





April 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... from across the street to around the world!
Apr 3, 2005	(Evangelism and Church Planting Sunday) "O lord open our hearts to those around us who need your risen presence; open our eyes to the opportunities that you give us to share your love and ignite our imaginations to the possibilities of extending your welcome of grace to our friends and neighbours."	 <p>Don't forget to visit the Charlotte 2005 Web site at www.Charlotte2005.org. The site includes registration forms for all conventions, information about hotels, daily schedules and updates on activities and events.</p>	Tim Froese, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker and director of the Korea Anabaptist Center is presently back in Korea (Tim & Karen are currently working out of Winnipeg) on a one month administrative visit. New Testament Prof Jacob Elias from AMBS will be visiting from April 6 – 28, teaching a number of classes. Your support of the ministry in Korea is very much appreciated!
Apr 10, 2005	Glenn E. Witmer, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker is presently leading a learning tour with 25 participants from Ontario, from April 4 – 18. Part of their experience will include sharing a meal with Jews and Palestinian Christians, meeting a variety of church and political leaders. Pray for an understanding of God's presence, God's love and desire for reconciliation and unity.	 <p>Register for Charlotte 2005! Forms are available online at www.Charlotte2005.org or through your church office. Register by April 29th to take advantage of early bird discounts.</p>	Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker Glenn Witmer, serves in Israel , a country which brings conflict and violence to mind. Glenn works at breaking down stereotypes through his Biblical teaching, writing "Menno Letter from Jerusalem," facilitating exchanges and learning tours, and helping bring people together. Your financial gifts support this ministry of peace and reconciliation.
Apr 17, 2005	After much discernment, Jason and Donna Martin, mission workers in Bari, Italy, have decided to return to Ontario in order to receive the necessary long term medical support for their son, Luca. Pray for the young church in Bari, and the new leaders that are developing, as well as the Martin family who will be returning to Ontario this summer.	 <p>Do you like to sing? You may want to sign up to sing in the joint youth and adult choir that will participate in the combined youth and adult worship service. Mark J. Suderman, Professor of Music at Bluffton University, will lead the choir. Register to participate online at www.Charlotte2005.org</p>	
Apr 24, 2005	Pray for healing and strength for Anna Speicher, Project Director for the new Brethren/Mennonite Sunday school curriculum project entitled " <i>Gather 'Round: Hearing and Sharing God's Good News.</i> " Anna recently had cancer surgery and is receiving follow-up treatment over a 6-month period. She works out of the general offices of Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Illinois.	 <p>Be sure to check out the Charlotte 2005 Web site for a list of daily themes and featured speakers for the adult worship services. Visit www.Charlotte2005.org for the latest details.</p>	The church in Concepción, Chile is very excited about the Anabaptist books that they received from Mennonite Church Canada Witness. The church participated in meetings that took place earlier this year of Mennonite Church leaders in the Southern Cone region of South America. Reports are that they are finding these resources very formative. Your gifts are appreciated around the world.