

# Bridge of Prayer

## Mission Without Borders Australia

### January-February 2012

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)*

**DAY 1. MWB AUSTRALIA.** We have so much to give thanks to God for! We were able to make great financial and practical contributions towards so many worthy projects in 2011. When MWB's International's CEO Harry Graham visited each field country in late 2011 he said each one made a special point of saying how much the generous support of Australians have blessed them and made a difference. Give thanks for every contributor.

**DAY 2. Jubilee Bible Project.** Give thanks for the great generosity toward our Jubilee Bible Project worldwide. As this project enters into a third year, our field countries are counting on every one of the 1,000,000 Bibles we have promised. Pray we can raise the funds worldwide for the remaining Bibles (approximately 200,000).

**DAY 3. 'Gift in Kind' (GIK) with 'Operation Cover-Up (OCU)'**. Give thanks for the wonderful generosity of individuals who have acted as Collection Points during 2011. Give thanks for Nola Arnold who is no longer able to assist us and pray for Sheryl Mackley who has offered to take up the role as a Collection Point in Bendigo.

**DAY 4. 'GIK'. Transport.** Please commit to prayer for the urgent need for transport solutions around Australia. Total Care Logistics so generously assisted us with transport. This company has now been sold and further down-sized. Pray we can put in place new, cost effective transport solutions to our warehouse in Sydney and our Workshop in Melbourne. Without it, we would have to turn away so many generous practical donations from around Australia.

**DAY 5. 'GIK'. Sydney.** Give thanks for all our volunteers who helped us in 2011. We are thankful for our warehouse and our ever willing volunteers who happily roll up their sleeves to pack the items for our containers.

**DAY 6. 'GIK'. Melbourne.** Give thanks for Jenny Grainger and the fantastic volunteers who organise and pack your knitted items so quickly! Pray for God's blessing on each of their lives in 2012.

**DAY 7. Operation Winter Rescue.** Intensely cold weather conditions in Eastern Europe make the swift delivery of our containers vital. Pray the last containers from Melbourne and Sydney, sent late last year, arrive safely in Holland and items are shipped immediately to each field country.

**DAY 8. The Pressures of the Economic Crisis.** It is impossible to escape the depressing news of Europe's economic woes. Pray all staff and volunteers of MWB as well as all the beneficiaries of our programs hold firm to the challenge above (Proverbs 3:5-6) and keep their eyes on the Lord during these tough times.

**DAY 9. Family-to-Family. (F2F).** Imagine what it would be like to be cooped up in a tiny house without adequate heating but bursting with lots of hungry, cold, bored children! Such is the current challenge of many of our families. Pray for harmonious homes and swift deliveries of wood for heating, clothes and boots to reach the families.

**DAY 10. ALBANIA. F2F. Kashta.** This family of 5 lives in one room in the father's parent's home. Fluturim gets occasional work in construction or agriculture but his income is not regular. Emanuel (11) and Mateo (8) attend primary school and daughter, Hatixhe is 1 years old. **They are new to the F2F program and need 4 sponsors.**

**DAY 11. Jubilee Bible Project.** Praise God so many lives are being transformed through the Jubilee Bible Project. Children, families, the elderly and disabled are now enjoying their very own Bibles in their own language. This is a dream come true for many! Pray God's Word convicts and encourages all those who are reading it for the first time.

**DAY 12. BOSNIA. F2F. Sabanovic.** Edvin is a diligent man and skilled in manual work. Mia is educated in economics but unable to find work. They are devoted parents of Adna (1) and live in one room heated by wood. **They are in need of 4 sponsors to help meet their basic needs and improve their living conditions.**

**DAY 13. BULGARIA. F2F.** The **Metodiev-Mitkova's** living conditions are inadequate for this family of 6. They live in a house with four other families and share one room with shabby furniture. Nikolay works as a garbage collector but only earns a small wage. The atmosphere in the family is tense and oppressive due to the misery and shortage of food, warm clothes, shoes and furniture. **Four sponsors are needed to bring love, care and hope for the family.**

**DAY 14. SEEDS OF HOPE.** Give thanks for this great project! Although snow and ice still blanket the ground in our field countries, the families of our programs are dreaming of warmer days when they can get outside and grow vegetables to feed their hungry families. Families survived last summer and autumn with fresh veggies and some have managed to preserve enough to eat during the long winter.

**DAY 15. SEEDS OF HOPE.** The families of our projects are once again hoping they will be blessed by Seeds of Hope this coming spring and summer. Pray we can source the best and most appropriate seeds in each field country and for enough funds to be raised to supply each family with parcels of seeds.

