

Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY

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Tues. 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,"* Psalm 116:1,2 NKJV. Praise Him today that He is the prayer-hearing God.

Wed. 2 Milestones are important, and EPI celebrates a milestone this year: 45 years serving God's people worldwide by means of the printed page! Join us in praising Him for His faithfulness through the years. We can truly say, *"Ebenezer... Thus far the Lord has helped us,"* 1 Samuel 7:12 NKJV. Join us in looking to Him for His continued blessing in whatever time remains before we hear the Shout.

Thurs. 3 Pray for a swift and uneventful recovery from heart surgery for EPI Director Ron Gee, who had valve repair surgery on August 19th.

Fri. 4 Thank the Lord for continuing good progress during the summer in topping up titles that were depleted by book orders in the winter and spring. Praise the Lord for the 6,786 EPI titles that were printed in June and July along with 5,000 test booklets and 5,015 "other" items.

Sat. 5 From Gertrud Harlow: *"Pray for Dena's continuing recovery from her fall and that she might be able to once again give valuable help with Swahili proofreading"* (PED (*Pray Every Day*) July 6).

Sun. 6 **PRAISE, praise, praise** the Lord that the revised Congo Swahili Bible is in print, and 18,000 copies are on their way to northeast D.R. Congo via container (PED July 5)! Pray for speedy and safe transit all the way.

Mon. 7 Praise the Lord that Gertrud has completed the preliminary translation into Swahili of the sections on Mark and Luke of the ***Believer's Bible Commentary - NT*** (PED Aug. 4). Pray for wisdom and help from the Lord as she reviews and fine tunes the translation of these books before proceeding with Matthew.

Tues. 8 Noel Bondt requests prayer for strength from day to day, reporting that the continued changes in air pressure (from frequent thunderstorms during the summer) make his heart work harder (PED May 13). Pray for continued health and for the Lord's blessing in his work maintaining and enhancing our web site.

Wed. 9 Join Alma Turnbull in thanking the Lord that reformatting of ***Mark and the Untiring Servant*** was completed during the summer. Pray for Eunice Free as she proofreads it and for Alma as she makes the final corrections in due course.

Thurs. 10 Pray for wisdom for Production Manager Harold MacDougall in his work this month as the normal pace of printing winds down temporarily to allow for tidy year-end accounting. He still has plenty to keep him busy!

Fri. 11 Join us in praising the Lord for the salvation of former EPI bookkeeper Daveen Lidstone's father during the summer – an answer to much, persevering prayer.

Sat. 12 Some current staff have family members who do not know the Lord. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with them and that the "eyes of their heart" may be opened as they see and hear what God is doing at EPI.

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Sun. 13 Praise the Lord for David Rodgers' vision to distribute our Spanish books through Christian bookstores throughout Chile in response to indicated interest. Pray for wisdom as he puts together a large order and for blessing as we print what is needed to fill the order.

Mon. 14 Pray for swift and successful processing of the application for Permanent Resident status in Canada for the Beach family. The application was submitted in August.

Tues. 15 June and July distribution figures, a total of 2,582 books, reflect an almost predictable summer-time slump. Still, that is a lot of books, albeit fewer than our average for this year. Pray that much blessing may result to and through the "end users".

Wed. 16 Pray that the Lord may prosper Sara Townsend this month in reviewing new and reformatted Spanish and Portuguese translations and preparing them for printing as well as in reviewing new and existing test booklets and preparing expanded answer keys.

Thurs. 17 If things have gone according to schedule, Della Letkeman's biography of the Apostle Paul, *Voice in the Darkness*, should be at the printers now (PED July 24). Pray that it may be printed quickly and well.

Fri. 18 Praise the Lord for the 206,693 books distributed as of the end of July, making this a definitely stellar year so far!

Sat. 19 As we all know, statistics tell only part of the story. *Pray earnestly* that the Lord may add His blessing as the aforementioned books are read — and that the readers may respond to the Spirit's work in their lives through these books.

