

Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY

*Daily prayer requests for
the overseas literature outreach of*

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Fri. 1 "...you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many," 2 Cor. 1:11 NKJV.

Sat. 2 Praise the Lord for 2,600 EPI books sent air freight to Kenya in early April for inclusion in a 20-volume mini-library to be distributed to 200 expected attendees at a **Workers' and Elders' Conference** in Nairobi May 1-3. The books had arrived but had not been released from Customs at time of writing. Pray as led!

Sun. 3 Praise the Lord for the 33,513 books shipped in the first 6 months of our current fiscal year *over and above* the 165,860 books sent to Angola and D.R. Congo! Pray for greatly multiplied blessing to the many individuals and groups of believers whose lives will be touched by these books.

Mon. 4 Pray for peace of heart and mind for Gertrud Harlow as she awaits the outcome of her application for permanent residency in the U.S. (PED (*Pray Every Day*) March 6).

Tues. 5 From Mark Beach: "*Pray for a refreshing and edifying time at the Ontario Workers' and Elders' Conference in Windsor, ON, May 5-7. Pray for a good response to the EPI book table.*"

Wed. 6 Some of the staff are currently in the process of adjusting to an upgraded version of QuarkXpress. Pray that changed procedures may soon become familiar and easy to use.

Thurs. 7 Pray for safety in travel for Sara Townsend as she leaves the Ontario Workers' and Elders' Conference to begin the long drive home to Kansas. Pray for a refreshing time with her family and commending assembly and for safety on her return trip May 26-28, D.V.

Fri. 8 "Before they call, I will answer" was our experience once again as word was received the day after the last PED was sent that the D.R. Congo container had arrived safely in Mombasa, Kenya (PED March 23)! Praise the Lord that it arrived safely in Bunia in mid-April and has been released from Customs!

Sat. 9 Pray for much wisdom for those charged with the responsibility for distributing the books from the D.R. Congo container. Pray that the books may soon be in the hands (and hearts!) of eager readers, and ask the Lord to use them to greatly strengthen the church in D.R. Congo.

Sun. 10 Praise the Lord for over 5,000 English books (a skid!) sent via ocean freight to British-commended missionaries Stephen and Gail Harper in Malawi to help in the start of a bookstore ministry there (PED Dec. 6). Pray for its safe arrival and for much blessing as they initiate this new phase of their ministry.

Mon. 11 The Congo Swahili Bible had not yet gone to press at time of writing (PED March 10). Pray for wisdom in any decisions and arrangements that still need to be made, and for the Lord's blessing upon the printing and then the shipping of this urgently needed edition of His Word.

Tues. 12 Praise the Lord for the delivery of the new (to us) saddle stitcher and spine press in early April (PED March 7)! The spine press "squares the backs" of the stapled books, making it much easier to store them and ship them.

Wed. 13 Thank the Lord that Noel Bondt's cancer review in February went well (PED March 11). Pray for strength for Noel and protection from serious illness as he takes one day at a time. Pray for the Lord's blessing as he applies his computer knowledge and skills to the needs of the work of EPI.

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Thurs. 14 Pray for the Semi-Annual meetings (Editorial Committee, Board of Directors, and Corporation Members) today. Pray for God's wisdom and enabling in all of the discussions and decisions.

Fri. 15 Thank the Lord that the print shop was kept very busy in February and March printing 14,154 books, 6,001 test booklets, and 15,265 items for various other ministries.

Sat. 16 Praise the Lord that the container of Portuguese books for Angola was released from Customs on Feb. 25th! Pray for Marjorie Beckwith and her helpers as they distribute the 92,000+ books and test booklets (PED March 4).

Sun. 17 From Marjorie Beckwith (Angola): "*Now we want to send some of all the books to each province, as well as promoting them here in Luanda.*" Pray that the Lord's people may be greatly encouraged and may increase in their knowledge of and commitment to His Word as these books are scattered throughout Angola.

Mon. 18 Pray for the Lord's blessing and help for Marilyn MacMullen as she proofreads Della Letkeman's final draft of her biography of the Apostle Paul (PED April 25).

Tues. 19 Thank the Lord for Barbara MacDougall's cheerful help with the routines of the office Mondays, Wednesdays, and alternate Fridays. Pray for wisdom in balancing her office responsibilities with her family and assembly responsibilities.

