

Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY

*Daily prayer requests for
the overseas literature outreach of*

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Thurs. 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. Praise God for the confidence this gives as we enter a new year in which the world around us is in turmoil. Pray that we may go forward in this confidence, trusting Him to lead, guide, and provide for what He wants to accomplish through us in the time that remains before His return.

Fri. 2 Mark Beach sent a “first reminder” e-mail to assembly missionaries in Zambia in early December, inviting them to place orders for books to be shipped in the ACCTS container in April. Pray for a good response.

Sat. 3 Join the Beach family in praising the Lord for “*providing a beautiful new home for us (which we should be in by the middle of January, Lord willing)*” (PED (*Pray Every Day*) Nov. 6). Pray for good weather on “moving day”, exact date unknown at time of writing.

Sun. 4 Praise the Lord for 5,348 books (*over and above those sent to Angola!*) sent out in the first two months of our fiscal year. These went to a variety of places or were taken “off inventory” to be used by translators, translation checkers, verse checkers, and proofreaders. Pray that *each* book may accomplish the purpose our gracious Lord has planned for it.

Mon. 5 Noel Bondt requests prayer for health and strength at the start of another year (PED Nov. 7). Thank the Lord for the vital contribution Noel makes to EPI in maintaining the web site and diagnosing and fixing the inevitable problems that come with having computers.

Tues. 6 Praise the Lord that Gertrud Harlow completed reformatting the Congo Swahili Bible in December, having added a small concordance (PED Nov. 18).

Wed. 7 Several entities have a practical interest in the publication of the Congo Swahili Bible. Pray for wisdom as discussions (via e-mail, phone, and letter) are held and as arrangements for its publication and distribution are made.

Thurs. 8 From Mark: “*The root cause [of the problem with QuickBooks] has been determined. Pray for God’s wisdom...in implementing a solution*” (PED Nov. 11).

Fri. 9 Praise the Lord that Bill and Della Letkeman are being well used in their new sphere of service with New Life Prison Ministry (PED Sept. 6). Pray for Della as she completes work on the final draft of her biography of the Apostle Paul (PED Sept. 24).

Sat. 10 Marjorie Beckwith planned to return to Angola today so that she can oversee the clearing of the container of Portuguese books from Customs and help organize their distribution (PED Nov. 2). Pray for minimal delay and difficulty in all that is needed to get these books into the hands (and, D.V., the hearts!) of eager readers.

Sun. 11 Join Alma Turnbull in praising the Lord that the expanded edition of *In the Heart of a Pearl*, with 3 new chapters and many new photos (from Pearl’s trip to D.R. Congo in Nov. 2007), went into print in early November (PED Aug. 22). Pray for much continued blessing from this challenging book.

Mon. 12 Pray for Executive Director Mark Beach as he prepares the Quarterly Report and a new edition of *Impressions*, to be sent with it.

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Tues. 13 Praise the Lord for 2,159 books sent no charge in October and November to assembly commended missionaries serving in Zambia, Malawi, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Honduras, Spain, and a “Special Area”, in addition to those sent to Angola! Pray for rich blessing both to the individuals who will eventually read these books as well as to those to whom many will pass on what they learn.

Wed. 14 From Harold MacDougall: “*Pray that Zambia missionaries would order books for the Zambia container soon to avoid last minute rush*” (PED Jan. 2).

Thurs. 15 Please make the health and safety of EPI staff and volunteers a matter of prayer, particularly at this time of year when travel can be treacherous and colds and flu are prevalent.

Fri. 16 Join Sara Townsend in praising the Lord that reformatting of the Spanish translation of our commentary on Exodus was completed in December (PED Nov. 5). Pray for His blessing as it is proofread.

Sat. 17 Gertrud is very thankful for prayer concerning the reformatting of the Chokwe Bible for Angola (PED Dec. 2). She reports: “*The work is progressing well.*” Please continue to pray for good health and strength for both Doris Pitman and for Gertrud as they work on this massive project.

Sun. 18 From Ruby Campbell (Colombia): “*It’s great to have so many Old Testament books to use as courses as Emmaus has its emphasis on the New Testament and we now have [courses in Spanish for] nearly all the books of the Bible.*” Praise the Lord, and pray for much blessing through these courses!

