

**Dear MWB Prayer Partner** – From Sarkis, MWB Bulgaria: “Thank you for your partnership with us! Blessings to all the praying brothers and sisters – and all Kiwis!” From our Albania team: “We start 2018 by giving thanks to the Lord for His guidance and for being with us every day during 2017; for all those we were able to reach out to during 2017; for every blessing on our ministry and personal lives; for our staff and all the people who stood with us.”

**What's Happening:**

◇ Winter. Temperatures are low. Snow makes roads dangerous and often impassable. Families and the elderly and disabled struggle. People spend more time indoors. Food has to be bought or people use up stored preserves as nothing grows. Hopefully spring arrives in March! It is hardest for the homeless, some of whom will die.

**Let's give thanks – answers to prayer:**

◇ From Sarkis, Bulgaria: “In October prayer list, an update on Bogomil (diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney problems, many medicines and hospital visits): The last check-up confirmed a big health improvement –medicines decreased to 1/4; no surgery needed. Praise the Lord for His incredible mercy and thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your faithful prayers! In the same list, Ana-Maria: The doctors now confirm her healing because of very good test results. Alleluia!”

◇ From Alyona, Ukraine: “Please give thanks for the blessing of our Christmas outreaches. Stanislav, the head of our Christian Outreach department, says that the outreaches were very successful and blessed, and he especially mentioned one State Children's Home – many local authorities' representatives there thanked MWB for the cooperation and said they are willing to allow further mutual work.”

◇ From Tudor, Moldova: “Thank God with us that the Youth Centre in Cantemir opened with MWB help is doing a great local ministry. Along with many teenagers, several parents have started to come to the Centre and then to the local church meetings, saying that they've been impressed by the support their children receive at the Youth Centre, and by the way their children have changed for the better.”

**– Mission Without Borders NZ**



**February**

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| 1-2 <b>All field countries</b>               | Please pray that all investment of gifts and help done during the Christmas period will produce good results. We pray that the message will bear fruit in their hearts.   |  |
| 3-4 <b>Bulgaria and all field countries</b>  | The low temperatures and the wind make survival very difficult for the homeless. The peak of the flu is expected to be early February. All our beneficiaries are vulnerable - the sponsored families, the homeless, the children, the disabled and elderly. Please ask God to protect those people from any harm.   |  |
| 5-6 <b>Albania</b>                           | Let's bring before God all the Albanian sponsored families as February will be called the Month of Family by the Albanian Christian community. Pray that God will protect and strengthen the Christian families in our sponsored communities and they will share in their neighbourhoods their own testimonies of Jesus. Let us pray for the new Bible Correspondence Course so that it will touch the heart of families as they grow in knowledge of the Bible and Christ. |  |
| 7-8 <b>Moldova and all field countries</b>   | Winter is difficult for our coordinators – they travel daily delivering food and practical help. Please pray for their safety - we have already had some accidents this winter because of icy roads, but praise God no one was injured, only cars were damaged.   |  |
| 9-10 <b>Romania</b>                          | Alexandru: Romanians continue to protest against corruption as the government approved controversial judicial reforms. Democracy in Romania is facing the gravest danger since the revolution in 1990. Please pray for good government in our country.  |  |
| 11-12 <b>Bulgaria</b>                        | Individuals needing prayer: (1) Filka Bekyarova, an elderly Soup Kitchen beneficiary has had two strokes. (2) Svetozar Radoslavov from a family in Krupnik had a heart bypass after a heart attack. (3) Rumen H (8) from a family in Krupnik suffers from a severe form of autism and needs loving care.  |  |
| 13-14 <b>Ukraine</b>                         | Alyona: Please pray for wisdom for everyone involved in the government's de-institutionalisation programme for children in State care (changing/closing State Homes) so that it will be carried out without harm and only for the good of the children.   |  |
| 15-16 <b>Moldova and all field countries</b> | Please pray for clear vision and for good collaboration between the Mission and local churches to reach our people for Christ. The Mission's ministry is a helpful tool for churches all around the country to reach people and we want to continue to be serve them in relevant and effective ways.  |  |
| 17-18 <b>Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</b>        | Dalibor: Please pray for our new initiative of follow-up Christian outreach gatherings. We hope to take a group of sponsored families for an outing overnight 60km away from Mostar, to have 3 Bible lessons, fellowship. During the year we hope to have 2 more evangelistic events with guest speakers.   |  |
| 19-20 <b>Albania</b>                         | We pray particularly for the children attending the after-school project that started in January in the ex-swamp area in Durres where our biggest community of sponsored families is situated. Pray also for those running the project.   |  |