**DAY 16. COMMUNITY CENTRES.** They are a haven year round, but never more so than in the dead of winter. Pray the elderly can manage the ice and snow to come for their hot meals and fellowship.

**DAY 17. CHILDREN'S HOMES.** Homes Directors are currently experiencing tremendous stress. They face a new year with reduced budgets, but where can they cut back? Pray they make wise decisions and for us to provide the funds and 'Gift In Kind' to provide the children with adequate food, clothing, shoes, hygiene items and medicines.

**DAY 18. CHILDREN'S HOMES.** There is nothing worse than one or more sick children mixing with hundreds of others. Viruses spread like wildfire and children who are surviving on a diet of nutritionally poor food are at great risk. Such are the challenges of the Children's Homes at this time of year. Pray for good health and protection of the children and staff.

**DAY 19. JUBILEE BIBLE PROJECT. MOLDOVA.** Give thanks villages like Poiana and Rujnita have been transformed thanks to the Jubilee Bible Project and outreach of the local church (story in January's Focus News). Pray for continued opportunities to teach the Bible in the State School in Rujnita.

**DAY 20. CRI in Community. CRI COM.** This project is growing by the day and is meeting the needs of children in Moldova and Romania who no longer will live in Children's Homes but are struggling in overwhelming poverty in the community. Please pray this program continues to grow to meet the needs of these neglected children.

**DAY 21. MOLDOVA. F2F. Sanduta.** This 7 member family lives in a small, clean 2 room house that needs repairs and has no bathroom and an outside pit toilet. They have 5 children under school age. They grow their own vegetables and self-sufficiency would be possible if they had a greenhouse. **They need 4 sponsors to help them on their way to self-sufficiency.**

**DAY 22. MOLDOVA. CRI COM. Emilia** comes from a poor family with handicapped, unemployed parents. Emilia suffers from speech problems. The parents often neglect her. She is in grade 1 at school and is a shy, obedient, sad but diligent child. **Emilia needs a sponsor to show her that people do care about her.**

**DAY 23. ROMANIA. F2F. Hodoroaba.** This six member family lives in an old house with 2 rooms, a small damaged kitchen, no gas or running water, with poorly furnished rooms, concrete floors only poorly covered with old rugs. Iulian works as an administrator for the National Theatre but his income is not enough to meet the needs of the family. **4 sponsors are needed to help the family meet their basic needs.**

**DAY 24. ROMANIA. CRI COM. Nicolae's (6)** family has 7 members and his parents are unemployed. They live in one room of a house owned by his grandparents which is damaged and dirty. Nicolae is healthy and does not attend school yet. He is a reserved, quiet and dreams of having a bicycle. **Could you consider sponsoring Nicolae?**

**DAY 25. CHRISTMAS MINISTRY FOLLOW-UP.** As we deliver Operation Christmas Love parcels, Christmas gifts and treats to children in the Homes, we present Christmas plays, concerts and deliver Bibles and great Christmas literature. The Gospel Message is always central to the celebrations. Pray for follow-up. May children, families and the elderly respond to the Gospel message and accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

**DAY 26. UKRAINE. CRI. Roman** suffers from heart problems and his family's poverty means he must live in the Children's Home to receive the care he needs. He is in year 1 and described as a cheerful, kind and generous child who likes maths, writing classes and puzzles. **He needs a sponsor to be his friend. Can you help?**

**DAY 27. UKRAINE. CRI. Angelina** comes from a poor family, has heart problems and therefore must live in the Children's Home so she can receive the special care she needs. She is in grade 1, likes art, reading and writing the most. She is a lively, energetic child and **needs a sponsor to show care to her. Can you help?**

**DAY 28. UKRAINE. F2F. Oliferchuk.** Andriy & Hanna are married and have 5 children. They share a house with Andriy's brother and aunt and live in 2 rooms. It has a wooden floor with no coverings. Andriy works but earns a very small wage. **Pray for 4 sponsors to help the family find God and be blessed through the material support.**

**DAY 29. MWB Australia supporters.** As 2012 begins, we are thankful for every supporter who gives of their time to pray, make practical contributions and give financially. Every dollar donated, every family, child and project sponsored is making a very real difference. Our prayer is all will be blessed by their involvement.

**DAY 30. MWBI. Field Staff and Volunteers.** With winter currently at its coldest, pray for stamina and safety as our staff all negotiates icy roads to make their deliveries. Pray for good health as they undertake this labour of love.

**DAY 31. MWB. International.** We face very uncertain times in Europe and therefore our international leadership is facing huge challenges. Many of our supporters live in countries currently facing tremendous economic hardship, which means fewer resources can be provided to our field projects. Pray for wisdom in all decision making.

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