

Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY

*Daily prayer requests for
the overseas literature outreach of*

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Wed. 1 “*Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation!*” Psalm 68:19 NKJV. Thank the Lord today for the *load* of daily blessings we enjoy, not the least our salvation and its effect in our lives, and then commit the work and workers of EPI to Him afresh for His continued blessing.

Thurs. 2 Continue to pray for Gertrud Harlow’s application for permanent residency (PED (*Pray Every Day*) May 4). An additional set of documents has been mailed in at the government’s request. Pray that the Lord might overrule as these are examined and that this process might be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion.

Fri. 3 Praise the Lord for EPI-connected young people involved in camp work and other forms of outreach and ministry this summer. Pray that this may be a formative time in their lives and that they will continue steadfastly in giving priority to serving the Lord as they grow and mature.

Sat. 4 Pray for safety in transit of the ACCTS containers sent to Zambia in April which carried over 10,000 EPI books as part of their cargo (PED May 31). Pray that they may be released from Customs without undue delay or excessive expense.

Sun. 5 Praise the Lord that the Congo Swahili Bible was to be sent to a printer in Canada before the end of June (PED May 11). Pray that the Bibles may be printed quickly and well and for their safe and expeditious shipment.

Mon. 6 Praise the Lord for the invaluable help of Dena Speering in proofreading the reformatted Congo Swahili Bible (PED Oct. 4). She had a bad fall in May, breaking her leg. Pray for a thorough recovery as she continues physiotherapy.

Tues. 7 Pray for the Lord’s blessing and help for Executive Director Mark Beach as he oversees the work of EPI day by day. Pray for the Lord’s enabling as he prepares the quarterly report and a new issue of *Impressions* along with his other duties this month.

Wed. 8 Please continue to pray for those responsible for the distribution of the Swahili and French books that arrived in Bunia, D.R. Congo, in April (PED May 8, 9). Pray that the books may be wisely and equitably distributed and that they may greatly strengthen the church.

Thurs. 9 Join Sara Townsend in thanking the Lord for a very refreshing time away in May (PED May 7). Pray for the Lord’s blessing now in increased productivity as a result of renewed energy and also that He might grant good health and strength for the daily task.

Fri. 10 Pray for the safe arrival in good condition of the skid of 5,000+ books sent to Stephen and Gail Harper in Malawi for the new bookstore ministry they are starting (PED May 10). The books are due about now.

Sat. 11 Pray that the aforementioned books may be quickly released from Customs without excessive charges. Pray for their widespread distribution throughout Malawi, to the eternal blessing of many sinners as well as saints.

Sun. 12 Praise the Lord that the 2,600 EPI books sent to Nairobi were released in time for distribution to those attending the first ever Kenya Workers’ and Elders’ Conference and were a great encouragement to those receiving them (PED May 2)!

Mon. 13 Pray for greatly multiplied blessing as the aforementioned books are read and as what is learned is passed on through the preaching, teaching, and personal counseling of the Kenyan workers and elders who received the books.

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Tues. 14 Not all of the staff had fixed plans for a break during the summer as we went to press. Pray that all may be able to take some time off, for refreshment, revitalization, and renewing of energy and vision.

Wed. 15 It is anticipated that there will be ACCTS containers to Zambia again in October. Pray that missionaries may send their orders to us soon, so that they can be printed, finished, and packed in a timely way without undue pressure in September, the final month of our fiscal year.

Thurs. 16 Pray for renewed strength for Harold MacDougall this month as he meets the many demands made upon his time and strength as Production Manager.

Fri. 17 Thank the Lord for interest expressed by some brethren in the Middle East to have EPI books on assembly truth translated into Arabic. Pray that the Lord may guide in all that needs to happen for this to be put into effect.

Sat. 18 Pray that the Lord may protect all of our books in transit from the hazards of the way (including excessive customs charges!) and that they may be safely and quickly delivered to the intended recipients.

Sun. 19 From Paul and Dorothy Grieve (South Africa - U.K.): *"...our order has arrived safely. It is so good to have it just now because from the 29th [of June] there is a week of Bible studies for our Zulu men and they always enjoy us putting out a book table for the 5 days that they are together."*

Mon. 20 Pray for "grace" for Grace Spence as she works in our un-air conditioned warehouse preparing books for shipment and newly printed books for storage. Pray that the Lord may give her joy in this vital part of the work as well as strength according to the needs of each day.