Mon. 19 Thank the Lord for a very encouraging Annual Meeting (PED Nov. 20). All of the Directors were re-elected at that time: Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Hanniel Ghezzi, Gertrud Harlow, Bill Letkeman, and Don MacMullen. Pray for continued sensitivity to the Lord’s leading as they fulfill their duties.

Tues. 20 All of the officers were also re-elected at the Annual Meeting: Don MacMullen, president; Steve Adams, vice president; Bill Allison, secretary; and Ron Gee, treasurer. Pray that the Lord may give them joy as they carry out their additional responsibilities.

Wed. 21 Just because the huge orders for D.R. Congo and Angola have been filled doesn’t mean that the EPI printers (and those who run them and the other machines!) have gone idle. Praise the Lord for 11,330 EPI books, 6,250 test booklets, and 8,114 “other” items printed at EPI in October and November.

Thurs. 22 Thank the Lord for Production Manager Harold MacDougall. Pray for health, strength, and the joy of the Lord as he “keeps up” with the many demands of his day to day work.

Fri. 23 Praise the Lord for the expanded outreach made possible by the web site as many hitherto unknown people and ministries visit the site, and some place orders. Pray for much blessing.

Sat. 24 Pray for safety on the roads for Alma as she drives to Parkhill today (weather permitting) to give her annual report to her commending assembly, planning to return to Markham on Monday, D.V.

Sun. 25 Praise the Lord today that the needed information to arrange shipment of the D.R. Congo container from Kampala, Uganda, to Bunia, D.R. Congo, was received in early December (PED Nov. 4). Final arrangements for sending the container on its way were in progress as we went to press.

Mon. 26 Pray for protection of the D.R. Congo container each leg of the journey, part of which may be near pirate-infested waters. Pray that it may soon be safely delivered to our patient brethren in D.R. Congo.

Tues. 27 From Mark: “*Pray for the Lord to ‘enlarge our coasts’ and provide us with new projects and customers for EPI books.*”

Wed. 28 Pray for wisdom for Harold in scheduling printing for the anticipated orders to be sent in the Zambia container in April.

Thurs. 29 Thank the Lord today for all who uphold the work and workers of EPI in prayer. We sometimes have a sense of being in the battle, but we know that prayer turns the tide, and we are grateful for all who labor with us in this way.

Fri. 30 Gail Beach requests prayer for “*continued grace for me as I continue to keep the books for EPI.*” Pray that the Lord may keep her in His peace as she balances the demands of work, home, and assembly responsibilities.

Sat. 31 Praise the Lord for the love and unity that God has given the team at EPI. Pray that He may continue to draw us closer together as He draws us closer to Himself.

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Sun. 1 “*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart,*” Gal. 6:9 NKJV. “Winter weariness” can be a problem in northern climates at this time of year. Pray that the Lord may encourage our hearts and strengthen our hands according to need as we press on in “doing the good” He has put into our hands to do.

Mon. 2 From Mark: “*Pray for opportunities to share the ministry of EPI at conferences and assemblies in North America.*” If you are interested, contact Mark at the phone, fax, or postal or e-mail address at the head of this prayer guide.

Tues. 3 Join Gertrud in praising the Lord that permission has been granted to translate the ***Believers Bible Commentary - N.T.*** by William MacDonald into Congo Swahili! She requests: “*Pray for special help from the Lord for this project.*”

Wed. 4 Pray that the Lord may bless Grace Spence in the routines of her work as EPI shipper and that His joy may be her strength. Pray for His protection on winter roads as she drives to us daily from a neighboring town.

Thurs. 5 Pray for wisdom for Harold and Mark as they investigate replacements for some of our aging equipment, including the increasingly cranky saddle-stitcher (stapling machine) and the well used digital printers (PED April 3, Oct. 14).

Fri. 6 Ask the Lord to bless Noel in his work at EPI and Dwana in her weekly cleaning of EPI and a chiropractic clinic as well as in her part-time work at Portal Village Retirement Home. Join them in thanking the Lord for new windows installed in their house in December.

Sat. 7 Thank the Lord today for His faithful care of and provision for the work and workers of EPI. Pray that we may be wise stewards of all that He entrusts to our care, both as a work and as individuals.

Sun. 8 From Margie Gould (Zambia): “*We took a few boxes of the Portuguese books [on a quick trip to Angola in October]... We left some Gospel booklets with the border police and officials — in minutes the car was surrounded with many more wanting books. What an opportunity and we pray that the Lord will bless His Word.*” Praise and pray!

