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Sat. 1 *“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid,”* John 14:27 NKJV. Although there is much in our lives that can disturb our peace, pray that we may obey the command above and enjoy the blessing promised.

Sun. 2 Praise the Lord for the opportunity given to Barb MacDougall to “see a mission field”, accompanying Harold’s mother, Marie, and sister-in-law Gloria MacDougall to Kenya to visit Janet (MacDougall) Adkins and family. Pray for health, strength, and safety on the last leg of their return journey to Canada today.

Mon. 3 Executive Director Mark Beach slipped on ice and broke his left ankle in 3 places on Jan. 6th, and then on Jan. 20th he was taken back to hospital for a few days with blood clots in his lungs. Pray for a full and complete recovery and for patience and grace for Mark during recovery.

Tues. 4 Pray that the Lord may facilitate the printing, finishing, and packing of all orders for the upcoming ACCTS containers to Zambia so that they may be ready in good time for transport from Port Colborne to the ACCTS warehouse in Markham in April.

Wed. 5 Gertrud Harlow would value earnest prayer regarding the decreasing usefulness and increasing pain of her left hand and fingers, for typing as well as for daily living. She would like to be able to say again, *“Blessed be the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle,”* Ps. 144:1 NKJV.

Thurs. 6 Pray for safety for EPI books after they have been delivered, not just during shipment. We were saddened to hear from Oystein Mageroy that their house in Finland burned down on Jan. 3rd. Although no one was hurt, they lost everything, including their stock of EPI books. Pray for them.

Fri. 7 Praise the Lord for Alma Turnbull’s progress in reformatting our Everyday English New Testament commentaries, recently having completed work on 2 Corinthians, ***Paul and the Church at Corinth***.

Sat. 8 Pray that the Lord may prosper Eunice Free as she proofreads ***Paul and the Church at Corinth*** and sends feedback to Alma to make any necessary corrections.

Sun. 9 Praise the Lord that the Congo Swahili ***Believer’s Bible Commentary – New Testament, Vol. 1*** (Gospels – Acts) arrived in Bunia, D.R. Congo Jan. 1, 2014! Pray for widespread and effective distribution to key individual believers as well as to the estimated 200+ assemblies in the region.

Mon. 10 Pray as we plan the observance of EPI’s 50th Anniversary (tentatively planned for July 2014). Pray that all the details would come together in a way that properly honors the God who has faithfully sustained this ministry.

Tues. 11 Praise the Lord that Noel Bondt’s annual appointment with his cardiologist in January went well. Continue to pray that Noel will find encouragement in the Lord as he deals with the ups and downs of daily health issues.

Wed. 12 The office “server” was down for a few hours at the end of January, bringing work at the computers in the office to a crashing halt. Pray for the Lord’s protection for all equipment and systems (on site and off site!) necessary to carry on the work.

Thurs. 13 From Harold (end of January): *“Praise the Lord for the many orders of books received in recent weeks.”* The largest of these orders are destined for Ireland, Chile, U.K., Peru, U.S., Zimbabwe, Canada, and Nigeria.

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Fri. 14 Pray for the Lord's hand of blessing and help for all involved in the many steps between the time we receive an order and the time readers on the field have a book in their hands — and their hearts.

Sat. 15 Rejoice with Harold and Barb MacDougall and Mark and Gail Beach as they eagerly anticipate becoming first-time grandparents in August. Pray for safe and uncomplicated pregnancies for Jen McBlain and Alyssa Beach.

Sun. 16 Praise the Lord that both Gertrud and Mark are recovering well from their recent "health crises" (PED *(Pray Every Day)* Jan. 2, March 3). Pray for continued healing and restoration of health and strength.

Mon. 17 Pray for the Lord's enabling in preparation of two massive orders: 22,000 books and test booklets for India and 23,000 books and test booklets for Angola (PED Nov. 6).

Tues. 18 Thank the Lord for His faithful care and provision for the work through faithful supporters and occasional gifts from estates or foundations. Pray that we may be wise stewards of all that He supplies.

Wed. 19 Pray that all information needed by Della Letkeman to prepare the agenda for the Editorial Committee meeting on April 5th may be provided quickly.

