

# Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY

*Daily prayer requests for  
the overseas literature outreach of*

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**November 2008**

**Sat. 1** *“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint,”* Isaiah 40:31 NKJV. Pray that all staff and volunteers may experience this after months and months of printing, finishing, and packing some very large orders.

**Sun. 2** Praise God for His abundant enabling as a total of 92,019 books and test booklets were prepared during the summer and were sent via ACCTS container to Angola in October. Pray for safety in transit and for a speedy and uncomplicated release from customs.

**Mon. 3** From Gertrud Harlow: *“At the attorney’s recommendation the application for my permanent visa has been sent in — the outcome is in the Lord’s hands! The extension of my temporary religious visa is good for another 2 - 3 years”* (PED (*Pray Every Day*) Sept. 3). Pray and praise!

**Tues. 4** All systems are “go” with respect to sending the container of books to D.R. Congo — except arrangements for the last leg of the journey, getting the books from Kampala, Uganda, to Bunia, D.R. Congo (PED Sept. 7). There have been recent reports of renewed fighting in northeast D.R. Congo. Pray that the Lord may overrule and that arrangements may be finalized so that the container of urgently needed books can soon be sent on its way.

**Wed. 5** Pray that the Lord may prosper Sara Townsend as she completes reformatting of the Spanish translation of our commentary on Exodus, deferred from earlier attention by some unplanned “re-directions” (PED July 10).

**Thurs. 6** From Mark Beach: *“Pray for the construction of our new house. Pray that the work would go quickly and safely and that God would be glorified in all”* (PED Sept. 2).

**Fri. 7** Join Noel Bondt in thanking the Lord for the measure of health he has enjoyed over the past year (PED Sept. 10). Pray for him as he works on the network linking the office computers and as he continues to refine it.

**Sat. 8** Pray that the Lord may bring many new orders now that printing and packing the huge orders for D.R. Congo and Angola have been finished.

**Sun. 9** From Phyllis Dunning (Brazil - U.K.): *“Thank you indeed for your donation of books for us. Yesterday a borrowed copy of **Antes do Casamento [Before the Wedding Day]** was returned by a teen-age girl. A number of those books have been lent out, or given away — always appreciated.”*

**Mon. 10** From Executive Director Mark Beach: *“Pray for the Lord’s help for me as I prepare reports, proposals, and analysis for the Annual Meeting.”*

**Tues. 11** Pray that a problem with one of the computer programs used at the office may soon be resolved. The “QuickBooks” program has been “crashing” unexpectedly from time to time, at a minimum being an annoying disruption of work in progress.

**Wed. 12** Praise the Lord for 3,655 English books (150 titles) and 690 test booklets on their way to Emmaus in Kenya via ocean freight. Pray for their safe arrival and for a speedy and uncomplicated release from customs.

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**Thurs. 13** Join Alma Turnbull in praising the Lord for completion of reformatting Dr. Harlow's commentary on Ezekiel (in 2 parts) and also his commentary on Daniel (PED Sept. 16). She reports: "*My next project will be **The 12 Prophets**, which will be in 3 parts. That should keep me busy until the end of the year.*"

**Fri. 14** Ask the Lord to keep our presses in good working order. Praise Him for over 7 million impressions already recorded by each of the black and white digital printers!

**Sat. 15** Pray for widespread distribution of *Look Straight Ahead: A Call to Men for Moral Purity* by Sam Thorpe, Jr. (PED Sept. 27). Pray that it may be greatly used of the Lord and be a source of great blessing.

**Sun. 16** Praise the Lord for 12,825 books sent no charge in August and September to assembly-commended missionaries serving in Chile, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Kenya, Philippines, South Africa, Guatemala, Germany, and Peru. Pray that they may be widely and wisely distributed for much blessing.

**Mon. 17** Thank the Lord for Production Manager Harold MacDougall. Pray for wisdom as he oversees the printing and finishing of our books, with all that goes with that (ordering supplies, coordinating the volunteers, etc.).

**Tues. 18** Join Gertrud Harlow in praising the Lord for progress with reformatting the Congo Swahili Bible (PED Oct. 3). She expects it to be ready for printing by the end of this month. Gertrud requests: "*Pray for the Lord's guidance in all arrangements that still need to be made in order to start the actual printing.*"

**Wed. 19** Thank the Lord for the Editorial Committee. Pray that they may be able to deal quickly and efficiently with the business in hand as they meet tomorrow and that the Lord may lead in all decisions made.

