

# Pray Every Day for EVERYDAY

Daily prayer requests for  
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## January - February 2008

### January

**Tues. 1** “‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts,” Zech. 4:6 NKJV. As we enter a new year, we are conscious of the good gifts and the provisions the Lord has made for this ministry, but pray that we may also continuously be conscious that it is the Lord’s blessing *alone* that will produce the fruitfulness we desire.

**Wed. 2** Pray that those who have recently received one of EPI’s daily reading books may begin to use it *immediately* and will continue to use it, to their eternal profit, throughout the year (PED (*Pray Every Day*) Dec. 6).

**Thurs. 3** Thank the Lord for Bill Letkeman’s 26+ years as Administrator/Executive Director of EPI. Bill resigned as Executive Director at the Annual Meeting, handing the baton to Mark Beach. Pray for the Lord’s richest blessing for Bill as he continues to advise Mark and to “give a helping hand where needed” in his ongoing work with EPI.

**Fri. 4** Pray for new Executive Director Mark Beach as he takes on the day-to-day management of EPI. Pray for wisdom and the Lord’s direction in the many decisions he will be called upon to make.

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**Sat. 5** Thank the Lord for Hanniel Ghezzi’s election as a new director of EPI at the Annual Meeting in November. He is knowledgeable of the print business and also helps us by verse checking Spanish translations. Join Hanniel and Jannilea in praising the Lord for their daughter Manuela, born on December 2nd.

**Sun. 6** Thank the Lord for Arthur Robinson’s many years as a director of EPI as well as for his volunteer help in using the big cutter to trim thousands of books and booklets. Arthur resigned from the Board at the Annual Meeting in November, but thankfully, he continues to give a helping hand as a volunteer.

**Mon. 7** Continue to pray for Gertrud Harlow’s status in the U.S. The forms for applying for a 2-year extension of her temporary religious visa (which expires in April) were expected from the lawyer in mid-December. Pray for expeditious attention to her application for the extension (PED Nov. 3).

**Tues. 8** Uphold John and Mary Ann Bell, Life’s Key prison ministry, as John recuperates from a bone marrow transplant in late October. Pray that there be no infection or set backs. Pray also for Mary Ann as she has much extra work both at home and for the ministry at this time.

**Wed. 9** Pray that Sara Townsend may quickly learn to effectively use upgraded software programs (Vista, Word, and QuarkXpress 7) without too much loss of time from more “productive” work.

**Thurs. 10** Continue to commit Noel Bondt’s health to the Lord, asking that he might be protected from serious illness and might have physical strength for his work each day. Pray also for Noel and Dwana in their ongoing search for more suitable accommodation (PED Dec. 17, Nov. 17).

**Fri. 11** Praise the Lord that at time of writing, the equipment was functioning well. As an item of interest, the two black and white digital printers have each passed the 5 million impressions mark which is about half of their anticipated lifespan (PED Oct. 31).

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**Sat. 12** Pray that Della Letkeman may make good progress as she works on the second draft of her biography of the Apostle Paul (PED Oct. 13). Pray also for full recovery of strength subsequent to some day surgery in late November.

**Sun. 13** Praise the Lord for 61 books being “hand carried” to an assembly Bible School in a “closed” country. Pray that they may safely reach their intended destination without harm to the couriers and may be a great blessing.

**Mon. 14** Thank the Lord for an expanded roster of faithful volunteers: Arthur Robinson, John Storm, Jimmy Rollo, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, Tom and Hilda Parkinson, and Don DeBaeremaeker. Pray for health and strength during the winter months as well as safety on the roads as most come to us from a distance.

**Tues. 15** Pray for wisdom for Harold MacDougall in arranging the printing schedule and for “cooperation” from the equipment so that there will be sufficient work to keep all of the volunteers busy at the times they are able to come to us.

**Wed. 16** Praise the Lord for significant improvement in Barbara MacDougall’s eye (PED Nov. 13). It was “dry” (i.e., no leakage) at her last visit to the doctor in November but must remain dry for 6 months before new glasses will be prescribed. Please keep praying!

**Thurs. 17** Continue to pray for Andrew Rennie as he translates Dr. Harlow’s commentary on 2 Corinthians into Spanish, a companion volume to go with D.R. Alves’ translation of our commentary on 1 Corinthians, currently being linguistically checked by Julie Harris de Ochoa.

