

Dear MWB Prayer Partner:

"Thank you for your prayers, dear friends! We so much appreciate them. Many blessings upon you, your families and your country!!" Alyona, Communications Manager, MWB Ukraine

What's happening

Now that we are out of the coldest time of year our teams are preparing for the many **Summer Camps**. These will take place across May/June/July and are a highlight for our children and staff. These camps offer children a place to be kids, free from the burdens their home life bring. It is also a time where we share the love of Jesus and many come to know Christ. There is a lot of preparation work required and many follow up events are also planned to continue to support children who make a commitment to Christ.

As **Easter** is such a critical time in the church calendar our teams work hard to convey this message to those we work with, particularly children. Please pray for the teams as they prepare this message and for those receiving it that they may have an open heart and accept what Christ has done for them on the cross.

Answers to prayer

When Bulgaria's parliament drafted a new religious law which aimed to restrict the freedom of smaller religious groups (including evangelical Christians) to practice their faith, churches, NGOs and brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world prayed that the bill would be rejected. Now, we are glad to say that all restricting texts from the new religious law were removed before the second vote in the Parliament. Praise the Lord! Many thanks to all in the Mission's family who interceded for this specific need. – **Mission Without Borders NZ team**



APRIL	
1-2 Ukraine	We have 36 families who are working on self-sufficiency projects. Please pray each project may be a success and that they may inspire others to partner with the Mission. Please pray for the others who are planning a project in the near future.
3-4 Albania	Give thanks for the 40 children who were at risk of dropping out of school and have been able to boost their grades greatly. Pray they are an inspiration to other children facing similar problems.
5-6 Bosnia & Herzegovina	There is much angst in our country. Ask that the Lord would keep us safe in these hard times of turmoil and political instability. That our Coordinators (coal-face staff) would feel safe as they go about their work for the Mission. Please pray for them as they are constantly dealing with struggling families.
7-8 Bulgaria	The recent rise of the price of electricity has resulted in the increase in prices of many other commodities, such as food, heating, water and medicines. Many of the people we work with are suffering. Wages stay fixed. Please pray that God will give us wisdom as we seek to help people to survive this price increase.
9-10 Moldova	Pray that God would transform our nation so that it can be a place where people can build a life instead of having to go elsewhere. Young people continue to leave the country to find work, and many young families take their children and settle in other countries where they think there is more hope for the future. We need people to stay in our country and be a part of the process of rebuilding.
11-12 Romania	Thank God for the Christian literature donated to us by local partners. These books are helping us to reach out to even more people than we had planned. Please pray that each person we meet may be blessed by the Scriptures and that these resources, new to most, are a welcomed into many homes.
13-14 All countries	Let us pray for the Summer Camp preparation across all six countries we work in. Pray that God will give us wisdom to prepare an effective and fun camp programme for the children and that they will come with open hearts to hear more from Jesus. Pray for our staff as there is many things to organise.
15-16 Ukraine	Please pray for wise re-structuring of State-run institutions that has been announced by the government. Pray for good government and good leaders who inspire confidence and unity of purpose, and who can handle the difficult war situation with skill and great wisdom.
17-18 Albania	Please pray for our Coordinators and volunteers to know the best way to reach the men in the families we reach out to. Alcoholism and domestic violence are sadly rife, and broken families and lives also. Pray for the hope of the Gospel to penetrate their hearts and for the Redeemer to change them.
19-20 All countries	Let's bring before God all the sponsored families and their communities this Easter that they may come to know why Jesus died on the cross for our sin and what that means for us. Many will attend special events that explain the Christian message especially to those with no Christian understanding.
21-22 Bulgaria	Please continue to pray for our StreetMercy Bible study group. We now have two regular meetings and are very encouraged by people's interest. Please continue to uphold Ana who leads this ministry, and her husband Iulian.

