

# Pray Every Day for EVERYDAY

Daily prayer requests for  
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## July - August 2006

### July

**Sat. 1** "...in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God..." Phil. 4:6 NKJV. What a gracious invitation! May we take full advantage of it in presenting the work and workers of EPI before the throne of grace — as well as everything else that concerns us.

**Sun. 2** Praise the Lord that the container for D.R. Congo was finally sent on its way June 6th (PED *Pray Every Day*) May 15-17). Pray that it may reach its destination without accident, incident, or undue delay.

**Mon. 3** Mark and Gail Beach planned to come to Port Colborne with their household goods sometime between late June and mid-July (PED May 3, 4). Pray for safety in the move, that all customs and immigration documentation would be acceptable to the authorities, and for the Lord's leading to housing in Port Colborne.

**Tues. 4** Please continue to pray for Gertrud Harlow's application for permanent residency in the U.S. (PED May 2). According to the timeline given, a definite answer should be received in August. Pray also for safekeeping for her and for the Park of the Palms community during the current hurricane season.

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**Wed. 5** From Della Letkeman: "*I have finished Chapter 15* [of the biography of the Apostle Paul] *and am hoping to complete the ROUGH draft (only) of the last three chapters over the summer if the Lord enables.*" Pray for her in this (PED March 31).

**Thurs. 6** Pray for wisdom and the Lord's leading for print shop coordinator Harold MacDougall as he schedules print jobs and does a multitude of other tasks that are necessary both before and after the actual printing.

**Fri. 7** Ask the Lord to lead us to a commercial printer who will print varnished covers for our revitalized books at a reasonable cost.

**Sat. 8** Please continue to pray that satisfactory arrangements might be made for the distribution of the 70,000+ Swahili and French books now on their way to D.R. Congo (PED May 17).

**Sun. 9** Join us in praising the Lord for the printing of 4,500 test booklets and an astounding 77,604 books and booklets in the first 8 months of our fiscal year. Who could begin to calculate the blessing that will come from these?

**Mon. 10** Pray for Sara Townsend as, D.V., she typesets the lengthy Spanish translation of *Perfect Man: Studies in Luke* along with its test booklet this month and arranges for its proofreading.

**Tues. 11** Praise the Lord that final queries regarding the Portuguese translation of *Winning and Losing* (Joshua, Judges, Ruth) were resolved in early June (PED May 30). Pray that all may go smoothly as the book is printed and sample copies are sent to regular users of our Portuguese materials.

**Wed. 12** Pray that Alma Turnbull may make steady progress in the ongoing work of re-formatting our Old Testament Bible study books for printing on the digital printers, a task that is very hard on the eyes. Pray, too, that she may continue to enjoy good health (PED June 19).

**Thurs. 13** From Gertrud: "*Thank the Lord for special help given in answer to prayer in the formatting of The Way of Righteousness in*

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*French (over 600 pages). Proofreading and correcting are in progress*" (PED June 5).

**Fri. 14** The container of books for D.R. Congo is due to arrive at its Port of Entry in Africa tomorrow or shortly after. Pray that it may clear customs quickly without undue expense or difficulty.

**Sat. 15** Pray for Bill and Della Letkeman as they leave today to drive to the Vancouver, BC, area to visit their parents, other family members, and their commending assembly. They plan to be away a month. Pray for safety in their travels and for refreshment from their time away.

**Sun. 16** From India (unedited): "*Deep felt thanks for sending life-inspiring books of Scripture studies. No words can substitute for my sincere thanks for them. Now I am very much grown and mature enough to take a decision and to become part of a true church who worship God in truth and in Spirit.*"

**Mon. 17** Pray that everything may run smoothly at the office during the summer months when various staff and volunteers are away.

**Tues. 18** Thank the Lord for all who have taken the work and workers of EPI upon their hearts to pray for us. It is prayer alone that turns the tide of battle (Ex. 17:11-13). May each pray-er continue steadfastly in that gracious and vital work.

**Wed. 19** Praise the Lord that Andrew Rennie has completed the Spanish translation of our commentary on Colossians (PED June 24). Pray for him as he now works on *Runaway Slave* (Philemon), the last of the four titles for the proposed *Paul's Letters from Prison* (PED June 24).

