

# Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY



Daily prayer requests for the overseas literature outreach of  
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## September 2016

**Thurs. 1** “...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints – and for [us]...” Eph. 6:18, 19a NKJV. Pray that this may indeed characterize staff, volunteers, and our much-appreciated co-laboring prayer warriors!

**Fri. 2** From Barb MacDougall: “Praise the Lord for a wonderful extended visit out west — so thankful for the safe arrival of our new granddaughter Emily Grace [on July 1<sup>st</sup>] and for daughter-in-law Abbie MacDougall! Pray for the adjustment back to life at home!!” (PED (Pray Every Day) June 14, Aug. 9)

**Sat. 3** Join us in giving heartfelt thanks to the Lord for 70,798 books distributed in the third quarter of our fiscal year (April – June), and pray that *each* may bring great blessing!

**Sun. 4** From Dr. Katho in mid-July: “Our containers [of 32,000 Congo Swahili Bibles] arrived this morning! This is excellent news, especially that from Monday, we will have a conference with 800 elders [from about 255 assemblies]! Thank you...We are excited about God’s provision” (PED July 3). Praise the Lord! Pray for preservation of these Bibles for many years of great blessing to the people of this still dangerous and volatile area.

**Mon. 5** Praise the Lord that delivery of the Swahili **Believer’s Bible Commentary - Vol. 2** is expected in Port Colborne in the middle of this month (PED July 24)! Please pray for special help for Gertrud Harlow in ongoing translation of volume 3, now working on Hebrews “*which is exceptionally difficult to express in Congo Swahili that will be relevant to the African readers*” (PED Aug. 8).

**Tues. 6** Commit the Cretney children (Rob, Ben, Ian, and Olivia) to the Lord’s loving care as they resume their studies in the public school system. Pray that they may shine as bright lights to their classmates and teachers.

**Wed. 7** Pray for the Lord’s blessing and help for Dwana Bondt and Estella and Mildred as they begin a new year of home school.

**Thurs. 8** Pray that all printing still required to fill orders for the upcoming ACCTS containers to Zambia may be completed well before our fiscal year-end, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Fri. 9** From Harold MacDougall: “EPI has been blessed with faithful volunteers who have been able to come to EPI regularly and learn the various operations and produce high-quality books.” Pray for God’s richest blessing for our current faithful crew: Jimmy Rollo and Tom and Hilda Parkinson! Pray that others may join them.

**Sat. 10** From Mark and Gail Beach: “Please pray for the safe arrival of our second grandchild. The due date is October 11<sup>th</sup> but the baby’s big brother was 4 weeks early and there’s a good chance this one will be early as well.”

**Sun. 11** Joyous news from northeast DR Congo: “Our first container [of Swahili and French books and Swahili Emmaus courses] from Everyday Publications Inc. arrived on Sunday June 30...We are now working on the distribution plan” (PED July 17, Aug. 5).

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**Mon. 12** Praise the Lord for 32,336 books printed in the third quarter of our fiscal year (April – June). The majority of these were in Congo Swahili and French and will be sent in the second container of EPI books and Emmaus courses to northeast DR Congo (PED July 17).

**Tues. 13** Pray for Brian Cretney in ongoing work on the film about the work in DR Congo (PED July 4). Pray for the Lord's definite leading as he seeks to condense 40 hours of material into a 1-hour presentation.

**Wed. 14** From Harold and Barb: *"Pray that AJ and Jen would know the Lord's leading as they begin the YFC [Youth for Christ] Fall Outreach to the youth in a very needy mission field, Mackenzie, BC."*

**Thurs. 15** Praise the Lord that He has enabled us to fill large orders for our books in other languages besides Swahili and French in recent months: 11,105 English and Everyday English (Nigeria); 1,982 Spanish (Equatorial Guinea via Spain); 720 Spanish (Bolivia).

**Fri. 16** From Alma: *"I have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> John, as well as Jude, to reformat which will complete the entire Old and New Testament books...Recently I switched to a new [computer system]. This has challenged me...and as a result this final section has been delayed. Pray that it will be ready to submit to Harold soon!"*

**Sat. 17** Pray for Gail as she travels to Colorado today to help son Joshua and family prepare for the arrival of the newest member of their family, grandson number 2!

