

# Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY

*Daily prayer requests for  
the overseas literature outreach of*

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## September - October 2006

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**Fri. 1** *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord,”* 1 Cor. 15:58 NKJV. Some countries will be celebrating Labor Day on Monday. Pray that we may be steadfast in laboring for the Lord, knowing that the time left to do so may be very short indeed.

**Sat. 2** At time of writing, Gertrud Harlow had not yet heard whether or not her application for permanent residency in the U.S. had been approved (PED (*Pray Every Day*) July 4). Pray for peace of heart and mind as she waits to hear and for His blessing and help in her ongoing service for Him.

**Sun. 3** Praise the Lord for continued interest in the daily devotional *One Day at a Time* by William MacDonald. Pray that the Lord may lead as arrangements are made for the off-site printing of this title with a spiral binding.

**Mon. 4** Mark and Gail Beach have not yet been able to move to Port Colborne (PED July 3). Pray for peace and patience during this difficult time of waiting as they look to the Lord regarding the sale of their house in Colorado Springs and await His perfect timing for their move to Canada.

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**Tues. 5** Pray for clear direction for Mark and Gail when decisions or plans need to be made in the days ahead. Pray particularly for His leading in what to do about the educational needs of their children.

**Wed. 6** No definite word has yet been received to confirm the arrival of the container of Swahili and French books for D.R. Congo at its port of entry in Africa (PED July 14). Please continue to pray for its safe arrival.

**Thurs. 7** Thank the Lord for promised help from Samaritan’s Purse in getting the EPI container through customs. Pray that this may be “hassle free” (this is probably asking for a miracle, but the Lord is able!).

**Fri. 8** Pray for the Lord’s protection and care as the 70,000 books are transported overland over treacherous roads through areas with uncertain political conditions before finally arriving at their final destination in D.R. Congo.

**Sat. 9** From Gertrud: *“Word has been received that the African leaders praise the Lord in anticipation of receiving the books [sent via container] as they have been without helps and study guides. They have made adequate preparation for the arrival, storage, and distribution of the shipment”* (PED July 8). Pray that all may go smoothly.

**Sun. 10** From Ghana, from the recipient of some books from our Free Literature Fund: *“I thank you very much for sending me the books, I ask you to send more and to pray for me... They are a great encouragement to me. I become closer to God in my mind...”*

**Mon. 11** We live in an increasingly chaotic and unpredictable world. Praise God that He knows every twist and turn that will occur in the tangled affairs of men. Pray that He may so guide and control the timing of the shipping of our books that each shipment may make it safely to its intended destination.

**Tues. 12** It can be a bit tricky to know when to stop printing books in this last month of our fiscal year so that all newly printed books can

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be “finished” and included in our inventory. Pray for wisdom for Harold MacDougall as he makes this decision.

**Wed. 13** Pray for the children and grandchildren of EPI staff and directors as they return to school this month. Pray for safety on the roads for those who must go some distance and that all may be protected from harmful influences.

**Thurs. 14** Thank the Lord for Bill and Della Letkeman. Pray that the joy of the Lord may be their strength: Bill in his role as Executive Director of EPI and Della in her writing and music teaching.

**Fri. 15** Pray that all may go smoothly as staff do the annual inventory of our books as part of our fiscal year-end procedures. Pray that any discrepancies between the number of books shown on the inventory and the number of books counted in the warehouse may be quickly resolved.

**Sat. 16** Pray that those who wish to continue receiving *Pray Every Day* may quickly return the confirmation slip sent with this issue. Pray that there may be minimal confusion as adjustments are made to the mailing list.

**Sun. 17** From Margie Gould (Zambia) written at the end of July: *“I have just come back from a three week trip to Angola...We took as much literature as we could and distributed it. Many people would come to where we camped and ask if they also could have some of it to read.”* Pray for much blessing from this distribution.

**Mon. 18** Over 2,000 Portuguese books are being sent to Margie via the ACCTS container to Zambia in October. Pray for the Lord’s continued open doors for these books to be taken into eastern Angola, an area not readily accessible from Luanda.

**Tues. 19** Praise the Lord for the placement of *Food for New Believers* in English, Swahili, French, and Spanish on a Christian web site, [www.wideopenarms.org](http://www.wideopenarms.org), making them accessible to readers around the world. Pray that many may access this web site and grow in the things of the Lord.