Thurs. 20 Sara Townsend is both relieved and disappointed that she will not be having shoulder surgery (PED Jan. 22). The injury will not get worse, but it is beyond repair. Thank the Lord for reasonably good range of motion and relatively low pain. Pray for grace in living with the inevitable reduced strength (2 Cor. 12:9).

Fri. 21 Thank the Lord today for our "regular" on-site volunteers: John Storm, Jimmy Rollo, Hilda Parkinson, Don and Jan DeBaeremaeker, and new volunteer Jesse Sloetjes. Pray for health, strength, and safety in travel for each one.

Sat. 22 With some massive orders in preparation, there is room for other volunteers to have the joy of "lending a hand". Pray for His provision, according to our need.

Sun. 23 Praise the Lord for 3,857 Spanish books sent out last fiscal year and for 8,235 already sent out in the first 4 months of this fiscal year! Pray for much blessing to result.

Mon. 24 Please continue to pray that the Lord may call someone competent in Spanish to join the work of EPI with a view to taking on responsibility for this part of the work — in His time (PED Oct. 17).

Tues. 25 Praise the Lord for His hand on the equipment during the busy stretch of printing and finishing in December and January (a whopping 41,012 items!). Pray that the equipment may continue to work well in the busy months ahead.

Wed. 26 Pray for wisdom (and good health!) for Harold as he does all of our in-house printing, coordinates the work of the volunteers, orders supplies, and deals with technicians when equipment repairs or maintenance are needed.

Thurs. 27 From Gertrud: *"A number of missionaries are leaving their fields and returning to North America. Pray that the literature that has been sent to their areas over the years might continue to build up and strengthen the believers."*

Fri. 28 Pray that the Lord may lead Brian Cretney day by day in assigning priority to his typesetting and artistic responsibilities with EPI and may give clear direction regarding taking on additional responsibilities.

Sat. 29 Join us today in giving heartfelt thanks to the Lord for all who are part of the EPI team by presenting the work and workers before the throne of grace. Only eternity will reveal what this has meant.

Sun. 30 Praise the Lord for an order for 106 books sent to Penny DeFouw (Ireland). She wrote: *"These Bible studies are being sent to students who have made contact with us after seeing and reading a Bible verse that is being displayed publicly [in various places]. On each of these displays we offer a free New Testament and Bible study course."* Pray for wonderful blessing to result!

Mon. 31 Pray for the Lord's continued enablement for EPI bookkeeper Gail Beach as she seeks to be a servant despite the challenges of fibromyalgia. Pray that she would daily be overwhelmed by the joy of the Lord!

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Tues. 1 “Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart...And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart...But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,” 2 Cor. 4:1, Gal. 6:9, 1 Cor. 15:58 NKJV.

Wed. 2 Pray for good basic comprehension for the many readers of our books who are reading a language that is not their mother tongue. Pray that the Spirit may open the eyes of their spiritual understanding and enable them to apply what they learn.

Thurs. 3 Thank the Lord for Grace Spence’s faithfulness and diligence in preparing books for shipping as well as seeing that newly printed books are properly packed and stored in the warehouse. Pray for continued health and strength for this demanding work.

Fri. 4 Mark is due for a CT scan sometime this month to determine if the blood clots on his lungs have completely disappeared. Pray that they may have dissolved completely.

Sat. 5 Pray for the Lord’s wisdom and enabling for the Editorial Committee as they meet in London, ON, today, starting at 10 a.m. Pray that they may discern the Lord’s mind as they deal with a large backlog of material.

Sun. 6 Praise the Lord for the publication of **Encouragement for Leaders’ Wives: Essays from Wives’ Corner**, the final volume of the Elders’ ShopNotes series of books. Pray that these books would be a great encouragement to elders and their wives around the world.

Mon. 7 Join Gertrud in thanking the Lord “for slow but steady progress of the translation of Vol. 2 of Wm. MacDonald’s *Believer’s Commentary*, now [in late February] starting *Philippians*. Pray for some feedback from Congo believers as to the usefulness of Vol. 1.”

Tues. 8 Praise the Lord for 13,216 books sent free of charge in December and January to missionaries in Puerto Rico, Kenya, Colombia, Zimbabwe, Peru, Chile, Ireland, D.R. Congo, and Tanzania! Pray as led!

Wed. 9 Pray that the Lord may lead Sara in assigning priority to various Portuguese and Spanish projects-in-hand as well as other duties.

