of Hope. Give thanks for this great new project that aims to provide a parcel of seeds to all families in our programs. Pray for good, warm weather and adequate rain so crops can produce the best yield.

DAY 10. Family-to-Family (F2F). Please pray families in our F2F project will be able to find employment during the warmer months – particularly those with skills and proximity to the agricultural industry.

DAY 11. ALBANIA. F2F. The Halili Family is an extremely poor, rural family. Father Albert works in construction but his wage of \$110/month is insufficient to meet the basic needs of the family. Merita stays home and cares for their five children aged 5-11. **They need one more sponsor to meet their ongoing needs and also have urgent needs of 2 couch beds (\$435), a fridge (\$494), a cooking stove (\$390) and a dining table and chairs (\$383).**

DAY 12. BOSNIA. Refugee Camps. 15 years after the war ceased, many families are still living in refugee camps, as their homes were destroyed or they cannot return to their home towns, as they are now considered an ethnic minority and not welcome). The camps officially closed years ago and receive no support from foreign NGOs, such as the UN. Give thanks MWB can continue to meet their basic needs but pray each family can find a home and secure employment.

DAY 13. BOSNIA. F2F. Kozul. Marina is raising her 4 children alone after divorcing the children's father. She provides a loving home and does her best to provide for her family, but struggles to earn a regular income to provide for their basic needs. **Pray for consistent employment and 2 more sponsors to meet their ongoing needs.**

DAY 14. BULGARIA. (F2F)Evtimov-Sheynova- Momchil and Adelina are struggling to provide for their family. Adelina works extremely long hours as a seamstress and Momchil sells whatever scrap metal he can collect. Pray for a harmonious home life for these stressed parents who only want what is best for their children Flika (13) and Denis (11). **Pray we can find 3 more sponsors to meet their ongoing needs.**

DAY 15. CHILDREN'S HOMES. Moldova and Romania. The Children's Homes face an uncertain future as governments move toward policies of closing Homes and returning children to families, who often still cannot provide for their basic needs. Pray for wisdom as governments implement these policies. On paper it may look like lesser children and Children's Homes is an improvement but it is often simply masking an ongoing crisis.

DAY 16. MOLDOVA. F2F. Goreainov. Natalia is struggling to raise her 4 children aged 1-16 alone after her husband's death. They live in 2 rooms, heated by wood and grow vegetables for food. **They need 4 sponsors to meet their ongoing needs and also have urgent needs of extra food, clothes, shoes, a washing machine and refrigerator.**

DAY 17. MOLDOVA. CRI COM. Loredana (9) comes from a poor family with married parents and one sister. Her parents struggle to provide the basic needs for their children. Loredana is in grade 2 at school and likes playing games, attending school, reading and being helpful to her parents. **Can you consider sponsoring Loredana and meeting her ongoing needs through our CRI Com Program?**

DAY 18. MOLDOVA. CRI COM. Victor (10) has 3 brothers, his father is only able to find occasional work and his mother is unemployed. He is in grade 2 at school and is described as funny, artistic, athletic and friendly. Victor wants to be a policeman when he grows up. **Are you able to sponsor Victor; to meet his needs and encourage him?**

DAY 19. ROMANIA. F2F. Dinica. Angela is struggling to raise 5 children alone in a tiny 2-room house as her husband is now trying to find work in Spain. Angela must keep a constant eye on Ana Maria who has a severe intellectual disability and autism. **Pray for strength for Angela and 2 more sponsors to meet their ongoing needs.**

DAY 20. ROMANIA. CRI in Community. Praise the Lord our CRI in Community program is underway in Romania. It is meeting the pressing need of helping children who are no longer housed in Children's Home, but are living in the community without their basic spiritual, emotional, educational and material needs being met. We are developing a growing number of church partnerships through this initiative. Pray the Lord is glorified and we identify those children most in need.

DAY 21. ROMANIA. CRI COM. Estera (12) lives with her mother, father and 4 siblings (who are also enrolled in the CRI COM program and need sponsorship). Her father is physically and mentally handicapped, both parents are unemployed and their survival is tenuous living on minimal government welfare. Estera is in grade 5 at school, loves music and studying Romanian. Her greatest wish is for her father to be healthy again. **Can you sponsor Estera?**

DAY 22. ROMANIA. CRI COM. Adrian (9) lives with his mother and 4 siblings (also enrolled in our CRI COM program and need sponsorship). His father has abandoned their family. Adrian is a cheerful and friendly child who likes to help his mother and chop wood for the fire. **Can you sponsor Adrian?**

DAY 23. UKRAINE. Chernobyl. As the world looked on as Japan struggled with the fallout out from the earthquake, tsunami and then nuclear threat, many asked about the real affects of Chernobyl, from the time of the incident 25 years ago, to the legacies still prevalent today. Legacies of poor health, such as far higher rates of thyroid problems, miscarriages and cancer still plague the region today, with those affected ranging in age from babies born in 2011 to the elderly. Pray for our vital ministry in this region.

DAY 24. UKRAINE. F2F. Sergiychuk (100623). This poor family with 9 children continues to live in great poverty. Ivan is unemployed but works hard in their garden growing vegetables and they have started to build additional rooms to their home, as they currently live in 3 small rooms. **They need 2 more sponsors to meet their ongoing needs and building materials, such as stucco board and patching material, will allow them to finish the outside walls of their house.**

DAY 25. UKRAINE. CRI. Ukraine. Karolina (9) lives in the Children's Home as her parents are unable to provide for her needs. Karolina is an only child, in good health and currently studying in second grade. Despite her parent's inability to meet her needs, she looks forward to visiting them on weekends. **Are you able to sponsor Karolina – to meet her ongoing needs and encourage her?**

DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Ukraine. Sergiy (22) suffers from Down Syndrome and receives special education in the Children's Home. His parents are divorced and he is an only child. Sergiy is kind and calm but has difficulty in expressing himself. He is in grade 7, likes to read and needs a sponsor to meet his needs and encourage him. **Can you consider sponsoring this special young man?**

DAY 27. UKRAINE. Sarny Training Centre. Give thanks for this great training centre providing many opportunities for acquiring vocational skills for families who live in close proximity to the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant. Pray for those students graduating from courses, that they would secure employment so they can support their families.

DAY 28. SUMMER CAMP. As preparations are finalised and children prepare to come, pray for God to prepare the children's hearts to accept the message that they are loved by God and can accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

DAY 29. SUMMER CAMP. Please pray for wisdom, strength, grace and energy for the amazing staff members and volunteers who care for the children 24/7 during the summer camps. These camp 'Mums and Dads' lavish their love and care on these hungry kids, but this exhausting labour of love needs our prayers!

DAY 30. MWBI. Field Countries. Give thanks for all staff and volunteers who put their heart and soul into our ministry. Praise the Lord we have such strong relationships with partnering churches!

DAY 31. MWB. International. Give thanks for the leadership of our ministry. Pray for wisdom and godliness as they lead and make decisions of where and how to help.

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