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| 21-22<br><b>Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</b> | Pray for our sponsored families who rent their accommodation, who having no work, are desperate and face eviction onto the street. Also poor nutritional choices, poverty and addictions influence families' health, and finances. Please pray for hope and practical help to multiply through the Gospel in action.   |   |
| 23-24<br><b>Moldova</b>                  | Please pray that the Cantemir Youth Centre's ministry will continue to have a "ripple" effect, touching the lives of children's adult relatives, and the whole town in general.  |   |
| 25-26<br><b>Romania</b>                  | Our Romania team will gather at the end of February. Please pray for God's over-shadowing hand and inspiration of the Holy Spirit as they plan for the year to come.   |   |
| 27-28<br><b>Ukraine</b>                  | Our Radio Ministry has encountered difficulties as there's a ban (unofficial so far) for political and religious broadcasts on all national radio channels. So our children's evangelistic radio programmes have stopped in all the regions. We are now praying for new openings for broadcasting.   |   |
| <b>March</b>                             |  |   |
| 1-2<br><b>International leaders</b>      | Please pray for Godly wisdom for our MWB International leadership; for good stewardship of the resources entrusted to the Mission; for sensitivity to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in long-term planning; and inspired vision for where God is leading us.  |    |
| 3-4<br><b>Romania</b>                    | Please also pray for our newly enrolled community called Lisa. Many poor children live there. We will promote education through our after-school programme, and thus help decrease school abandonment. Please pray for the success of the community centre and the young lives and their parents who are already being touched by it.  |   |
| 5-6<br><b>Albania</b>                    | Let us pray for all the women in Albania are still looked down upon, discriminated and even abused; We pray for God's hand upon the affected women but also upon the men especially in the sponsored families we know. We want to pray particularly for the women so they will be like Esther in the Bible who saved the entire nation from the persecution, so they will be instruments to save and positively affect their families and consequently whole communities.  |   |
| 7-8<br><b>Albania</b>                    | We want to pray for all the activities related to International Women's Day (8 March) so that this day is just one more opportunity to share God's love and care for women and so that they acknowledge their importance and influence in raising a socially healthy and Godly younger generation.   |    |
| 9-10<br><b>Bulgaria</b>                  | Nikolay Mechinov (42) is a StreetMercy beneficiary. He has been struck by a car and bedridden for 2 years. Nikolay needs to undergo an operation (but he is unemployed and has no health insurance) to start living normally again. Please pray for God's intervention.  |   |
| 11-12<br><b>Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</b> | Please pray for the health of our coordinators. All of them have been sick or get run down working hard over the winter time. Pray that the spring awakening will refresh and re-invigorate them. They also need wisdom for choosing the right families with whom we will partner for the next 5 years or so.  |   |
| 13-14<br><b>Albania</b>                  | Let us pray for all the women on the MWB Albania staff, MWB International staff, and women volunteers. They are all special and precious in the eyes of the Lord. May He protect guide and bless them.   |   |
| 15-16<br><b>Bulgaria</b>                 | Some of the parents of families from Gotse Delchev are looking for work. To start working is the best way for them to reach self-sufficiency and to model this to their children. The unemployment rate in the town is high and the families are asking for prayer support.  |   |
| 17-18<br><b>Ukraine</b>                  | Families with needs: (1) The Zakrevska family (6 small children). In December, a fire destroyed the borrowed house they lived in and all their possessions. Please pray for this family, for their spiritual and emotional state, for their new dwelling and their future. (2) The Ivanchuk family. The mother brings up her 8 children alone after her alcoholic husband abandoned them 2 years ago. Please pray for this family, for their father to repent and return home. (3) The Voloschuk family (6 children). Their father has serious health problems; recently he had surgery on his spine. Please pray for his health so that he will be healed and can return to work to provide for his family. |   |
| 19-20<br><b>Bulgaria</b>                 | The Government health care polities hit disadvantaged people hard, like the unemployed, homeless, disabled and elderly, with no free health care, limited treatments and very low pensions. Our prayer is that God will bless our work among them. And we pray for good government in our nation.  |   |
| 21-22<br><b>Prison ministry</b>          | Our colleagues ask: Please keep praying for the prisoners, especially for an open door for prison ministry in the men's prisons in Bosnia & Herzegovina. Please continue to pray for the prisoners in the women's prison in Romania and in the four men's prisons in Bulgaria.   |   |
| 23-24<br><b>Moldova</b>                  | Tudor: Moldova politics and economic life are full of turmoil and negativity, which in practical daily terms deprive people of any hope and kindness. Please pray that God would protect the country from greedy and self-serving people, and for good government.   |  |
| 25-26<br><b>Moldova</b>                  | Please pray for sponsored child Ana M (13), living with her grandmother, mother and 4 younger brothers, who are chronically ill and mentally disabled. Her mother is an alcoholic and disappears for months, leaving the children with the grandmother (who works as a caretaker). They survive on food parcels delivered by MWB. Because of this help Ana can continue at school and has food every evening.  |   |
| 27-28<br><b>Ukraine</b>                  | Please, pray for the economic situation in our country; national currency considerably dropped again during the last few weeks; the prices for all goods and services have been constantly rising.   |   |
| 29-30<br><b>Bosnia-Herzegovina</b>       | Pray for the national leaders and people. The political and economic situation is bad, with no way out at this time, and an exodus of citizens to Western countries. Please pray that we may have the miracle of re-organisation of the country.   |  |
| 31<br><b>Romania</b>                     | Please pray for our local team as they prepare to host the bi-annual MWB leadership Conference in April in Sibiu.  |   |