

Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY

*Daily prayer requests for
the overseas literature outreach of*

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Thurs. 1 “*And the king’s servants said to the king, ‘We are your servants, ready to do whatever my lord the king commands,’*” 2 Samuel 15:15 NKJV. Pray that we may have hearts that are ever ready to do whatever David’s greater Son, our Lord and King, commands.

Fri. 2 Praise the Lord that Bill and Della’s house in Welland sold in April with a closing date of June 30th (PED (*Pray Every Day*) March 5). Pray for health and strength in this very busy time of continuing to pack for their move.

Sat. 3 Gertrud Harlow reports that “*snags continue to appear as [I work] with old and inconsistent [computer] files of the Congo Swahili Bible...Pray for accuracy and daily enabling from the Lord*” in ongoing work to produce a smaller, less expensive Swahili Bible, urgently needed to alleviate the current shortage of Bibles in war-torn D.R. Congo (PED April 2).

Sun. 4 Praise the Lord for an order for 80 Spanish books (5 titles) which some European brothers plan to take into Cuba. Pray for safe entry into the country, both for the books and for the brothers, and for wise and fruitful distribution of the books.

Mon. 5 We were saddened by the news that our brother John Bell was called Home on March 28th due to a brain hemorrhage (PED March 14). Pray for the Lord’s strong comfort for Mary Ann and the family.

Tues. 6 Join us in praising the Lord that He knows the end from the beginning! With 6,000 books yet to be printed on-site as well as some off-site at time of printing, it is apparent that His perfect time for sending the container to D.R. Congo has not yet come (PED March 8, 17).

Wed. 7 Please pray that work may go forward apace in preparing the final books for the D.R. Congo container, and that the Lord may “open the door” at just the right time for it to be sent **and** to arrive safely at its destination.

Thurs. 8 Alma Turnbull anticipated time with Pearl Winterburn the last week of April to review Alma’s rough draft of a further chapter to add to an updated reprint of *In the Heart of a Pearl* (PED April 15). Pray for Alma as she polishes and finalizes the new chapter.

Fri. 9 Pray that the Lord may clearly lead Mark and Gail Beach as they look for a house in Port Colborne, “His good place for them” (PED April 19).

Sat. 10 Join Noel and Dwana Bondt in praising the Lord for His wonderful provision of a house for them, still within walking distance of EPI (PED March 29)! Pray for them as they settle in and turn their house into a home that is used for His glory.

Sun. 11 From a British worker regarding a recent ministry trip to Angola: “*We gave to the elders and many young believers...H.G. Mackay’s Assembly Distinctives and R.E. Harlow’s The N.T. Church [in Portuguese]. Please pray that these books and teaching given will help maintain assembly principles in those areas of Angola. Assemblies in the area are numerous.*”

Mon. 12 Pray for health and strength for production manager Harold MacDougall who has been carrying a very heavy load of work in recent months with the printing demands for containers to Zambia and to D.R. Congo. Pray for wisdom in organizing his own work as well as that of the volunteers.

Tues. 13 The doctor recommended another scan for Barbara MacDougall’s eye after her appointment in mid-April (PED March 11, April 11). If it was still “dry”, he okayed her getting new glasses. Please continue to pray that good eyesight may be restored.

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Wed. 14 Pray for the Editorial Committee as they meet tomorrow prior to the Semi-annual Meeting. Pray for wisdom and efficiency in dealing with the business in hand.

Thurs. 15 Thank the Lord for directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Hanniel Ghezzi, Gertrud Harlow, and Don MacMullen. Pray for a sense of the Lord's presence and direction at the Semi-annual Meeting today and for wisdom from on high in any decisions made.

Fri. 16 Pray for Jen MacDougall, who leaves today to join an Operation Mobilization outreach team in England for 3 months, returning August 20th. Pray that this may be a fruitful time, both in her and through her.

Sat. 17 Praise the Lord for a good response to an e-mail sent by Mark to missionaries in Zambia inviting them to place orders to be sent in the ACCTS container in April (PED Jan. 18). At time of writing, orders for just over 6,000 books had been received!

Sun. 18 One response to the aforementioned e-mail was from Bert Mast: *"Thank you for your reminder...Your timing was great. We have been blessed by the EPI book/courses and would love to make use of some more."* He thereupon ordered 260 books (20 titles) and 110 test booklets (9 titles). Praise and pray!

