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Sat. 1 “...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. 3:22b-25 NKJV. Praise God for His faithfulness today as we begin the last month of our fiscal year, a year in which we have already seen much blessing.

Sun. 2 Praise the Lord for 35,295 books distributed in the first 10 months of our fiscal year! Pray that each may result in much blessing whether used by a prisoner in the developed world, a young believer in a remote African village or in a sophisticated urban setting, or just about any imaginable setting in between.

Mon. 3 Praise the Lord for His provision of accommodation for the Beach family, a rental house a few blocks from the Letkemans (PED *Pray Every Day*) July 3). Pray for quick adjustment to the many new situations in their lives.

Tues. 4 Pray for Thirza and Caleb Beach as they begin school at Port Colborne High School today. Pray that they may adjust quickly

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to life in a new school in a new country. Pray also for Joshua’s adjustment to college life at Emmaus Bible College.

Wed. 5 Bill Letkeman’s mother was called Home to be with the Lord on Aug. 13. Pray that Bill and Della may know the Lord’s comfort in abundant measure and may be strengthened in the Lord for their varied responsibilities according to their need at this time (PED July 25).

Thurs. 6 Please continue to pray for good, stable health for Annie MacMullen as she continues her university studies (PED Aug. 18). Continue to pray for wisdom in pacing herself.

Fri. 7 Thank the Lord for 142 books sent “no charge” to assembly-commended missionaries in the Philippines and Mexico in June via ordinary postal parcel rates. In spite of the relatively small number, the potential for blessing is still enormous. Pray that it may indeed be so.

Sat. 8 For the first time since starting the “donation policy” in October of 1991, no books are recorded as having been sent to assembly-commended missionaries in a month, the month of July. Praise God that this was not because of lack of funds, but because of our desire to be good stewards of the funds He has provided (PED July 5, 6)!

Sun. 9 Praise the Lord for answered prayer (PED July 5, 6)! We began shipping books overseas again in mid-August using the U.S. Postal Service ISAL (International Surface Air Lift) rate. Using this rate (approximately 150% more than the previous rate – ouch!), M-bags will go to their destinations via air, but on a “stand by” basis, only being sent when there isn’t a full cargo on an outgoing plane.

Mon. 10 Praise the Lord that book orders continued to come in during June and July, and some were duly packed, ready for shipping. Pray that we may soon catch up with the backlog of orders needing to be shipped.

Tues. 11 Pray that sending our overseas books using ISAL will result in our books getting overseas much faster.

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Wed. 12 Thank the Lord for Alma Turnbull’s 26 years of faithful service with EPI. Pray for the Lord’s encouragement for her in ongoing work reformatting our Old Testament commentaries for printing on our digital printers.

Thurs. 13 Pray for Noel and Dwana Bondt as they get settled into married life (PED August 25). Thank the Lord that they have a family doctor and that Noel has a new cardiologist (PED April 5). Pray that Noel may soon be able to get an appointment for his annual heart check-up, which was overdue at time of writing.

Fri. 14 Thank the Lord for the service contract which we have for our digital printers which includes not only servicing and repair but also the provision of toner. Pray that this arrangement will work smoothly so that “down time” for the printers is kept to a minimum.

Sat. 15 Pray for Gertrud Harlow in the preparation of literature for children in Swahili to be included in the upcoming container to D.R. Congo (PED July 19, 20). Work on a two volume Bible story book is progressing well.

Sun. 16 Praise the Lord today that one illustrated Swahili story book of 160 pages has been completed and printed. Pray for blessing to many children.

Mon. 17 Pray for staff who are involved in our annual inventory this month (PED Aug. 23). Pray for safety (many of the books in our warehouse are on high shelves) and for accuracy in counting. Pray that the inevitable discrepancies may be quickly resolved.

Tues. 18 Barbara MacDougall’s latest appointment with her eye doctor in August resulted in more tests being required so that an assessment could be made (PED July 26). Please continue to pray for the restoration of good eyesight for Barbara.

Wed. 19 It staggers the imagination that 24,916 EPI books and booklets were printed by our digital printers in June and July along with 2,141 test booklets! Praise the Lord and pray for much blessing.