23-24 Bosnia & Herzegovina	Pray that God would give wisdom to people when go to the local elections in June. Elections can be a turbulent time in our nation and we pray for the determination of the people to vote and that God may raise up leaders who can lead our nation into a brighter future.
25-26 Romania	At the end of 2018, the Romanian Government had a very large budget deficit to deal with. Inflation and tax increases make life harder for those millions living in poverty who are now struggling under an even greater burden. Please pray for good advisors and the politicians to unite to tackle the issues.
27-28 Moldova	Please pray for Denis, a boy who is suffering from Tuberculosis. He is under treatment at the hospital but is scared as his father died from TB last year. Pray for good medical intervention and for healing.
29-30 Bulgaria	Please pray that God would give justice to families struggling with disabilities. In Bulgaria, the institutions that are supposed to offer help to the ill and disabled seem to forget them, bit providing an opportunity to reach this vulnerable group – please pray as we work out how to increase this part of our work.
MAY	
1-2 Ukraine	The number of orphans in Ukraine is increasing due to social and economic reasons, as well as the conflict. Please pray for protection of these children and increase our ability to help them, especially as the government is on a path of closing State Homs but is short of funds for alternative care.
3-4 Moldova	In 2019 we opened a new centre in Leova that serves food to the vulnerable. Please pray that this will serve to bring hope to children in this community and that many will come to Christ through this centre. Pray for the partner church's pastor as he cares for his small, poor congregation.
5-6 Bulgaria & Ukraine	Both countries are recovering from a flu epidemic. Pray those still sick will be healed quickly. Pray those who lost income while ill are able to return to work and not suffer any side effects from their illness.
7-8 Albania	Please pray for the political and economic situation, that politicians would keep their promises and make wise choices, that God would be at work in their decisions and in their leadership, and that leaders would have a good and inspiring vision for their nation.
9-10 Romania	Health is a fragile thing in our field countries. Please pray for the mother of five children, G. She recently gave birth and discovered that she has an advanced form of breast cancer. The baby is healthy, but the mother is going through a difficult time.
11-12 Bulgaria	Our Coordinators need strong prayer support in their daily ministry. They are dealing with extreme hardship among the families and elderly, as well as other things that spring from hopelessness. What they need is strength, wisdom, kindness, obedience, and spiritual refreshment every day.
13-14 Ukraine	Continue to pray for peace in the east of Ukraine. Pray that the conflict may be resolved and those living in the war may be protected. Pray that we may continue to support people in the East through our partners and local churches. Pray for the newly forming government to have great wisdom.
15-16 All countries	Pray for our staff and volunteers who share the good news of Jesus. May they lean on the Holy Spirit for wisdom on what to say and when, and may their outreach be fruitful. May the Scriptures find their way into more and more homes so that families would be transformed by God's truth and life principles.
17-18 Moldova	Please pray for Maria, one of our sponsored children who suffers from cancer and is current receiving chemotherapy treatments and feels very weak. Pray for her healing, however God may choose to do it, and for her parents and siblings.
19-20 Bulgaria	The country desperately needs a reformed and working judicial system, and reform of our police, education and state administration systems. Pray that God will show mercy and rekindle in each Bulgarian faith, responsibility, humility and a willingness to act for the prosperity of the generations to come.
21-22 Bosnia & Herzegovina	Thank God for a great response to the Alpha course for adults, with many hearing the Gospel. Many have never heard anything about Jesus before. Please continue to pray for the people attended that they may encounter the Risen Christ.
23-24 Ukraine	Summer camps start soon in Ukraine. Pray that this time is joyful for children and they feel the love of God, and especially for those attending for the first time, that they have a great hope for their own future.
25-26 Romania	Thank God for the contribution we received from a local sporting goods distributor, which helped us with items we needed for Summer Camp. Please pray we continue to receive donations and that God's hand will be over our Summer Camps.
27-28 Moldova	Thank God for the adults and children in our sponsorship programmes who accepted Christ and were baptised in their local church. Please pray more will come to Christ.
29-30 Albania	Pray that God would bless the women who attend the women's meetings together with the local church and that they will grow in number and in their knowledge of the Scriptures.
31 Bosnia & Herzegovina	Ask that God would bless families who struggle with special needs and single parent families, as they suffer greatly because of their circumstances. Please pray that we may help where possible.