Sun. 20 Praise the Lord for 617 books sent "no charge" to assembly-commended missionaries and national workers in South Africa, Brazil, Panama, Spain, Kenya, Uruguay, Mexico, Ecuador, and Colombia in June and July. The number is relatively small, but would *you* be thankful if you were the recipient of one of these books and it had a life-changing impact? Pray that this may indeed be the case, many times over!

Mon. 21 Pray that many new orders might be received in the weeks and months ahead resulting in multiplied blessing to brothers and sisters we are unlikely to meet this side of heaven — but with whom we will no doubt rejoice in that soon coming Day as, D.V., we get to hear "the rest of the story" concerning the effect of the books in their lives.

Tues. 22 Continue to commit Gertrud Harlow's application for Permanent Resident status in the U.S. to the Lord (PED July 2). Further information was requested and submitted in the summer. Pray for a speedy and successful conclusion to this very long process.

Wed. 23 With the approach of the end of our fiscal year, it is once again time to do a physical count of the books in the warehouse. Please pray for safety and accuracy and that any discrepancies may be minor and may be quickly resolved.

Thurs. 24 Pray for wisdom in using her time and for patience for Thirza Beach who is living at home but unable to seek regular employment until gaining Permanent Resident status in Canada (see PED Sept. 14).

Fri. 25 How valuable is your hymn book to you? Praise the Lord for an order for 50,000 additional Swahili hymn books for D.R. Congo! Reportedly the 10,000 sent in the container met only about 10% of the need! Pray that more may be printed and shipped soon.

Sat. 26 Pray that the Lord may prosper Andrew Rennie as he translates *Two Letters from Peter* into Spanish and prepares a test booklet to go with it.

Sun. 27 Praise the Lord that the skid of books sent to Stephen and Gail Harper in May arrived safely the last week of July (PED July 10, 11). Pray for much blessing to both believers and unbelievers in Malawi through the ministry of the fledgling Christian bookstore.

Mon. 28 It is no vain thing to trust the living God! Thank Him today for His faithful provision for the material needs of the work of EPI. Pray that we may be faithful stewards of all that He has entrusted to our care.

Tues. 29 We are so thankful for our volunteers, some of whom have serious or chronic health issues. Pray that the Lord may bring some additional volunteers to "lighten the load" for our current, faithful crew.

Wed. 30 Pray for strength and wisdom for bookkeeper Gail Beach today and in the very busy days ahead as she prepares and finalizes year-end reports.

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Thurs. 1 *God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us...That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!*" Psalm 67:1-4a NKJV. Pray that this may indeed be so in the year ahead, both for us and through us, as we begin our new fiscal year today.

Fri. 2 From Mark: *"Pray for speed and accuracy in all of the extra work that comes with the end of the fiscal year, September 30th."*

Sat. 3 The "no charge" policy enabling us to send our books free of charge to assembly-commended workers in lesser developed countries and other mission fields was put into place at the start of the fiscal year in 1991. Praise the Lord for His faithful provision to enable us to continue this over the course of these 18 years! This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes!

Sun. 4 From Ken and Eunice Russell (Uruguay): *"We're really glad for the SAFE arrival of the two boxes of courses and test booklets...Part of the order was a request from an assembly 150 km from here where we visit only 'once in a blue moon'...As things got through so well, let's take advantage [and place a further order]...a big thank you to all involved in the work there, as well as to the donors that allow for the no charge system."*

Mon. 5 In view of the foregoing, please remember to pray for safety in shipment for all of our books. There are definitely hazards along the way!

Tues. 6 From Harold: *"Pray for wisdom as Mark and I look at equipment and try and sort through all the information thrown at us"* (PED July 30).

Wed. 7 Pray for Gertrud as she revises and upgrades the Swahili Emmaus courses she translated during her years in Congo. Praise the Lord that Emmaus hopes to reprint them and to add them to the foreign language section of their web site.

Thurs. 8 Thank the Lord for volunteer help during the summer months from Arthur and Mary Jane Robinson, John Storm, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, Jimmy Rollo, and Don DeBaeremaeker. Pray for health and strength for one and all as the pace of printing (and need for their services) picks up once again.