**Sun. 18** From southern DR Congo: *"We are delighted to inform you that the [15,250] Swahili Bibles are now safely in our hands and are already beginning to be sent out to various locations...we already have plans to move these Bibles to other distant and needy areas...This is truly a very timely provision and our assemblies will benefit greatly"* (PED July 3).

**Mon. 19** Join Harold and Barb in thanking the Lord for their break from the ordinary routines of their busy lives (PED July 2, Aug. 9). Pray for renewed strength and vision in their responsibilities at EPI and in the assembly.

**Tues. 20** Pray for health, strength, and safety for Sara Townsend as she flies home to Kansas today and also all during her 2 weeks there, planning to return on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Pray for physical and spiritual refreshment in this time with her family and commending assembly.

**Wed. 21** Thank the Lord that the UV coater is still working although at a limited capacity (PED July 22). Pray that the difficulties may soon be satisfactorily resolved.

**Thurs. 22** Pray for Noel Bondt's continued health and strength as he takes care of our shipping in addition to his primary responsibilities of maintaining our web site and managing our computer network.

**Fri. 23** Please continue to pray that a purchaser for our surplus collating tower may be forthcoming soon (PED Aug. 12).

**Sat. 24** Praise the Lord for opportunities given to Don MacMullen and Brian Cretney to report on their February trip to DR Congo. Pray that their reports may have a lasting impact on the hearers and may produce both strengthened faith and greater devotion.

**Sun. 25** From Rose Brooks (Philippines): *"We already have the [634] books [sent at the end of May]. We appreciate your help and for all the books given to us here in the Philippines. It is our prayer that many will take benefit from it."* Amen? Amen!

**Mon. 26** Please pray for the Lord's help in the counting of the annual warehouse inventory and other fiscal year-end tasks.

**Tues. 27** Join us in giving heartfelt thanks to our gracious Lord for His faithfulness in provision for the needs of the work. Pray that we may be careful stewards of all that He provides.

**Wed. 28** Pray that many new as well as untaught believers may connect with our books and become grounded in the basics of our faith, so that they may "keep on keeping on" all their lives.

**Thurs. 29** Thank the Lord for Jackie Cretney's cheerful, willing service in the unglamorous task of weekly cleaning the EPI offices and warehouse. Pray that His joy may be her strength in this as well as in her primary responsibility as wife and mother.

**Fri. 30** Please pray for Mark as he will be closing out the books on his own this fiscal year as Gail is in Colorado with Joshua and Alyssa awaiting the arrival of their second child.

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## October 2016

**Sat. 1** “And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed,” Deut. 31:8 NKJV. What a wonderful promise as we begin a new fiscal year today!

**Sun. 2** Praise the Lord for the large orders of Spanish books recently sent to Peru, Bolivia, and the Dominican Republic to be used in conjunction with the Emmaus Correspondence Schools in those countries.

**Mon. 3** Pray for Della Letkeman as she prepares the agenda for the upcoming Editorial Committee meeting. Pray that staff may send updates of the status of their projects to her in good time.

**Tues. 4** Join Mark and Gail in praising the Lord for the full-time work Caleb has and for a safe trip home for Thirza (PED July 19). Please continue to pray that Thirza would know the Lord’s mind for her future direction.

**Wed. 5** From Gertrud: “Praise the Lord that the 10 Swahili Emmaus Correspondence courses are now in Congo. Pray for help in the time-consuming task of preparing accurate answer keys for use by the Congolese instructors.”

**Thurs. 6** Pray that the Lord may raise up additional volunteers, including some who are suited to more vigorous exercise (e.g., lifting, etc.) than is required by the tasks covered by our current faithful volunteers (PED Aug. 16).

**Fri. 7** Please commend our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies to the Lord’s watchful care, giving thanks for past mercies.

**Sat. 8** Thank the Lord for strength and healing for Barb during her time in BC — and no eye problems (PED July 2, 8)!

**Sun. 9** Praise the Lord for this testimony from a missionary in the past (ca. 1989): “We know first hand how much literature means to those in the Third World. Each piece of literature is read and re-read many times.” Pray that this may continue to be so, for greatly multiplied blessing!

**Mon. 10** “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with **thanksgiving...**” Col. 4:2 NKJV. One of the many things we are thankful for this Canadian Thanksgiving Day is each one who stands faithfully with us in earnest, vigilant prayer – with thanksgiving!