**Thurs. 20** Pray for wisdom and direction for the Directors and Members of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting today and that the Lord may lead and be glorified in all decisions made.

**Fri. 21** Praise the Lord that Andrew Rennie has finished his translation into Spanish of Dr. Harlow's commentary on 2 Corinthians (PED Sept. 13). Pray for him as he now prepares a test booklet to cover both epistles to the Corinthians (PED Jan. 17).

**Sat. 22** Thank the Lord for granting the safe, speedy, and accurate conducting of the annual book inventory (PED Sept. 23).

**Sun. 23** Praise the Lord for 48,101 books actually sent from the warehouse in the fiscal year which ended September 30th! This figure does not include the Swahili and French books destined for D.R. Congo nor the Portuguese books destined for Angola which only come off the inventory after they are actually shipped.

**Mon. 24** We are grateful for the statistical data that helps us in our work and which often gives encouragement, but the foregoing indicates that there are pitfalls! Pray that we may use the statistics available to us wisely and well.

**Tues. 25** Pray that the Lord may give Grace Spence the health and strength she needs for the physically demanding work of preparing our books for shipping as well as packing freshly printed books for storage.

**Wed. 26** Thank the Lord for volunteers Arthur and Mary Jane Robinson, John Storm, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, Jimmy Rollo, Don DeBaeremaeker, and Tom and Hilda Parkinson, who have so cheerfully come in "extra" days to do the finishing work on the massive amount of Swahili, French, and Portuguese books printed in recent months.

**Thurs. 27** Mark has often referred to EPI as "the assemblies' best kept secret". Pray for wisdom and enabling as he seeks to make EPI more widely known to assemblies and that much blessing may result to the glory of God.

**Fri. 28** Join bookkeeper Gail Beach in thanking the Lord for His enabling as she closed the books and prepared reports at the end of our fiscal year (PED Sept. 30). Pray for His continued blessing and help in her "routine" bookkeeping.

**Sat. 29** Praise the Lord for the many prison ministries who use our books with test booklets in their outreach to prisoners and their families. Pray for His blessing and provision for each of these ministries.

**Sun. 30** From Margarida Cerqueira: "*There were Christians from Angola, Mozambique, and from other Portuguese-speaking parts of the world [at a congress of Portuguese-speaking workers]...Certainly workers and literature are the big needs.*" Pray for wisdom as we seek contact with some of these workers in places where our literature is not now widely known.

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## December 2008

**Mon. 1** *“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ,”* Col. 3:23,24 NKJV. As we enter a very busy month, pray that we may remain focused on the essential in both our work and personal lives and that when energy flags, we may remember the above.

**Tues. 2** From Gertrud: *“The work of preparing the Chokwe Bible for reprinting is well under way. Pray also for Doris Pitman (Angola, refocused) in this large task and that the Lord may give both of us the strength and ability to complete the job”* (PED Sept. 18).

**Wed. 3** Thank the Lord for faithful stewards who invest their funds in a bank which cannot break. Pray that He may fill their hearts with joy, knowing that their investments will bring a sure reward, both now and in that coming Day.

**Thurs. 4** Thank the Lord for the Beach family and pray for health, strength, and encouragement from the Lord for them all this month as they work at EPI (Mark and Gail) and study (Josh at Emmaus, Thirza and Caleb in Port Colborne).

**Fri. 5** Please commit the health as well as safety on the roads of all EPI staff and volunteers as we enter the season where “flu bugs abound” and driving can be hazardous.

**Sat. 6** Pray for an efficient way to get books to British missionaries in Malawi who are opening a Christian bookshop in their town. Unhappily, ISAL does not go to Malawi.

**Sun. 7** Praise the Lord for 122,197 EPI books and booklets (a new record!) printed in-house in the fiscal year which ended September 30th, evidence of His goodness to us in provision, protection, and enabling!

**Mon. 8** Praise the Lord also for 34,750 test booklets printed in-house this past fiscal year and for 40,780 items printed largely for other ministries. Pray that there may be much blessing from all that has come off the EPI presses.

**Tues. 9** Pray for health and strength for Noel and Dwana in their daily routines at the office and at home. Pray that the joy of the Lord may be their strength.