Fri. 9 Thank the Lord for His protection and care of our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies. Commit them to Him afresh.

Sat. 10 From Mark: *"Pray that God would open doors in places where EPI has seen little distribution in recent years, places such as Europe and India."*

Sun. 11 Praise the Lord for the addition of a Swahili section to the EPI web site during the summer! There are currently 5 EPI Swahili titles available for reading on line. Pray that many Swahili-speaking seekers as well as believers may find this site – for their eternal blessing!

Mon. 12 Join us in thanking the Lord for each and every one who prays for the work and workers of EPI. Pray that others may be exercised to join their number, for their blessing as well as ours.

Tues. 13 Pray for a profitable and refreshing time for Mark and Gail at the U.S. Workers' and Elders' Conference in Waterbury, Connecticut, today through Thursday.

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Wed. 14 Thank the Lord for Grace Spence's cheerful and diligent work as EPI shipper. Pray for health and strength and the Lord's blessing for Grace in this essential part of the work.

Thurs. 15 Pray for the Lord's blessing and help for Alma as she continues reformatting our Everyday English Bible study books, now working her way through the New Testament books.

Fri. 16 Pray that the Lord may lead Harold in setting priorities for printing EPI and "other" print jobs as well as in organizing the work of the volunteers, ordering print shop supplies, and arranging for routine maintenance or repair of our printers.

Sat. 17 Pray for the Lord's richest blessing and help for Noel and Dwana as they prepare for the birth of their first child, due Dec. 31st!

Sun. 18 From Paul and Dorothy Grieve (South Africa - U.K.): *"Folks here are very appreciative of being able to have these books at such low prices — and especially in these difficult days."* Pray that those who receive these books may be greatly encouraged and helped.

Mon. 19 Pray for much wisdom for Executive Director Mark Beach as he must make many decisions, large and small, in the course of his work day by day. Pray that he may sense the Lord's leading, as he in turn gives leadership "on the ground" to staff and volunteers.

Tues. 20 Thank the Lord today for EPI directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Hanniel Ghezzi, Gertrud Harlow, Bill Letkeman, and Don MacMullen. Pray for them as they review year-end reports and give thought and prayer to matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting next month.

Wed. 21 Pray that the Lord may lead Sara in setting priorities for the various projects awaiting her attention and may give her the needed health and strength to make good progress.

Thurs. 22 Thank the Lord for Portuguese translators Margarida Cerqueira and Cidinha Moss. Pray for His blessing in their current respective translation projects (PED Aug. 5, 27).

Fri. 23 Pray for the Lord's encouragement and blessing for Barbara MacDougall as she helps in the office two or three days a week, cares for her home and family, and participates in various assembly activities.

Sat. 24 Apart from sending our French books to D.R. Congo and to a lesser extent to Quebec, we have not seen much widespread use of our French titles. Pray that the Lord may open doors for our books in other French-speaking areas.

Sun. 25 Thank the Lord for many prisoners who are studying the Scriptures with the help of an EPI book and test booklet. Pray that each may be encouraged in the inner man even in the midst of distressing outward circumstances.

Mon. 26 Pray today for increased opportunities for EPI English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish books in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Tues. 27 Join Mark in praising the Lord for opportunities to share about the work of EPI at various assemblies and conferences. Pray for continued open doors for this.

Wed. 28 Pray that items needing review by the Editorial Committee may be sent to Della Letkeman in good time to prepare the agenda for their meeting on November 26th, prior to the EPI Annual Meeting.

Thurs. 29 "To be or not to be" – fussy, that is. Pray for much wisdom in dealing with detail, some of which is highly important, some of which is inconsequential, and much of which falls somewhere in between.

Fri. 30 Pray that the Lord may prosper those who are working on new titles so that they may make good progress in their writing.

Sat. 31 There is much "hype" concerning a possible H1N1 flu pandemic in the months ahead. Pray that the Lord may put His hand of protection over the staff and volunteers at EPI, so that any flu outbreak which might occur may not have a crippling impact on the workers (or their families) or the work.