Wed. 20 Please pray that EPI volunteer writers, translators, translation checkers, and proofreaders may find the time they need to make steady progress with their EPI projects, which usually are "extra" in terms of their normal responsibilities.

Thurs. 21 Pray for Mark and Gail Beach as they attend the *Iron Sharpens Iron* conference at Emmaus Bible College, today through the 24th, D.V. Mark requests: "*Pray for safe travel and for the establishment and renewal of strategic contacts for the ministry of EPI.*"

Fri. 22 Thank the Lord that Margarida Cerqueira has reported significant progress in translating *Desert Journey: Studies in Numbers and Deuteronomy* into Portuguese (PED Feb. 13). Pray for the Lord's continued blessing and help.

Sat. 23 Pray for health, strength, and encouragement for Alma Turnbull in ongoing work reformatting the lengthy *12 Prophets* (PED March 19). Praise the Lord that Obadiah through Zephaniah was nearly ready to send to Eunice Free for proofreading in early April.

Sun. 24 From Gordon and Florence Wakefield (Peru): "*...miracle as it seems to us, not only did the re-requested order arrive...in good time but it was brought to our door...[The books have] arrived two weeks before our annual Family Retreat (for Easter) at which time we put so much good literature at the disposition of our dear folk here.*"

Mon. 25 The "re-requested order" referred to above highlights the potential problem of an order not arriving at its intended destination. Pray for safety in transit of our books or that books that do "go astray" may still reach some who will reap eternal benefit from them.

Tues. 26 Praise the Lord for a large, anonymous gift designated to help with the cost of the eventual replacement of our digital printers! Continue to pray for wisdom in researching the options and in making a wise purchase when the time comes (PED April 29).

Wed. 27 Pray that our current well-used digital printers (each having tallied about 8 million impressions!) may continue to work well with a minimum of down time for maintenance or repair.

Thurs. 28 Thank the Lord for a good response to the EPI book table at the *Toronto Easter Conference* (PED April 10). Pray that the 214 books sold will be read *and* applied!

Fri. 29 Pray for wisdom for Production Manager Harold MacDougall as he assigns priority for the printing of new and reprint titles, keeps ahead of the need for fresh supplies for the print shop, oversees the work of the on-site volunteers, etc. Pray for health and strength!

Sat. 30 Please pray for open doors to present the ministry of EPI to prospective users of our specialized, easy-to-understand Bible study books.

Sun. 31 Praise the Lord for over 10,000 English, Portuguese, and Swahili books on their way to Zambia via ACCTS container (PED March 12, April 23)! Pray for their safe arrival and for multiplied blessing as they are read and studied in the months ahead.

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Mon. 1 “...brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified...,” 2 Thess. 3:1 KJV. We are so grateful for each one who prays for us. Pray that the Word of the Lord may indeed have free course and be glorified as our books go “here and there” throughout the world.

Tues. 2 Thank the Lord today for the many prison ministries which utilize our simplified-language Bible study books. Pray that each student may be encouraged and helped by our books with test booklets.

Wed. 3 Pray for continuing help for Doris Pitman and Gertrud Harlow who hope to wrap up work formatting and proofreading the Chokwe Bible this month (PED March 17).

Thurs. 4 Thank the Lord that Andrew Rennie has completed preparing a test booklet to go with our commentaries on 1 & 2 Corinthians (PED Feb. 27). Pray that the Lord may prosper him in ongoing work translating *Two Letters from Peter* into Spanish (PED April 4).

Fri. 5 Pray that Sara may quickly pick up the thread of work on various projects-in-progress after her time away last month.

Sat. 6 Thank the Lord today for Directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Hanniel Ghezzi, Gertrud Harlow, Bill Letkeman, and Don MacMullen. Pray for His rich blessing for each one in their multi-faceted service for Him.

Sun. 7 Praise the Lord for a recent shipment sent to a Brazilian assembly-commended missionary in São Tomé e Príncipe, Portuguese-speaking islands off the west coast of Africa.

Mon. 8 Pray for safety for Noel and Dwana as they travel home to Prince Edward Island this week. Pray for good health while they are away and for much refreshment from the time with their families and commending assembly.

Tues. 9 Thank the Lord for Esther Frey’s help proofreading the reformatted Spanish translation of our commentary on Exodus (PED Jan. 16). Pray for much blessing as the reformatted edition goes into print.