**Thurs. 20** Pray for health and strength throughout the summer for Grace Spence as she prepares books for shipping in our un-air conditioned warehouse. Pray that she may be encouraged as she plays her vital part in the overall work of EPI.

**Fri. 21** It was anticipated that the pace of production would slow down during the summer after the big push to produce materials for

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the container to D.R. Congo. Pray for wisdom, however, in what to print now to be ready for the fall containers to Angola and Zambia.

**Sat. 22** As some may recall, a supply of *Come and Dine #1* in Swahili was sent to D.R. Congo at the end of last year (PED Jan. 2). Pray that many Africans might even now be receiving much blessing in the daily reading of that volume.

**Sun. 23** Praise the Lord that a supply of *Come and Dine #2* and *#3* (for 2007 and 2008) are in the container shipment. Pray for Gertrud as she revises and reformats *#4* in the series.

**Mon. 24** Pray that the 9,944 books sent "no charge" in April and May to assembly-commended missionaries in Angola, Zambia, Paraguay, Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela may arrive in good time and in good order for multiplied blessing to the eventual recipients of the books.

**Tues. 25** Join Gertrud Harlow in thanking the Lord that the French translation of our commentary on Numbers has been received (PED May 26). Pray for her in preparing this title for printing and that Brigitte Fugill may make good progress in translating Deuteronomy.

**Wed. 26** Pray for Margarida Cerqueira in continuing work translating *The Way Out and the Way In* (Exodus and Leviticus) into Portuguese, hoping to have it completed by the end of the summer (PED Feb. 11).

**Thurs. 27** Thank the Lord for EPI bookkeeper Daveen Lidstone. Pray for His blessing and help as she keeps track of our finances and prepares various highly useful monthly reports.

**Fri. 28** Pray that books sent to needy individuals in lesser developed countries through our Free Literature Fund may be greatly used to strengthen faith and increase knowledge of, love for, and devotion to the Lord Jesus.

**Sat. 29** Thank the Lord for a profitable meeting of the Editorial Committee (Don MacMullen, Della Letkeman, Harold MacDougall, Marilyn MacMullen with telephone consultation with committee member Gertrud Harlow) in May (PED May 24). Pray for blessing for

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each one who is now carrying out decisions made at that meeting.

**Sun. 30** Praise the Lord for 103,016 books distributed in the first 8 months of our fiscal year, of which 64,804 Swahili and 8,828 French came off the inventory in April and May, most if not all of them destined for D.R. Congo.

**Mon. 31** Pray for the Lord's blessing and help for Marilyn MacMullen as she develops test booklets to go with Dr. Harlow's books on the major and minor prophets.

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**Tues. 1** *“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe and therefore speak...For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God,”* 2 Cor. 4:13,15 NKJV. Praise God for the blessing that is ours to both “believe” and “speak” (via the printed page), causing much thanksgiving, we trust, to the glory of God.

**Wed. 2** Thank the Lord that Nevien Ibrahim has completed the translation of the first section of *Can We Know God?* into Arabic (PED June 17). Pray that she may make steady progress in ongoing work.

**Thurs. 3** Pray for Gertrud as she chips away at the 18 Swahili and French titles which require reformatting for printing on our digital printers. Her response: *“What a privilege when we consider that books incorporating God's Word will abide forever...”*

**Fri. 4** Thank the Lord for Barbara MacDougall's cheerfully doing the routine work of the office mornings “plus”. Pray for wisdom in managing both her EPI and home responsibilities.

**Sat. 5** In the spring we received an e-mail from a missionary communicating a somewhat unusual problem. When mailing parcels weighing more than 13 oz. (~365 g) to prisoners, the prison authorities returned them as “refused”.

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Pray that this difficulty (and any similar) may be overcome so that prisoners may receive the courses they desire to study.

**Sun. 6** Praise the Lord for a new test booklet in English to go with *Pictures of Christ*, developed by Andrew Rennie (PED Nov. 29). Pray for much blessing from this and from its Spanish equivalent.

**Mon. 7** There are now 25 titles in English, 25 in Spanish, 6 in Portuguese, and 3 in French which have test booklets, making them useable as correspondence courses. Pray for the development of further test booklets in each language to multiply the usefulness of some of our titles.

**Tues. 8** Pray for health and strength for Alma as she helps with the Markham Bible Chapel Day Camp outreach this week and next. Pray that the children who attend may have receptive hearts to the message of the Gospel.