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**Wed. 20** Further EPI titles in our “doctrinal” series have been requested for inclusion on the aforementioned web site. Pray for Gertrud as she gives considerable time to reformatting over a dozen English titles for this purpose.

**Thurs. 21** Thank the Lord for Grace Schake-laar’s availability to proofread the English titles being reformatted by Gertrud. Pray for the Lord’s blessing and help for her in this.

**Fri. 22** Pray for Sara Townsend as she reformats Spanish and Portuguese titles that were typeset before we started using QuarkXpress in the early 1990s. Pray that the Portuguese version of *Food for New Believers* may soon be completed and proofread so that it can be added to the [wideopenarms.org](http://www.wideopenarms.org) web site.

**Sat. 23** Thank the Lord for the many EPI courses that make their way into prisons all around the world. Pray that many prisoners may come to faith by this means and that others may become well grounded in the Word.

**Sun. 24** From Ian and Marilyn Campbell (Zambia - U.K.): *“Could we ask for a selection of books which you would consider suitable for our Reading Library?”* Pray for much blessing from this as well as other small libraries and reading rooms scattered in the remote places of the earth.

**Mon. 25** Pray for Daveen Lidstone, EPI bookkeeper, as she does year-end bookkeeping over the course of the next week or two. Pray that the Lord may give the needed health and strength and that her back will not act up.

**Tues. 26** Praise the Lord for the 105,673 books distributed this fiscal year as of the end of July. Pray that we may continue to see our books go out in good numbers for multiplied blessing in many farflung places.

**Wed. 27** Pray for the Lord’s peace for Barbara MacDougall in the midst of many demands as she covers the needs of the office while also caring for the needs of her busy family, Jen, Rob, and Iain having returned to college and school this month.

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**Thurs. 28** Thank the Lord for Esther Frey's willingness to proofread the Spanish translation of *Perfect Man: Studies in Luke* — even though she is on "furlough" from her service in Puerto Rico (PED July 10). Pray that she may make good progress.

**Fri. 29** Pray for Alma Turnbull this month as she typesets new test booklets being prepared by Marilyn MacMullen (PED July 31). Ask the Lord to continue to bless Alma with good health and strength according to the needs of the day.

**Sat. 30** Praise the Lord for the 85,558 books and 5,500 test booklets printed this fiscal year as of the end of July. Think of the potential for blessing! Pray that the *potential* may be abundantly realized!

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**Sun. 1** *"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I hope in Him!' The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him,"* Lam. 3:22-25 NKJV. Praise God for His faithfulness and His goodness to us. Commit us afresh to Him as we begin a new fiscal year.

**Mon. 2** Praise the Lord for His provision for the ongoing needs of the work, largely through faithful donors. Fifteen years ago this month "free books to commended missionaries" was put into effect, and by His grace and wonderful provision, we have not yet had to refuse to fill an order because of lack of funds.

**Tues. 3** Pray for staff and volunteers as they finish printing, "finishing", and packing any last minute orders for books to be sent in the ACCTS containers to Angola and Zambia this month.

**Wed. 4** Ask the Lord to keep His hand upon our digital printers and other equipment. Pray that all might continue to function well, with minimal "down time" when the inevitable problems do occur.

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**Thurs. 5** Pray that the Lord may give Grace Spence His joy as she packs box after box of our books for shipment around the world as well as prepares boxes of newly printed books for storage in our warehouse.

**Fri. 6** Pray that the Lord may lead as a new *Pray Every Day* is compiled over the course of the next couple of weeks.

**Sat. 7** Thank the Lord today for the building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies He has provided for us to carry out the work entrusted to us. Pray that He may keep all safe from harm or danger of any sort.

**Sun. 8** From Samuel Ussher (Venezuela - U.K.): *"We really appreciate receiving these books which are a great help to the believers here in Venezuela."* Praise the Lord for his further order for 50 copies each of 37 Spanish titles. Pray for much blessing.

**Mon. 9** A brother in Sara's commending assembly who works for a print broker saw our need to have varnished covers printed at a reasonable cost (PED July 7). He contacted Harold, was able to give us a favorable quote, and the high quality covers were received from Kansas in August! Praise the Lord for this somewhat unexpected answer to that prayer!