Mon. 9 Pray that the Lord may grant health, strength, and wisdom to Mark and Gail in their responsibilities at EPI, the assembly, and in their parenting of Josh, Thirza, and Caleb.

Tues. 10 What kinds of orders does our shipping department have to deal with? In October and November there were some orders for as few as 1 or 2 books and other orders for 292, 300, and 532 books, with many orders falling somewhere between those 2 extremes. Pray for much blessing from *each* book sent.

Wed. 11 Thank the Lord for Barbara MacDougall’s cheerful help in the office two days per week and alternate Fridays. Pray for wisdom as she deals with incoming mail, takes phone calls, and prepares the initial paperwork for orders for books.

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Thurs. 12 The ISAL service does not go to every country (e.g., Malawi) and in some instances there is a substantially less expensive (though slower) alternative, i.e., sending a skid of books to a major port city. Pray for wisdom as each order is evaluated for how best to send it.

Fri. 13 Thank the Lord for Portuguese translator Margarida Cerqueira. Pray that the Lord may prosper her as she translates *Desert Journey: Studies in Numbers and Deuteronomy*.

Sat. 14 Pray that believers with access to a computer and the Internet in D.R. Congo as well as Swahili speakers in other places may “connect” with the web site of Swahili materials (www.swahilic.homestead.com) developed by Gertrud some years ago.

Sun. 15 Praise the Lord for New Life Prison Ministry, Life’s Key, Set Free, and the Emmaus ministries of Ruby Campbell and Esther Frey, to name a few of those who make our books with test booklets available to prisoners. Pray for multiplied blessing!

Mon. 16 Thirza Beach returned to Port Colborne at the end of the summer to take an additional semester of courses in her area of interest at the local high school. Pray for wisdom for her in the months ahead as she pursues the possibility of going to Emmaus next year.

Tues. 17 Pray that Sara may know the Lord’s leading in setting priorities day by day and His enabling in fulfilling her various responsibilities.

Wed. 18 Thank the Lord for the faithfulness of our regular volunteers: Arthur Robinson, John Storm, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, Jimmy Rollo, Don DeBaeremaeker, and Tom and Hilda Parkinson. Pray that the Lord may give them much joy in the vital service they render to EPI and to His people.

Thurs. 19 Pray for the Lord’s blessing and help for Alma as she keeps “plugging away at the Prophets”, reformatting the lengthy *12 Prophets* (345 pages in the original) into 3 more manageable volumes.

Fri. 20 Please commit our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies to the Lord’s care and keeping, thanking Him for past mercies.

Sat. 21 Ask the Lord’s blessing for the MacDougall family in their various pursuits: Harold and Barb working at EPI and in the work of the assembly; Jen and Rob, working; and Iain, studying.

Sun. 22 From Phyllis Dunning (Brazil - U.K.): “*We are very grateful for all the literature you have sent us. The books are always on display at the Escola Bíblica office and are taken, together with our Bible courses, to conferences and gatherings of Christian brethren, so are becoming well known.*”

Mon. 23 Join Noel in praising the Lord for 72 on-line orders received last fiscal year via the EPI web site, an average of 6 per month. He reports: “*These orders have come from a variety of people and denominational backgrounds.*” Pray that increasing numbers of orders may come to us by this means.

Tues. 24 Pray that Harold and the volunteers may be encouraged in making good headway in the printing required to fill the anticipated (at time of writing) orders for the Zambia container.

Wed. 25 Thank the Lord today for all who check translations, do verse checking, or proofread new or re-issued materials in the various languages we publish.

Thurs. 26 Pray for Ross Rainey as he revises and updates his *Capsule Comments on the Cults*, originally published by EPI in 1982. Pray also for Carlos Morris (commended from U.K.) who is working on a new Spanish title on the training and preparation of assembly elders in Latin America.

Fri. 27 Thank the Lord for Andrew Rennie’s translation of many EPI titles into Spanish and for his preparation of test booklets to go with many of them. Pray for the Lord’s blessing and enabling in his current projects: developing a test booklet to go with 1 & 2 Corinthians and translating *Two Letters from Peter*.

Sat. 28 Join Mark in praising the Lord “*for the gifted and committed servants He has called and brought to serve in this ministry.*”