**Fri. 18** From Mark: “*Pray for wisdom and enabling as we seek to keep assembly missionaries and commended workers informed about EPI books. Pray that they would order more books and that they would find them useful.*”

**Sat. 19** Praise the Lord for 9,140 books distributed in the first two months of this fiscal year, many of these having been sent to Angola and Zambia in the ACCTS containers in October.

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**Sun. 20** Reflect on what one book at the right time has meant in your own life, and then pray that many of the aforementioned 9,140 books may be similarly used, to God’s glory and for great blessing in the life of the reader and of others as the blessing (and in many cases the book) is “passed on”.

**Mon. 21** Pray for safety on the roads this winter, particularly for staff and volunteers who drive 5 miles or more to come to the office, as well as for the four children of staff who also travel some distance to their schools.

**Tues. 22** From Gertrud Harlow: “*Thank the Lord for His help in translating...two new books for Congo: “Know the Book” and “One God One Message”...Please don’t stop praying for His enabling in these lengthy projects*” (PED Dec. 5).

**Wed. 23** Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of an overdue shipment of books sent to the Emmaus Bible School in Zimbabwe early last year (PED March 3, 2007). Pray that they may be effectively distributed for much blessing to the Lord’s people.

**Thurs. 24** As indicated by the above, it is no small thing to pray for safety for shipments in transit. Pray that all would reach their destinations quickly and without damage.

**Fri. 25** Thank the Lord for a profitable meeting of the Editorial Committee in November (PED Nov. 21). Pray that decisions requiring action may be blessed of the Lord as they are carried out.

**Sat. 26** From Alma: “*I expect [to] be at my commending assembly in Parkhill for the annual meeting with their missionaries [on January 27th]. Pray for good driving conditions, and a time of encouragement with old and new friends.*” Pray, too, for Alma as she reformats the lengthy commentary on Ezekiel.

**Sun. 27** From Jim Haesemeyer (Honduras): “*Thank you for the continuing generosity of Everyday Publications in getting good Christian literature into the hands of believers*”

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*who otherwise would be unable to obtain the materials.*” Praise the Lord and pray for much blessing from the 580 Spanish books ordered for Honduras in December.

**Mon. 28** Pray that the Lord may lead and bless Production Manager Harold MacDougall as he schedules print jobs, orders supplies, and coordinates the work of our volunteers.

**Tues. 29** From Noel: *“It has been very exciting to see how the Lord has used [the new web site] to bring in different orders and correspondence from people interested in Everyday Publications and in our materials...It has been exciting to see our ministry reaching out and meeting needs of...a variety of the Lord’s people”* (PED Aug. 2).

**Wed. 30** Thank the Lord for Grace Spence’s work in preparing our books for shipping, doing the requisite paperwork, and preparing newly printed books for storage in the warehouse until needed. Pray for her encouragement in these mundane but very necessary tasks.

**Thurs. 31** Pray for wisdom and enabling for EPI Bookkeeper Gail Beach as she keeps track of our finances and other statistical records. Pray for her as she prepares “month end” reports.

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**Fri. 1** *“I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live,”* Ps. 116:1,2 NKJV. Praise the Lord today for His many answers to our prayers down through the years. Pray that we may continue steadfastly in prayer, both individually and as a ministry.

**Sat. 2** An amazing 13,760 EPI books and 7,000 test booklets came off the EPI presses in October and November. Think of what these will mean in the lives of those who receive them and give thanks, adding your prayers that the *potential* blessing may be fully and abundantly realized.

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**Sun. 3** From a national worker in Bolivia (translated): *“Many thanks for sending me the books. They will certainly be a great help for our growth and for being able to bless other believers also...We are in the process of moving to the state of Pando to serve the Lord in that hot, Amazon region”* (PED July 22).

**Mon. 4** Thank the Lord for Noel’s expertise with computers and computer systems. Pray for him in his continued work on the EPI web site. Pray for wisdom as consideration is given to setting up a small office server for increased efficiency in our operations.

**Tues. 5** Pray that the Lord may prosper Peter Kerr, writing on preparing for leadership, as he continues work on this new book in standard English (PED August 16).

**Wed. 6** Thank the Lord for Mark and Gail, Josh (at Emmaus), Thirza, and Caleb. Pray for health and strength for each one as they carry out their work, school, home, and assembly responsibilities.