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Thurs. 20 Ask the Lord’s blessing for Sara Townsend in coordinating our Spanish and Portuguese translations, and pray that the Lord may lead in assigning priority to the various projects in hand at present.

Fri. 21 Pray for production manager Harold MacDougall as he organizes the printing of new and reprint titles, keeps on top of ordering needed supplies, and coordinates the work of volunteers.

Sat. 22 We were saddened to learn that former volunteer Gordon Benner was called Home at the end of July. Thank the Lord for this faithful brother who has been an encouragement to many.

Sun. 23 Praise the Lord for 78,007 EPI books and booklets printed in the first 10 months of our fiscal year. Pray for multiplied blessing as these books are sent to varied places to do the work appointed for them.

Mon. 24 Thank the Lord for three new English test booklets printed in July and August to go with *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther; From Jerusalem to Babylon*; and *1 & 2 Chronicles* (PED Nov. 11, March 24). Pray for a good response as the availability of these new test booklets is made known.

Tues. 25 From Harold (written in August): “*The Congo container is 1/3 full. Pray for help as we continue to print*” (PED July 10, Aug. 12).

Wed. 26 Thank the Lord for on-site volunteer help from Arthur Robinson, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, John Storm, Jimmy Rollo, and Tom and Hilda Parkinson. Pray for health and strength for them all in the months ahead with the extra demand for “finishing” a large quantity of Swahili and French books for the upcoming container.

Thurs. 27 Pray for the Lord’s blessing and help for bookkeeper Daveen Lidstone as she wraps up preparation of fiscal “year end” reports in preparation for our annual audit.

Fri. 28 Thank the Lord today for His gracious provision for the needs of the work and

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commit this aspect of the work to Him, praying that we may be sensitive to His leading as He provides (or sometimes withholds) funds.

Sat. 29 Praise the Lord for 15,392 books sent “no charge” to assembly-commended missionaries in 26 different countries the first 10 months of our fiscal year.

Sun. 30 Thank the Lord for improved health for Brigitte Fugill who has been able to complete the final proofreading of her French translation of *Desert Journey* (on Numbers and Deuteronomy) (PED July 24). Pray for much blessing as this book is printed and distributed in the French-speaking world.

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Mon. 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. As we begin a new fiscal year, pray that we may take heart and cheerfully and diligently soldier on, knowing that our labor is not in vain IN HIM.

Tues. 2 From Bill: “Praise the Lord for Noel Bondt and his technical expertise in getting the new EPI web site launched. A number of small book orders and interesting comments have already been received from viewers in overseas locations” (PED Aug. 2).

Wed. 3 Pray that seven Swahili titles, printed off site, may be well printed in a timely manner. They are being printed off site because they exceed our limits for cost-effective production.

Thurs. 4 One of the seven titles being printed off site is the Swahili Scofield Notes, printed in one volume (PED July 7). Gertrud requests: “Pray that it may be a great help to Congolese Bible students who lost most of their study books in the recent war years.”

Fri. 5 Please commit our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies to the Lord’s care and keeping, asking Him to keep them safe from all forms of harm or evil.

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Sat. 6 Thank the Lord for Andrew Rennie’s long-time input into our Spanish translation program: first, when a missionary to Ecuador, then for a time “on staff”, and currently from his home in metro Toronto. Pray for good progress as he now translates Dr. Harlow’s commentary on 2 Corinthians (PED July 21).

Sun. 7 Many will know that Betty Brooks, missionary to Zambia, went Home to be with the Lord in July. Pray for blessing from the reprinting of her book, *Angels in Charge*, a challenge to young people to consider working overseas, with a view to serving the Lord in a self-supporting capacity.

Mon. 8 Give thanks today for the commending assemblies of 4 staff families and 3 single staff. Pray that each of these assemblies may remain strong in the Lord and may see His blessing in their testimony for Him.

Tues. 9 There is one constraint in shipping our books via ISAL: only \$2,000 worth of books can be taken across the border at one time. Pray for wisdom both in pacing trips across and in efficiently organizing the particular shipments to be taken together at any given time.

