

July-August 2004, *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!
August 7, 2005	Bob & Fran Gerber (N. Main St. Mennonite Church, Nappanee, IN), have arrived this week at the Jesus Village Church, in Chun Cheon, South Korea as Witness/ Mission Network workers. Pray that their term of service will be a blessing to the congregation and the community in which it ministers.		Glyn and Susan Alison Jones are returning to Canada for two months of itineration and re-connecting with friends and family. They will be speaking in 10 congregations, several schools and senior homes, sharing about God's presence among the Africa Indigenous Churches. Your support for their ministry in Canada and in Botswana helps encourage and develop church leaders.
August 14, 2005	At the end of this month, Walter Franz, long time Director of Native Ministry for Mennonite Church Canada, will be retiring. Praise God for the many relationships that have developed over the years and the strengthening of Native congregations and their relationships with other churches. Pray for Walter and Hilda as they transition to voluntarily pastoring the Riverton Fellowship Circle.		Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Todd & Jeannette Hanson and Cari Friesen, are leading the China festival "A Taste of China" in Rosthern, SK this afternoon. Through your support and through itineration, they are able to share about the Chinese people, their culture and context in which they share God's love and good news.
August 21, 2005	Pray for the Christian education leaders in your congregation as they prepare for the fall season of Sunday school and church activities.		Native Ministry has helped and encouraged clusters of churches in partnership with Native congregations. Summer camps and Bible schools are excellent ways for people of different backgrounds to come together and share in God's abounding love. With your support, Native Ministry is able to strengthen the partnerships and appreciation of the gifts each group brings to the partnership circle.
August 28, 2005	Give thanks for the way that summer camping shapes faith, as staff and campers return home and look forward to fall activities. Thank God for new steps of faith in Jesus Christ.		Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey have been instrumental in finding service opportunities for Mennonite Church Canada Witness Interns. Interns minister God's love and care to children in the Casa Grande Orphanage, to the sick through a health care centre, and benefit from the hospitality and care of the Beninese. Your support shapes many people's lives as they serve God and each other.