Wed. 10 Thank the Lord for the willingness of Cidinha Moss (Brazilian missionary now in Australia for the education of teenage children) to translate *Church of the Book* into Portuguese. Pray that she may make steady progress.

Thurs. 11 Pray for patience and perseverance for Alma in ongoing work reformatting *12 Prophets*. Pray for the Lord’s blessing and enabling as she makes corrections resulting from the proofreading and finalizes copy.

Fri. 12 Thank the Lord for His tender care, both for the work and the workers of EPI. Pray that He may richly bless each one who supports us, whether financially, in prayer, or by placing their time, gifts, and abilities at our disposal.

Sat. 13 Pray for prospective missionaries attending the *Missionary Orientation Program* at Greenwood Hills today through the 19th. Pray that they may develop a vision for the use of literature and may be made aware of EPI’s specialized literature and how it might fit into their future ministry.

Sun. 14 From Alan and Sheila Park (Zambia - U.K.): “*This morning one of the students who is a police officer came in to collect his latest course, **Way Out and Way In**, and he said, ‘These studies have been a real blessing to me, and helped me understand the Bible better’. I asked him to encourage others to do the studies too!*”

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Mon. 15 Praise the Lord for a further order from the Parks for several hundred more books and test booklets which were sent in the ACCTS container to Zambia. Pray for continued blessing to many police officers as well as others.

Tues. 16 Pray that the Lord may guide Executive Director Mark Beach in his thinking and decisions so that His purposes for the work of EPI may be fulfilled, for His glory and for the blessing of many.

Wed. 17 Thank the Lord today for all those with an exercise to support the work of EPI through faithful prayer, doing an unseen (but not *unfelt!*) work that is so vital.

Thurs. 18 Pray for strength and endurance for Grace Spence as she works in the un-air conditioned warehouse during the often hot, sticky days of summer, packing books for shipment and preparing newly printed materials for efficient storage until they are needed.

Fri. 19 Thank the Lord for our faithful volunteers (Arthur and Mary Jane Robinson, John Storm, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, Jimmy Rollo, Don DeBaeremaeker, and Tom and Hilda Parkinson) and for the critical part they play in making it possible for us to continue sending much of our literature “no charge”.

Sat. 20 Pray that many “seekers after truth” may find our web site and be linked to literature that will lead them to the Savior or build them up in their faith.

Sun. 21 From Ruby Campbell (Colombia): “...*thank you for the 50 La Iglesia del Libro [Church of the Book - Spanish]...Just before they came, I had a request for the book but I didn't have any so it was cause for rejoicing when they came so soon after the request!*”

Mon. 22 An Emergency Plan has been developed for EPI, in accordance with Canadian workplace regulations, giving instructions for what to do in case of fire, etc. Please pray that in the Lord's goodness it may never need to be used.

Tues. 23 Thank the Lord for Harold and Barbara MacDougall, Jen, Rob, and Iain. Pray that His peace may fill their hearts and their home, even in the midst of the extreme busyness of their varied individual schedules.

Wed. 24 Pray that we may “connect” with many more ministries and workers whose service for the Lord would be enhanced by the use of our easy-to-understand Bible study books.

Thurs. 25 During May and June Gertrud hoped to be able to spend more time on the translation of the *Believer's Bible Commentary - NT* (William MacDonald) into Swahili. She reports: “*The preliminary translation of the commentary on Mark was completed the middle of April (60 pages). Pray for continued strength and wisdom.*”

Fri. 26 Please pray for wisdom in evaluating requests for permission to translate our books into a language we ourselves do not publish.

Sat. 27 Pray that the Lord may grant a smooth workflow for projects requiring the work of different people at various stages in the project.

Sun. 28 Praise the Lord for open doors and for opening doors for our books in some hitherto unreached areas: Malawi, São Tomé e Príncipe, and possibly Indonesia (PED Jan. 27). Pray that the Lord may continue to open doors to other new areas.

Mon. 29 Pray for the Lord's encouragement and blessing for bookkeeper Gail Beach as she prepares multiple reports each and every month as part of the potentially wearying “month end procedure”. The reports are a significant help in various areas of the work. Pray that she may not grow weary in well doing!

Tues. 30 We are not unmindful of the Lord's kindness to us in protecting our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies from harm. Please continue to commit them to His care.