Mon. 19 With numerous work-in-progress projects, Sara Townsend feels much need for wisdom and the Lord's leading in setting priorities and arranging her work. Please pray with her to that end.

Tues. 20 It was wonderfully encouraging to receive book orders for 6,107 books the last week of March and first week of April. The majority of those were destined to be sent via ACCTS container to Zambia in late April. Pray for safe transit and for quick and efficient delivery of all of the books sent.

Wed. 21 Pray for Mark and Gail Beach and Harold and Barbara MacDougall as they leave today, D.V., to drive to Dubuque, Iowa, for the *Iron Sharpens Iron* conference May 22-25.

Thurs. 22 What looked like a catastrophe a year ago, when the U.S. Postal Service eliminated the surface M-bag rate, has resulted in an unbelievable improvement in delivery time (PED July 5, April 8). We were amazed to hear that a recent order to South Africa arrived 13 days after it was sent! Praise the Lord!

Fri. 23 Praise the Lord for His continuing provision for us to give our books "no charge" to assembly-commended missionaries. Pray for multiplied blessing from the 3,908 books given to commended missionaries in Paraguay, Spain, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Peru, Kenya, Zambia, and Uruguay in February and March.

Sat. 24 Pray that we may be fine tuned to His "still, small voice" in this "faith" ministry, so that we do not yield to fear, on the one hand, or to folly, on the other, as we are called upon to make decisions with far-reaching implications from time to time.

Sun. 25 From Dorothy Grieve (South Africa – UK): *"The 20 copies of Never Thirst Again...received recently will be going off tomorrow to an Indian assembly about 160 km from us. The assembly is made up mostly of folks who are young believers and they are going to use the study books in their Bible study groups."* Praise and pray!

Mon. 26 Praise the Lord for the 6,336 books distributed in February and March: 1,533 Everyday English, 416 standard English, 64 French, 2,739 Swahili, 1,433 Spanish, 61 Portuguese, and 90 Chinese.

Tues. 27 How will the foregoing 6,336 books be used? Most will no doubt eventually get into the hands of a believer or seeker; some will be used by a translator, proofreader, translation checker, verse checker, or preparer of test booklets. Pray for multiplied blessing.

Wed. 28 There are two groups of people who are essential to our work who are known only to the Lord and to a few in the office: those who pray and those who give. Join us in thanking the Lord for each one and also in thanking Him that their now hidden work will be suitably rewarded in that coming Day.

Thurs. 29 Thank the Lord for Gail Beach's cheerful, diligent presence in the office two days a week and alternate Fridays. Pray for the Lord's continued blessing as she tackles "new to her" government forms along with her routine bookkeeping and record keeping duties.

Fri. 30 Join us today in giving fervent thanks to the Lord for containers which greatly facilitate the shipment of our books to the countries where they are sent.

Sat. 31 With printing for the spring containers behind us, D.V., pray that the Lord may now bring us *many* orders from missionaries in countries where the books cannot be sent via container.

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Sun. 1 *“Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient...for the coming of the Lord is at hand,”* James 5:7,8 NKJV. Much of our work is “long term” and we do not see quick fruit. Pray that we may be steadfast in our work, knowing that *“the night is coming when no one can work,”* John 9:4 NKJV.

Mon. 2 Praise the Lord for a new French title, *La traversée du désert (Desert Journey: Studies in Numbers and Deuteronomy)*, printed in April (PED Sept. 30). Pray for much blessing from the copies that will go to D.R. Congo in the container as well as elsewhere.

Tues. 3 Please continue to pray for the Lord’s provision of well qualified French translators for our books and test booklets as well as for new contacts for distribution of our books in French-speaking areas (PED Oct. 27, Dec. 29).

Wed. 4 From Mark: *“Praise the Lord that all but one small bag of books from the missing shipment to Zimbabwe have safely arrived at their destination* (PED March 7). *Please pray for that troubled country.”*

Thurs. 5 Pray for alertness for Margarida Cerqueira as she proofreads the typeset Portuguese translation of *Start of the Race: Studies in Genesis* (PED March 10).

Fri. 6 From Noel: *“Thank the Lord that the new small office server is now set up and running well”* (PED March 4).