**Tues. 11** Join Mark in praying for effective and fruitful ministry through the EPI book table at the **US Workers’ & Elders’ Conference** in Cedar Falls, Iowa today through Thursday.

**Wed. 12** Sara would appreciate prayer for the Lord’s enabling and blessing in ongoing work preparing *Desert Journey* (Portuguese) and *What’s Up with Worship?* (Spanish) for printing.

**Thurs. 13** Pray for Mark as he travels on to Colorado after the Workers’ & Elders’ Conference “to meet grandson #2, play with grandson #1, and bring my beloved bride [Gail] back to Canada.”

**Fri. 14** Thank the Lord for Noel’s computer expertise which is such a blessing to the work (and workers!) of EPI. Pray for wisdom as he deals with the various problems that arise from time to time.

**Sat. 15** In many lesser developed countries education is by rote rather than by teaching critical thinking. Pray that all who read our books may nonetheless be able to absorb biblical truth and be enabled of the Spirit to apply it in their everyday lives.

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**Sun. 16** It was thrilling to hear of the need for some Swahili materials for a Congolese family now in an assembly in the American Midwest. Pray that our Swahili materials may help meet their need for spiritual sustenance while they gain fluency in English.

**Mon. 17** Pray that many assemblies around the world may become aware of the resources available to them through EPI to minister to people in their midst whose mother tongue is different from the language used in the assembly (e.g., Portuguese speakers living in France, Swahili speakers living in the US, etc.).

**Tues. 18** Please pray for the Lord's provision of suitably qualified coordinators for our French, Spanish, and Portuguese publications. "On staff" coordinators are highly desirable if new translations are to be properly processed.

**Wed. 19** Pray for health, strength, and wisdom for Harold in his demanding and often pressured role as Production Manager: running the print shop, overseeing the volunteers, ordering supplies, etc.

**Thurs. 20** The Lord Jesus said, "*Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not,*" Mark 10:14 KJV. Please continue to pray for wisdom in how we can help with the need for children's materials in Congo Swahili (PED Aug. 11).

**Fri. 21** Pray that Brian may know the mind of the Lord in apportioning time and strength to his various EPI, assembly, and family responsibilities.

**Sat. 22** Thank the Lord for EPI directors Steve Adams, Ron Gee, Nathan Griffiths, Bill Letkeman, Don MacMullen, and Brendan McIntyre. Pray that they may discern the mind of the Lord both for present plans and activities as well as for future direction and development of the work.

**Sun. 23** "*Do you understand what you are reading? ... How can I, unless someone guides me?*" Acts 8:30,31 NKJV. Praise the Lord today for the priceless privilege we have of making Bible study helps in simple language available to multitudes of earnest seekers and young-in-faith students of the Word.

**Mon. 24** Pray that those who read our books will be gripped by the truths presented, resulting in transformed lives for His glory.

**Tues. 25** Mark requests prayer that he might daily "*gain Christ and be found in Him...that [he might] know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,*" Phil. 3:8-10 NKJV.

**Wed. 26** Please pray for health, strength, and spiritual protection for all EPI staff and volunteers and that we might truly glorify Him in our lives and in our service.

**Thurs. 27** We could scarcely overstate the blessing it is to be able to ship our books relatively quickly and very safely via the ACCTS containers to Zambia. Pray for safe delivery of the containers currently in transit and for their speedy and not too expensive release from customs.

**Fri. 28** Pray for greatly multiplied blessing from the English books and test booklets and the Swahili books being shipped in the aforementioned ACCTS containers.

**Sat. 29** From Alma Turnbull: "*I'm thankful for the blessings of serving the Lord and the residents here at the Courts for the past 10 years. Pray that I will continue to enjoy good health and continue to be available to volunteer in smaller ways*" (PED July 13).

**Sun. 30** Praise the Lord for this testimony from an inmate in the UK, regarding an EPI course, **Me First?**: "*It has helped me immensely. I have never looked into myself until now. The entire course could have been written for me personally. I needed this course.*"

**Mon. 31** Thank the Lord for the many prison ministries that use our courses. Pray that the doors may remain open in prisons around the world for Bible courses to be made available to inmates.