





March 2005, *Equipping*

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Date	Prayer Requests: Please pray for the work of the Church!	Announcements: Stay in tune with the wider church	Witness Notes: This is how your financial support of Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is ministering... <b>from across the street to around the world!</b>
<b>Mar 6, 2005</b>	When we look at the make-up of our own communities, we can see that God has provided us with many opportunities to learn about and appreciate the perspectives of other cultures. Pray that we, as a church, will continue to open our doors ever wider, inviting all peoples to God's love.	 <p>Registration is now available for Charlotte 2005! Forms are available online at <a href="http://www.Charlotte2005.org">www.Charlotte2005.org</a> or through your church office. Register now to take advantage of early bird discounts.</p>	In February, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada facilitated a seminar for ministers on "Awareness of Multi-culturalism in Ministries." <b>Samson Lo</b> , Director of Multi-Cultural Ministry for MC Canada Witness, participated in the event. God's church is enriched by working and learning together, in responding to our Canadian context.
<b>Mar 13, 2005</b>	The church in southern Africa is overwhelmed by the AIDs epidemic. Please pray for the church as it responds to the crises created by this disease — the loss of church members, family incomes and the many children without parents.	 <p>As the adults and youth share how they "Can't Keep Quiet," the Infant/Toddler program staff will nurture and care for the youngest persons at Charlotte 2005. A place for naps, age appropriate toys, books, snacks and simple stories will help the little ones feel welcome! For more information, visit the Charlotte 2005 website at <a href="http://www.Charlotte2005.org">www.Charlotte2005.org</a>.</p>	The largest group of Mennonites in Africa is in Congo. One of the ways <b>Mennonite Church Canada Witness</b> works with this church, is by providing a grant for their ministries. Your financial support helps them in their radio ministry, leadership training, student scholarships and church planting.
<b>Mar 20, 2005</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> O Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, may we like the pilgrims on "Palm Sunday" welcome you with joy and celebration. But, may you also give us courage to stay with you during your time of trial.	 <p>The Junior High Assembly will take place at the Adam's Mark, about a 15-minute walk from the Charlotte Convention Center. Junior high youth may come as a youth group with sponsors or may register individually if they are attending the assembly with their families. Register online at <a href="http://www.Charlotte2005.org">www.Charlotte2005.org</a>.</p>	<b>Jake &amp; Dorothy Unrau</b> , Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in Niedergoersdorf, Germany, minister in a congregation made up primarily of Mennonites who have immigrated from the Ukraine. Your support helps in developing local leadership, defining congregational vision & decision making processes.
<b>Mar 27, 2005</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> O risen Christ, empower us, your church, to bear witness to your resurrection victory in witness and in service. May the joy of resurrection fill us to overflowing, that others too will experience the wonder!	 <p>Registration is now available for Charlotte 2005! Forms are available online at <a href="http://www.Charlotte2005.org">www.Charlotte2005.org</a> or through your church office. Register before April 29 to take advantage of early bird discounts.</p>	This summer the Brazil Mennonite Church will celebrate its 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church body. Their mission programs include sending mission workers to other countries as well as regional & local programming. With your financial support, Mennonite Church Canada Witness is able to assist them in their work.