Sat. 7 Praise the Lord for Bill and Della’s 27 years of serving the Lord through the ministry of EPI. Pray for a happy time at their “formal farewell” today and for His continued rich blessing in their new sphere of service with New Life Prison Ministry.

Sun. 8 From Jean-Luc and Rita Hainaut (Zambia – U.K.): *“We would like to have 5 copies of every book that EPI has in English, French, Swahili...We are asking this because we are setting up a new work in an area where there have never been missionaries or mission stations in the history of the work.”* Pray as led!

Mon. 9 Pray today for the Lord’s direction for children of EPI staff and directors who are not yet established in their life’s course.

Tues. 10 From Gertrud Harlow: *“With gratitude to the Lord I can report that the U.S. Government has now acknowledged receipt of my application for the extension of my visa which will be serviced and granted in due time. My driver’s license has also been renewed for another year”* (PED March 3).

Wed. 11 Thank the Lord for providing doctors to keep tabs on Noel’s special medical needs (PED March 24). Please continue to make Noel’s health a matter of prayer.

Thurs. 12 Alma was having technology woes in early April. Pray for her encouragement as she continues re-formatting the lengthy commentaries on the major prophets, some of which will be reprinted in two volumes, complicating the re-formatting (PED March 19).

Fri. 13 Praise God for faithful volunteers, Arthur Robinson, John Storm, Jimmy Rollo, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, Tom and Hilda Parkinson, and Don DeBaeremaeker, whose diligence makes a *huge* difference in our productivity.

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Sat. 14 Pray for Thirza Beach as she leaves today, D.V., for Colorado Springs to spend the summer helping at Camp Elim. Pray that this may be a time of growth in her own life as well as a time of blessing to others because she is there.

Sun. 15 Praise the Lord that the Swahili translation of *Know the Book* by E.A. Johnston was printed in April in time to include in the container of books to D.R. Congo (PED March 13). Gertrud requests: “*Pray that it might be a help to all ‘budding’ Bible students there!*”

Mon. 16 Please begin praying now for wisdom for those in D.R. Congo who will eventually have responsibility for distribution of the 90,000 plus books being sent in the container.

Tues. 17 Does it surprise you to learn that EPI books have been sent to 84 countries (that we know of) in the past 5 years? Praise the Lord for this widespread “sowing” and pray for continued, multiplied blessing from these many books.

Wed. 18 Pray for health and strength for Sara to meet the demands of her work preparing Spanish and Portuguese translations for printing as well as for door-to-door visitation one evening per week.

Thurs. 19 Praise the Lord for the *potential* blessing and fruit represented by 20,477 EPI books and booklets printed in February and March (not to mention 2,500 test booklets)!

Fri. 20 Pray for the Lord’s encouragement and strength for Harold MacDougall as he deals with the never ending need for printing new and reprint titles, with all of the detailed arrangements that go with that.

Sat. 21 Praise the Lord that Julie Harris de Ochoa has finished her review of the Spanish translation of Dr. Harlow’s commentary on 1 Corinthians (PED Jan. 17).

Sun. 22 Thank the Lord for our upgraded web site and for the improvement in our service thus made possible, particularly to overseas “customers” (PED April 17).

Mon. 23 Pray for health, strength, endurance, and the joy of the Lord for shipper Grace Spence as we enter the summer months when the warehouse area where she mostly works can be very hot and uncomfortable.

Tues. 24 Ask the Lord’s blessing for executive director Mark Beach in the preparation of quarterly issues of *Impressions* as well as the Quarterly Report to supporters in addition to his other administrative responsibilities.

Wed. 25 Long hours at a desk or at a computer can be very stressful physically. Pray that our eyes, hands, backs, and brains may hold up under the stress.

Thurs. 26 Modern technology is great — except when it isn’t! Pray for patience, grace, and wisdom in dealing with computer problems that come up from time to time.

Fri. 27 Thank the Lord today for many prison ministries in North America and overseas that use EPI books with test booklets. Pray for good understanding of the material studied.

Sat. 28 Praise the Lord that Bill and Della found a suitable house in London, ON, soon after their house in Welland sold. Pray that all may go smoothly as they move today.

Sun. 29 Thank the Lord for the many new covers which make our books more attractive and up-to-date looking.

Mon. 30 Pray today that the Lord may continue to keep His hand of protection and care upon our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies, giving thanks for past mercies.