Tues. 21 Praise the Lord for 13,224 books sent "no charge" to assembly commended missionaries and national workers serving in Zambia, Kenya, Colombia, Malawi, Philippines, South Africa, Mexico, Uruguay, D.R. Congo, and Nigeria in April and May. Pray for safety for those still in transit.

Wed. 22 Pray for Barbara MacDougall as she helps with the office work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and alternate Fridays. Pray for wisdom as she answers the phone, processes mail and e-mail, etc.

Thurs. 23 Thank the Lord for Noel Bondt's computer expertise that is put to such good use in the work of EPI. Pray for the Lord's blessing as Noel maintains and upgrades the web site.

Fri. 24 Pray for the Lord's blessing and help for Della Letkeman as she wraps up work on her biography of the Apostle Paul. She was working on an index in June while the final draft was being proofread (PED May 18).

Sat. 25 At any given time there are numerous books "in process", some in the very early stages and some that are near printing. Pray that the Lord may guide so that work at each stage is completed in a timely way and so that there may be a smooth workflow of books (and test booklets) ready for printing.

Sun. 26 Praise the Lord for 204,925 books distributed this fiscal year as of the end of May! Add your prayers to ours that the Lord may add His blessing as they are read so that they may be well understood, diligently applied, and effectively taught to others for greatly multiplied blessing.

Mon. 27 From Alma Turnbull: *"I'll be helping at the MBC [Markham Bible Chapel] Day Camp the last week of July, so will value prayer that God will make me a blessing and give me strength for each day."*

Tues. 28 Praise the Lord for steady progress by Harold and the volunteers in April and May to "top up" titles that were depleted during the big push to meet the printing needs for various containers. Praise the Lord for 14,315 EPI books printed and "finished" in April and May, most of them in print runs of 250 per book.

Wed. 29 Thank the Lord for Arthur Robinson's continuing help as a volunteer in spite of his recently diagnosed Parkinson's disease. Pray for our brother as he adjusts to required medication.

Thurs. 30 Comparison shopping takes time but is worth it in the long run. Pray for wisdom for Harold and Mark in the continuing search for replacement printers (PED May 26). Pray for much wisdom as they evaluate the capacities, print quality, various features, and long term consequences of the printers they investigate.

Fri. 31 Join us in thanking the Lord for all of the technological marvels (= equipment) that make our work so much easier! Pray for His continued protection and care of our premises and all that they contain.

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Sat. 1 “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful,” 1 Cor. 4:1,2 NKJV. Pray that each one associated with the work of EPI may be found faithful in the part God has given him or her to play in the overall work, to His glory and to the eternal blessing of many.

Sun. 2 From Marjorie Beckwith (Angola): “We have a group travelling who carried a load of books to sell, and a two week Modular Bible School in progress with a book table and sold quite a few at a ladies’ Bible study day last Wednesday...I will be at the first 3 days of the 125th year celebration. We hope to sell more books there.”

Mon. 3 Please continue to pray for the widespread, effective distribution of the thousands of Portuguese books sent to Angola via container last year (PED May 16).

Tues. 4 From Gertrud: “Pray that language translation will never become just work, just a routine job. Pray that the truths I am translating will always be fresh to my own heart thus enabling me to express them better in Swahili and make them more relevant for the African believers.” Pray for His blessing in her continuing translation of William MacDonald’s **Believer’s Bible Commentary - NT** (PED June 25).

Wed. 5 Praise the Lord that Margarida Cerqueira has finished translating **Desert Journey: Studies in Numbers and Deuteronomy** into Portuguese (PED May 22). Pray for her as she now begins translating **God’s Timetable** by David Boyd Long.

Thurs. 6 Thank the Lord for a profitable meeting of the Editorial Committee on May 14th. Ask the Lord to bless as decisions made at that meeting are carried out in the months ahead.

Fri. 7 Pray for wisdom for Mark in the many decisions, large and small, he is called upon to make in the performance of his duties. Pray that he may have a sense of the Lord’s leading as he goes through each day.

Sat. 8 Praise the Lord for His faithfulness in provision, even in times of “economic downturn”. Pray that we may be careful and wise stewards of the sacrificial gifts of His people.