**Wed. 9** Mark and Gail planned to return to Colorado Springs in mid-August to pick up Josh and Thirza, who have been working at Camp Elim, and to host a family reunion. Pray for them as they share with their family (many of them believers) about the new ministry the Lord has given to them. Pray also for safety in travel.

**Thurs. 10** Thank the Lord for EPI directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Gertrud Harlow, Don MacMullen, and Arthur Robinson. Pray for His wisdom as each plays his or her part in the work.

**Fri. 11** Pray for Harold and Barbara, Jen, Rob, and Iain as they leave today, D.V., to go “down east” for two weeks to visit their family, friends, and commending assembly. Pray for safety in their travels and for a time of blessing and refreshment for them all.

**Sat. 12** Pray that our books in transit may arrive safely at their intended destinations as quickly as reasonably possible and without unreasonable customs duties.

**Sun. 13** Thank the Lord for the portability of books and for the many that “make it behind the bars” of prisons all over the world. Pray

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today for prisoners who are studying God's Word with the help of an EPI or other Bible correspondence course.

**Mon. 14** Pray that Sara may know the Lord's leading in setting priorities for her work coordinating our Spanish and Portuguese publications along with miscellaneous other duties.

**Tues. 15** Pray for Bill and Della as they begin catching up after their time away and settling back into the routine demands of their lives, Bill as executive director of EPI and Della as writer and music teacher, not to mention their parenting and grandparenting!

**Wed. 16** From time to time parcels of books sent through the mail are returned to us for a variety of reasons. Pray that the Lord may overrule so that each parcel sent may reach its intended destination.

**Thurs. 17** Join us in thanking the Lord for His provision for the material needs of the work, largely through faithful donors who *“do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal,”* 2 Cor. 4:18 NKJV.

**Fri. 18** Pray for Mark and Gail Beach as they adjust to the demands of new work (Mark) and homemaking (Gail) in a new country.

**Sat. 19** Ask the Lord to protect our premises, equipment, and stock of books and supplies. Thank Him for past mercies.

**Sun. 20** Thank the Lord for commended workers with long-time experience with EPI: Gertrud Harlow (42 years), Alma Turnbull (25 years in July), Bill and Della Letkeman (25 years in September), and Sara Townsend (18 years in October). Pray for renewed strength and perseverance as increasing years also bring declining strength and increasing health problems.

**Mon. 21** Thank the Lord also for the “fresh blood” He has brought to us in the recent past, commended workers Harold and Barbara MacDougall (August 2003) and Mark and Gail Beach (arriving this summer, D.V.).

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**Tues. 22** Pray today for wisdom in apportioning the various tasks that need to be done as well as in taking on new challenges according to the gifts and abilities of the team the Lord has provided for the work.

**Wed. 23** Thank the Lord that our digital presses continue to function well in spite of the higher-than-normal output during the winter and early spring. Pray that when the occasional problem does arise it may be put right quickly.

**Thurs. 24** Pray for staff as they begin a preliminary count of the books in our warehouse preparatory for our annual inventory next month.

**Fri. 25** Thank the Lord for *The EPI Story* DVD. Pray for more opportunities for showing it in assemblies within driving distance of EPI.

**Sat. 26** Pray that we may develop effective means of communicating the availability and usefulness of our books to workers amongst immigrants and international students and to workers in French-speaking countries (PED May 27).

**Sun. 27** Thank the Lord today for all those with a vision to distribute Bible-based literature, whether to reach a small town or village via a market stall or to reach a country through making books available to local distributors.

**Mon. 28** Pray for the Lord to go before Josh, Thirza, and Caleb Beach as they soon start new schools in a new (for them) country. Pray that they may adjust quickly.

**Tues. 29** Thank the Lord for our faithful volunteers Arthur Robinson, Jimmy Rollo, John Storm, and Desmond and Gayle McCurry. Pray that they may return to us refreshed by some “time off” during the summer months.

**Wed. 30** Pray for wisdom from the Lord and His blessing for Marilyn MacMullen and Sara Townsend in ongoing work on the test booklet review project.

**Thurs. 31** Thank the Lord today for each one who does the meticulous work of linguistic checking, verse checking, or proofreading. Pray that the Lord may give them sharp eyes to catch anything that would hinder understanding.