**Wed. 10** Thank the Lord for Julie Harris de Ochoa who does the linguistic checking of our Spanish translations. Ask the Lord’s rich blessing for her and her family and that she might be blessed with good health and strength.

**Thurs. 11** Pray that Alma may be refreshed as she spends Christmas with her sisters in Florida. Pray for safety in travel (dates not available at time of writing) and for a happy and healthy holiday.

**Fri. 12** Join us in thanking the Lord for all those who faithfully present the work and workers of EPI before the throne of grace. Ask the Lord to bless each one as they seek His blessing for this work.

**Sat. 13** Pray for health and strength for the MacDougall family in this extra busy month and for the Lord’s blessing in their various pursuits: Harold and Barb working at EPI, Jen and Robert in their jobs, and Iain in his studies.

**Sun. 14** Praise the Lord for a new booklet, *Helping Jehovah’s Witnesses*, by Gary Weeks, written particularly for the Georgetown outreach but now available to all who use EPI books. Pray that many may find this booklet helpful in their witness to “Witnesses”.

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**Mon. 15** Pray for good weather and for safety in travel for Joshua Beach as he flies to Buffalo today, having a break from his studies at Emmaus to spend time with his family in Port Colborne.

**Tues. 16** Thank the Lord for Margarida Cerqueira and pray for her in ongoing work translating *Desert Journey: Studies in Numbers and Deuteronomy* into Portuguese.

**Wed. 17** Pray that the Lord may lead Sara in setting priorities for her work day by day. Pray for wisdom in balancing the time given to her various areas of responsibility.

**Thurs. 18** Mark would appreciate regular prayer as he seeks to make our books more widely known to assembly missionaries who may be unaware of their existence or potential.

**Fri. 19** Thank the Lord for Barbara MacDougall's help in the office two days per week and alternate Fridays. Praise the Lord for much improved eyesight (PED Oct. 2).

**Sat. 20** Pray for a safe and speedy journey for the D.R. Congo container (hopefully on its way by now) from Port Colborne to Bunia, D.R. Congo. Pray for the Lord's protection from *all* perils along the way.

**Sun. 21** From Ruby Campbell (Colombia): "*Just a note to say a million thanks for all the wonderful courses that have come through and are gradually being mailed out, mostly to prisoners. And thanks for the recent package of ¡Sé un hombre! [Be a Man!]. It's a good booklet and I'm sure it will go over well*" (PED Oct. 5, Sept. 19).

**Mon. 22** The Christmas season is a joyful time as we celebrate our Lord's coming into this world, but it can also be a difficult time for those separated from loved ones by distance and the difficulties of travel during the winter. Pray for the Lord's comfort and peace for those in the EPI family who will not be with their loved ones this Christmas.

**Tues. 23** Praise the Lord for the up-to-date equipment He has graciously provided so that we can do our work effectively and efficiently. Ask Him to protect our equipment, building, and stock of books and supplies from all forms of harm or evil.

**Wed. 24** Pray that staff and volunteers may have a restful holiday as the EPI office is closed today through January 2nd.

**Thurs. 25** "...and they shall call His name 'Immanuel', which is translated, 'God with us'," Matt. 1:23 NKJV. Ponder the wonder and the mystery of the Incarnation afresh, and give thanks for the marvellous Good News that is ours to share with a very needy world.

**Fri. 26** Please continue to pray for the Lord's provision of a well qualified translator and a linguistic checker to put some of our English test booklets into French.

**Sat. 27** Pray that the Lord may use our books with test booklets to greatly encourage and build up in faith the many prisoners who use them.

**Sun. 28** From Dorothy Grieve (South Africa - U.K.): "*We very much appreciate all your efforts in getting literature out to these parts. Many are being blessed as a result.*" Praise — and pray for much continued blessing.

**Mon. 29** Pray for safety in travel for Jen MacDougall as she flies to England tonight to visit friends and travel in Europe, returning to Canada January 18th. Pray for clear direction for her for the future.

**Tues. 30** From Noel: "*Pray as computer users find the EPI web site that they will find it helpful and informative.*"

**Wed. 31** The end of another year of grace — if we're still here! Thank the Lord for the multiplied blessings of the year soon to end, and commit us afresh to His care and keeping, asking that He may be pleased to continue to use the literature produced at EPI for His glory and the blessing of the nations — until we hear the Shout!