Thurs. 10 From Harold (written in late January): “Praise the Lord for our volunteers who have worked extra ‘overtime’ during the last 3 months!”

Fri. 11 Praise the Lord for the increased orders that necessitated the “overtime” worked by our volunteers! Pray that many lives may be touched and changed for eternity by the many books sent out as a result of those “orders” and “overtime”!

Sat. 12 Thank the Lord for Harold and Barb and the various roles they play at EPI. Pray that the joy of the Lord may be their strength in the busyness of their varied responsibilities at EPI and in the assembly.

Sun. 13 From Eleanor Sims (Zimbabwe – refocused): “Thank you very much for the copy of the new Shona translation of **Born to Win**...beautifully and very attractively done. Word from Zimbabwe [tells] how much they are looking forward to receiving this new course in their language...there are open doors in all the prisons there for the Emmaus Bible correspondence courses” (PED Feb. 10).

Mon. 14 Pray for each person serving at EPI, specifically that we would be “filled with the knowledge of His will in ALL wisdom and spiritual understanding,” Col. 1:9 NKJV.

Tues. 15 From Alma: “I thank the Lord for His help and blessing as I continue to serve Him...The unusual weather we’ve experienced this winter has made it unwise for me to travel to Port Colborne. However, thanks to technology (with the Lord’s help), I can continue with each project at home.” Pray for His continued encouragement for Alma in the often tedious work involved in reformatting.

Wed. 16 From Mark: “Pray for God’s hand of protection to be upon 4 large orders (1 skid each) on their way [via ocean freight] to Haiti, Chile, Zimbabwe, and Kenya.”

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Thurs. 17 From Brian: “Pray that the Lord will continue to encourage my wife, Jackie, as she tends to the ‘stuff of life’ in the home. Pray for wisdom in raising our four children in this godless world.”

Fri. 18 Pray that the EPI book table at the Toronto Easter Bible Conference may be a source of rich blessing to many today and tomorrow — and in the days and weeks ahead as people read or pass on books they’ve acquired.

Sat. 19 Thank the Lord for His protection of the office and warehouse during the harsh winter weather. Pray for His continual watchful care and His protection from all harm or evil.

Sun. 20 “He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay,” Matt. 28:6 NKJV. Praise the Lord today for the empty tomb and for all that it means to us whom He purchased by His blood.

Mon. 21 Pray for wisdom and insight for Directors Steve Adams, Ron Gee, Gertrud Harlow, Bill Letkeman, and Don MacMullen as they review reports in preparation for the Semi-Annual Meeting May 10th.

Tues. 22 Please continue to pray for the Lord’s provision of at least two godly men with an exercise for the literature ministry of EPI and willing to serve on the Board of Directors (PED Aug. 2).

Wed. 23 Praise the Lord for His blessing and provision for the work of EPI for the past 50 years. Continue to pray for His leading in the plans and preparations for appropriate celebrations to recognize His goodness to us.

Thurs. 24 Pray for wisdom for Noel and Dwana as they seek to raise their two girls, Estella and Mildred, to love the Lord Jesus. Pray for continued strength for Noel for his daily tasks of programming, network maintenance, and assisting other staff.

Fri. 25 Praise the Lord for the expanded outreach made possible through the EPI web site which reaches people all over the world and facilitates the placing of orders.

Sat. 26 Four months into our fiscal year we have exceeded the *total* distribution for last fiscal year by over 5,000 books! Pray that increased distribution may translate into not only increased but *multiplied* blessing!

Sun. 27 Praise the Lord for a new Portuguese title, *O horário de Deus (God’s Timetable)* by David Boyd Long (PED Nov. 11). Pray as led.

Mon. 28 Pray that the Lord may prosper Harold, Grace, and the volunteers as they print, “finish”, and pack thousands of our Portuguese books for shipment to Angola (PED Nov. 6).

Tues. 29 Praise the Lord that some recent orders for our Portuguese and French books are “deep”, i.e., large in number (PED July 23, Nov. 6). Pray that distribution of these books may also become widespread by going to many more countries where those languages are used.

Wed. 30 Thank the Lord today for prisoners with tender, prepared hearts who are studying EPI and other Bible correspondence courses. Pray that many may come to the Savior and become lights who shine brightly for Him.