



Bridge of Prayer March-April 2011

Dear MWB Prayer Partner

If you would like us to email you this prayer calendar in full colour, please email us nzadmin@mwbi.org or get yours from our web site www.mwb.org.nz. We will still mail you bi-monthly a paper version like this though.

We are going to try a special Ukraine prayer focus for May-June, so your next Bridge of Prayer will look different and emphasise the situation and needs in Ukraine.

Thank you for your prayers! God will surely honour you. Our field staff love to be reminded that you are praying for them all whenever we prepare this prayer calendar!

MWB New Zealand Office

Albania: (requests from Monika)

- 1 Please lift up Monika Qerimi (*pictured*) and her MWB staff in Durres, Albania. Monika asks %Pray that our staff never lose heart or motivation in the face of everyday challenges.+
- 2 Our village community coordinator Arjana asks that you pray for her two teenagers Jobs and Olta so that they communicate more and that God leads them safely through the difficult teenage years.+
- 3 Our Emotional Support coordinator Kosta would kindly ask that you pray for health in his family. His father was diagnosed with lung cancer. He asks Lord for a miracle and healing as well as for strength for all the family members so that they stay strong in their faith in our God who is God of healing and comfort.+
- 4 Pray that the Lord blesses our coordinator Arjan with a child.+



Monika Qerimi, Manager, Albania



Albania flag

Ukraine: (requests from Volodya)

- 5 Pray for more opportunities for our CRINF2F coordinators who visit families and children to bring spiritual help for our beneficiaries (not just material help).
- 6 Please pray for the Christian Spring Camp (March 18-28) for 100 orphans from the Zhytomyr region (between Kiev and our HQ in Rivne) . preparations and follow up.
- 7 Pray for our Easter outreaches and Bible distributions at Easter time (24-26 April) and the preparation for them. Easter is a very important religious festival.
- 8 Pray for the smooth carrying out of the economic and social reforms that the new UA authorities are planning to do starting from 1 January. Many say the reforms are going to bring hardship for Ukrainian people.



Volodya Brychuk, Comms Mgr, Ukraine



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Romania:

- 9 Please lift up Jimmy Macavei and his MWB staff in Sibiu, Romania. Ask that they will see God's provision of resources as a group and for their families. Food and fuel prices have recently risen very sharply.
- 10 Pray for the families in the F2F sponsorship programme and the F2F coordinators. Pray for the families' openness to the Gospel and that they will encounter the risen Lord Jesus.
- 11 Pray for the outreach to children and young people through the Jubilee Bible Distribution Project, which is seeing much fruit.
- 12 Please continue to pray for the group of Roma gypsy teenagers from Nou village (*pictured*) who now attend Harul (Grace) Baptist Church and do tertiary studies in Sibiu city helped by the Mission and Ranui Baptist Church . that they and their families may experience the saving love and power of our God.



Cristina and her children



Nou village teenagers

Moldova:

- 13 Please pray for director John Groza (*pictured*) and the staff of MWB Moldova that they themselves continue to know God's hand on their lives and have robust health through the winter. They face great material needs and need much wisdom in effectively allocating resources and time.



John (In) Groza

- 14 Please pray that MWB Moldova will continue to enjoy a good relationship

both to central and local government and education authorities, giving many opportunities for witness to officials and government representatives, and to the State orphanage directors and teachers.

- 15 Pray for sponsors for our CRI in Communities ~~at~~ risk+children. We are now reaching many of these whose living situations are precarious, with one or both parents absent, alcoholic or ill; and who need support and care.
- 16 Pray for more F2F sponsors . we have several families that need more sponsors to make up the usual number of four per family.



Rep. of Moldova flag

Bulgaria

- 17 Please pray for Sarkis Ovanesyan MWB Bulgaria director, and his wife Marina and the staff in the office in Sofia.
- 18 Pray for the many Bible study groups for the elderly that they run, and the youth outreach in Sofia run by a CEC partner volunteer with MWB support.
- 19 Pray for the planning and preparations for this year's Summer Camps, which start in the Spring.
- 20 Pray for our outreach especially to the elderly widows and single people at our Burgas (eastern Bulgaria) community centre.



Bulgaria flag



Sarkis Ovanesyan, director, Summer Camp 2010

Bosnia:

- 21 Please lift up Dalibor Kojic (*pictured*) and his MWB staff in Bosnia. Ask that they will see God's hand as they partner with Evangelical, Baptist and free churches in Bosnia in various projects to reach the lost.
- 22 Pray for our outreach to the Bosnian refugees, many from Kosovo, who after suffering atrocities during the war (1992-1995) are now re-settled but in appalling conditions. Many need sponsors so we can extend our work among their communities.
- 23 Pray for the successful work of the Bible distribution project and especially the process of importing the next shipments of Bibles, which can be very difficult for them.
- 24 Please pray for the continuing outreach at the Glamoc Community Centre, where meals are offered to the poor, along with clothing, fellowship, Bibles, and Christian input, to those who have little or no other means.



Dalibor Kozic, Mgr, Bosnia



Bosnia-Herzegovina flag

25 **Easter outreaches:** Please pray for those involved in outreaches over the Easter season, including those among the children and communities in Albania and Bosnia, that all those who are attracted to listen, hear and understand the Gospel . and respond.

26 **Self-sufficiency:** Give thanks for families who can become more independent of the Mission's help. Two families came off our F2F sponsorship programme last month because of their improved financial situation (including the Voznyuks . *pictured right*).



27 **Children and families needing sponsors:** We have several families in all of our field countries and children in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania who still need sponsors. Please pray that we will see more NZ families and individuals come forward who are able to help in this important part of our work.



Daryna, Ukraine

28 **Jubilee Thanksgiving Project:** Please pray for the ongoing success of the Bible distribution project in 2011 (one million Bibles to people who do not have one in Eastern Europe and China).



29 **International:** Thank you for praying for the success of the F2F (family) and CRI (Children's) Coordinator's conference from all six field countries held in Romania (in February). This was a greatly encouraging time for these key front-line staff who regularly visit children and families. Please continue to uphold them.



30 **Tour to Eastern Europe:** Please pray for those supporters who are planning to see our work and their sponsored child or family later this year. This is quite a challenging thing to undertake though very worthwhile.

31 **A Thought for You:** *How amazing are your thoughts concerning me, God! How vast is the sum of them! Ps 139:17. How could God care about us that much? Surely we are not that important to Him!+we object. But the Cross of Christ, the cost of the sacrifice of God's own Son, speak of a love greater, broader and higher, and more compelling, than any mere human love; a love that invites us to stop resisting and surrender.*