**Thurs. 7** Pray that Bill and Della may have health and strength according to their daily need in their busy lives of service to EPI, the assembly, their family, and Della’s music students.

**Fri. 8** Pray for Barbara MacDougall and Gail Beach as they work alternate days to cover the general needs of the office. Pray that this arrangement may work smoothly.

**Sat. 9** The saddle stitcher is near the point of needing to be replaced. Pray for wisdom and the Lord’s leading in searching out a good replacement.

**Sun. 10** From Margie Gould (Zambia): *“The only problem we have is getting the [Portuguese] books over into Angola! Our vehicles are just crammed...but we take what we can and the people were ever so grateful...We do hope and pray that the Christians will be encouraged and will grow as a result of these books. We used a lot of the Gospel booklets as well.”*

**Mon. 11** Work on the D.R. Congo Container Project continues. Pray for Harold and the

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volunteers as they persevere in preparing the 90,000 or so Swahili and French books needed to fill the container (PED Dec 7, 13).

**Tues. 12** From Gertrud Harlow: *“As the oldest member of the EPI team, I would value prayer for continuing health and enabling in every way as the weeks and months roll by.”*

**Wed. 13** Thank the Lord today for your fellow workers (and ours!) who present the needs of EPI before the throne of grace. There are no words to adequately express our deep appreciation for those who labor with us in this way.

**Thurs. 14** Pray that missionaries may connect with responsible and trustworthy nationals with an exercise to take Portuguese books into Angola and Swahili books into D.R. Congo from neighboring Zambia.

**Fri. 15** Praise the Lord that reformatting has been completed for two Spanish titles, *El comienzo de la carrera* (Genesis) and *¿Primer yo? (Me First?: Studies in Discipleship)*, and they were reprinted in November.

**Sat. 16** We must not take for granted the Lord’s protection of our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies. Please commit them afresh to His care and keeping.

**Sun. 17** Praise the Lord for new contacts made through our upgraded web site, including a Baptist group in the state of Washington which is distributing William MacDonald’s *Only One Time Around* to their town. Pray for much blessing!

**Mon. 18** From Mark: *“Pray for wisdom and enabling in the completion of the Congo Container project. Pray that we would be able to ship the container soon!”*

**Tues. 19** Many factors affect workflow, and it isn’t always easy to “predict” what books might be receiving particular attention during the months covered by this prayer sheet. In view of that, thank the Lord for those who proofread our books, and pray for His blessing in that demanding task for any who might be helping in that way just now (PED Nov. 24).

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**Wed. 20** Praise the Lord for His faithfulness in provision for the needs of the work. Pray that we may be faithful in the use of all that He provides.

**Thurs. 21** Pray for wisdom and a sense of the Lord’s priorities for Sara in organizing her work, particularly in balancing the needs of Spanish and Portuguese projects against the needs of other responsibilities.

**Fri. 22** Thank the Lord for a profitable Annual Meeting (PED Nov. 22). Pray for directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Hanniel Ghezzi, Gertrud Harlow, and Don MacMullen as they consider the needs of the work between their regular meetings.

**Sat. 23** Pray for God’s blessing for Harold and Barb, Jen, Rob, and Iain, and that each may know His leading, protection, and care in their respective activities and responsibilities.

**Sun. 24** From Jim and Irene Legge (Botswana): *“We do thank you so much for the books for the Chinese. We have quite a number of shops now run by them so we are trying to reach out to them...and so far we have been received well.”* Pray for blessing on this outreach.

**Mon. 25** Praise the Lord for a Canadian source for printing varnished covers for less than we can print unvarnished covers ourselves (PED July 7, 2006)!

**Tues. 26** Pray for health, safety, and a deeply meaningful time for Alma and her fellow travelers as they leave today for a “Discover the Land” trip to Israel, returning March 10th.

**Wed. 27** Pray that the Lord may prosper Margarida Cerqueira as she now translates *Desert Journey: Studies in Numbers and Deuteronomy* into Portuguese (PED Dec. 11).

**Thurs. 28** Thank the Lord today for those who are using an EPI book with test booklet in their study of the Scriptures. Pray that they may persevere and that their spiritual appetite may be whetted for further, deeper study.

**Fri. 29** Pray that books sent in the ACCTS containers to Angola and Zambia in October may be widely and effectively distributed.