Sun. 9 Thank the Lord for both the privilege and the opportunity to serve other ministries. Praise the Lord for 6,544 items of “other printing” completed in April and May, largely for New Life Prison Ministry and Agape Valley Bible Camp.

Mon. 10 Pray that the Lord may encourage and prosper Andrew Rennie as he continues translating **Two Letters from Peter** into Spanish (PED June 4).

Tues. 11 Give thanks today for the valiant prayer warriors who faithfully present the work and workers of EPI before the throne of grace that we may “*find grace to help in time of need*”.

Wed. 12 Pray for wisdom for Harold in setting priorities for print jobs and scheduling the work according to the availability of our volunteers.

Thurs. 13 Thank the Lord for volunteer help in recent months from Arthur and Mary Jane Robinson, John Storm, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, Jimmy Rollo, Don DeBaeremaeker, and Tom and Hilda Parkinson. Pray for the Lord’s richest blessing for these stalwart and much appreciated fellow workers!

Fri. 14 Pray today that Sara may have a keen sense of the Lord’s priorities in the ongoing work of preparing new and reformatted Spanish and Portuguese titles for printing.

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Sat. 15 Thank the Lord for directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Hanniel Ghezzi, Gertrud Harlow, Bill Letkeman, and Don MacMullen, and for their demonstrated interest in and concern for the work of the Lord at EPI.

Sun. 16 From a British missionary in Africa: "*We are very chuffed* [= pleased, according to the *Pocket Oxford Dictionary*] *with the new covers which are coming through. They look very good.*" Praise the Lord! — and pray that He may use the attractive new covers to draw some to read them who otherwise might not.

Mon. 17 Pray for the Lord's blessing and help for Marilyn MacMullen as she writes a book in simple English about mentoring young women.

Tues. 18 The original vision of EPI was to provide easy-to-understand Bible study materials to people in the traditional mission fields of the world. Praise the Lord that 91.4% of the books distributed this fiscal year as of the end of May were sent to such areas!

Wed. 19 A secondary purpose of EPI through the years has been to provide books giving sound Bible teaching on various topics of special concern in the "homelands". Pray that the Lord may bless as new topics of concern are identified and books are written.

Thurs. 20 Praise the Lord for the many books sent to Africa and Latin America this fiscal year. Pray now for open doors for increased distribution in Asia and India also.

Fri. 21 Pray that the Lord may bless as preliminary preparations are made for our annual inventory next month.

Sat. 22 Join the Beach family in praising the Lord for the engagement of Joshua to Alyssa Greenwald. Pray for the Lord's blessing and leading in their growing relationship and as they plan for their wedding in May 2010, D.V.

Sun. 23 From Ruby Campbell (Colombia): "*A ton of thanks for the 200 12 lecciones para nuevos creyentes [Food for New Believers - Spanish] that arrived this morning – delivered to the office. We were totally out of them and really were eager to get them. They are a real blessing and always in demand.*"

Mon. 24 Alma's latest reformatting project was Zechariah and Malachi (PED May 23). Praise the Lord that this completes reformatting of our OT Bible study books! Pray for Alma as she begins work on the NT books.

Tues. 25 Pray for the Lord's continued blessing for Noel and Dwana as they begin their third year of marriage. Noel requests prayer that they "*continue to grow together in the Lord.*"

Wed. 26 Praise the Lord for marked improvement in the quality of our saddle-stitched books produced using the new saddle stitcher and spine press acquired in April (PED May 12).

Thurs. 27 Thank the Lord that Cidinha Moss has made good progress translating *Church of the Book* into Portuguese (PED June 10). Pray for the Lord's continued enabling and blessing.

Fri. 28 Please pray for safety and protection from injury for all who use the heavy equipment at EPI.

Sat. 29 Pray that there may be growing use of our web site and that our books may in consequence go to hitherto unreached areas. Pray that fresh contacts with potential distributors may result.

Sun. 30 Give thanks today for the many prisoners who are being helped to grow in grace and knowledge of their Lord through the use of our books with test booklets.

Mon. 31 Thank the Lord that "month end" is becoming easier for bookkeeper Gail Beach, but please continue to pray for her as she deals with our financial record keeping and other reports month in and month out.