Wed. 10 Alma was finishing work on the lengthy commentary on Isaiah as we went to press (PED Aug. 7). Pray for alertness for Eunice Free in her proofreading of it and for encouragement and strength for Alma in her current typesetting project.

Thurs. 11 Pray for wisdom for Grace Spence as she juggles the demands of packing books for shipping with the need to prepare newly printed books and test booklets for tidy and efficient storage on our warehouse shelves.

Fri. 12 Thank the Lord for all who translate EPI materials. Pray that they may know the Lord’s leading in choosing just the right word or phrase to accurately communicate what they are translating.

Sat. 13 Pray that Della may find the needed time to continue the work of “polishing” her biography of the Apostle Paul and that the Lord

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will lead in fine tuning the language level for the intended audience (PED July 25).

Sun. 14 Praise the Lord for 4 Swahili tracts to be included in the upcoming container (PED Aug. 3). Pray that these may be greatly used of the Lord when they are eventually scattered far and wide in prisons, market places, etc.

Mon. 15 Thank the Lord for the use of a “shrink wrapper”, on loan from Gospel Folio Press. This enables us to wrap newly printed books in bundles of 5 or so, making it easier to count them and also protecting them from dust or moisture during shipment.

Tues. 16 Pray for Noel as he maintains the EPI web site and as he adds more information to it. Pray that the site may be well used, providing quick and convenient information to people around the world.

Wed. 17 Pray for health and strength for Sara in her work day by day and for wisdom from the Lord in the many small decisions that need to be made in reviewing translations and other materials.

Thurs. 18 Please continue to pray for Gertrud Harlow’s application for permanent residence in the U.S. A new application was submitted in June (PED Aug. 15). Pray that Gertrud may be kept in His peace during this time of waiting.

Fri. 19 Join us in thanking the Lord for each individual and family who remembers the work of EPI before the throne of grace. Pray for their encouragement and steadfastness.

Sat. 20 Pray for Mark and Gail, Thirza, and Caleb Beach as they continue to settle in and adjust to new work, school, home, and assembly situations. Pray for Mark as he continues learning his new duties at EPI.

Sun. 21 Thank the Lord for widespread use of EPI books with test booklets by numerous prison ministries in North America as well as overseas. Pray for much fruit.

Mon. 22 Pray for Executive Director Bill Letkeman as he oversees the overall work of

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EPI. Pray for wisdom from on high in the many decisions he must make in the course of a day.

Tues. 23 Thank the Lord for directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Gertrud Harlow, Don MacMullen, and Arthur Robinson. Pray for the Lord’s direction as they give thought and prayer to things to be considered at the upcoming Annual Meeting, scheduled for Nov. 22nd.

Wed. 24 Pray for the Lord’s blessing, protection, and care for Harold and Barb, Jen, Rob, and Iain in their busy lives of work, school, and involvement at Portal Village Bible Chapel.

Thurs. 25 Ask the Lord to bless Nevien in ongoing work in translating *Can We Know God?* into Arabic (PED Aug. 10).

Fri. 26 Nearly half of our current staff is “60+” with increasing health problems of one sort or another. Please pray for the Lord’s overruling so that each may have sufficient health and strength to continue to serve Him well.

Sat. 27 Please continue to pray for further contacts in French-speaking areas who may be exercised to see our books distributed on a widespread scale.

Sun. 28 Thank the Lord for the new, up-to-date art work for many of our covers which increases their “eye appeal”. Pray that the attention thus gained may result in our books getting into the hands — and hearts and minds — of a new generation of readers.

Mon. 29 Pray for wisdom and fresh ideas in making our books known to current as well as potential “customers”, whether they be assembly-commended missionaries who receive our books “no charge” or others in North America or overseas.

Tues. 30 Thank the Lord for all who participate in proofreading EPI materials. Pray for accuracy and alertness in this demanding, meticulous work.

Wed. 31 Pray that the Lord may keep our heavily used digital printers working well. Both now have in excess of 4 million impressions!