**Tues. 10** Continue to uphold Mark and Gail Beach and their children before the Lord. He knows their needs *this very day*. Pray that His peace may fill their hearts.

**Wed. 11** Pray for the Lord's blessing and help for Sara in her work today and that she might daily know His leading in setting priorities in dealing with the various things for which she is responsible.

**Thurs. 12** Thank the Lord for volunteers Arthur Robinson, John Storm, Jimmy Rollo, and Desmond and Gayle McCurry. Pray for continued good health and strength for them as they render cheerful service to the Lord.

**Fri. 13** From Bill: *"Pray for a mailing done in June/July to a number of assemblies in Canada and the U.S. with a special offer for*

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*the 5-book Looking Glass* [daily devotional for teens] *series. The initial response has been quite encouraging."*

**Sat. 14** Pray for fresh ideas on how to promote more of our titles that are particularly suitable for distribution in the homelands.

**Sun. 15** From Alice White (Zambia): *"Could you please send 5 copies of the Chinese book on Basic Christian Beliefs? I recently had to go to a dentist...who is Chinese...From time to time we have contact with other Chinese people..."* Pray for fruit as these are distributed!

**Mon. 16** Some in the EPI family have elderly parents and others have close family members with various special needs. Pray for wisdom in dealing with problems that arise from time to time, often needing to be dealt with from a distance.

**Tues. 17** Thank the Lord for the joy of serving Him in various ways. Pray for Alma in her involvement in the AWANA program at Markham Bible Chapel, encouraging children to memorize the Scriptures.

**Wed. 18** Pray for good progress for Andrew Rennie as he translates *Runaway Slave: Philemon* into Spanish. It is the final book for the proposed new title *Cartas de la cárcel de Pablo* (Paul's Letters from Prison) (PED July 19).

**Thurs. 19** Thank the Lord for Harold MacDougall's diligence as print shop coordinator. Pray for wisdom as he arranges work for volunteers and keeps ahead of the need for supplies in addition to doing the printing.

**Fri. 20** Pray for Gertrud as she reformats some of our French titles for inclusion on the *wide-openarms.org* web site. Pray that Carol Wilson may make good progress as she proofreads these.

**Sat. 21** Concentrated attention to a computer screen can be very hard on the eyes. Pray for endurance and for wisdom in pacing work for staff who spend many hours at a computer.

**Sun. 22** Praise the Lord that the Portuguese translation of *Winning and Losing* (Joshua, Judges, and Ruth) was printed in early August (PED July 11). Pray for a good response to a

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mailing of sample copies to both regular and potential users of our Portuguese books.

**Mon. 23** Pray for Bill as he oversees the overall operations of EPI. Pray for wisdom and a sense of the mind of the Lord in the many daily decisions he must make.

**Tues. 24** Thank the Lord for EPI Directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Gertrud Harlow, Don MacMullen, and Arthur Robinson. Pray for them as they give thought and prayer to items for consideration at the Annual Meeting, scheduled for November 30th.

**Wed. 25** Pray that items needing attention by the Editorial Committee may be submitted to Della in good time for her to organize the agenda for their meeting November 30th.

**Thurs. 26** Praise the Lord that the entire translation of *Desert Journey* (Numbers and Deuteronomy) in French has been received from Brigitte Fugill (PED July 25).

**Fri. 27** Thank the Lord today for each one who lifts up the work and workers of EPI before the throne of grace. We rejoice that they, too, shall receive their reward in due course (1 Sam. 30:24).

**Sat. 28** Thank the Lord for the ACCTS containers which make it possible for us to ship our books less expensively and more safely and quickly to Angola and Zambia. Pray that the containers sent this month may arrive safely.

**Sun. 29** From Alan and Sheila Park (Zambia - U.K.): *"Thank you so much for your fellowship with us. It is encouraging to see some of our students really growing, and one in particular is now teaching at conferences! His ministry was excellent and much appreciated."*

**Mon. 30** Thank the Lord today for the digital printers which have literally revolutionized our print capabilities, giving us much greater flexibility as well as substantially improved quality.

**Tues. 31** Pray that the Lord may encourage those who make EPI books available through book tables or market stalls. Pray that many with seeking hearts may be drawn to this source of light and help.