



Prayer, notes and NEWS

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September 2003, *Equipping* Please insert these prayer requests and notes into your bulletin. Remember, you can also find these at www.mennonitechurch.ca/equipping for easy "cut and paste" insertion.

Date	Prayer Requests:	Announcements:	Witness Notes:
Sept. 7, 2003	<p>Prayer Requests: Consider praying for the work of the Church!</p> <p>Please pray for Chris and Lois Leuz, China. They have begun a new teaching year at the Chengdu University in Sichuan province and face new challenges and opportunities for Christian witness.</p>	<p>Announcements: Stay in tune with the wider church</p> <p>Giving to MC Canada up to the end of July is at 35.9% of the budgeted income. This is just 0.9% less than projected for this time frame. We continue to pray for and be thankful for the congregations, individuals, and corporate givers who faithfully support the church's efforts in witnessing to and nurturing all God's people.</p>	<p>Witness Notes: This is how your financial support of Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is ministering...from across the street to around the world!</p> <p>Todd & Jeannette Hanson, MC Canada WITNESS workers in China, have been leading a teacher training course for local school teachers. The course includes teaching English through peace-building using the CEE curriculum. Hansons also led the China Education Exchange's summer language program in Beijing. Your support is appreciated as together we share God's word in China.</p>
Sept. 14, 2003	<p>At the Mennonite Church Canada Assembly in St. Catharines, a resolution was passed that asked for reaffirmation of our commitment to an ethic of service and to explore and implement ways of maintaining Christian service opportunities for congregationally based Christian service ministry in Canada. We encourage each congregation to pray for the well-being of service units in Canada and for a lifestyle of service and discipleship for all church members.</p>	<p>MC Canada's Company of 1000 is a fund that offers forgivable loans to people interested in pursuing training for ministry. If you or someone you know wants to pursue ministry as a vocation, or support the fund with a gift, contact Sven at 1-866-888-6785 or seriksson@mennonitechurch.ca</p>	<p>This past weekend, over 30 leaders of multi-cultural churches in Manitoba gathered for Anabaptist and Missional church training, facilitated by Mennonite Church Manitoba. Samson Lo, MC Canada's director of Multi-Cultural Ministry is also present at these workshops. Your financial assistance to Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS helps keep these links alive.</p>
Sept. 21, 2003	<p>This past weekend, Donavon Jacobs, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker with Native Ministry, facilitated a course on pastoral counseling for Native church leaders. Please pray that the participants are able to take what they have learned back to their communities, feeling better able to support the needs in their congregation.</p>	<p>The MC Canada web site (www.mennonitechurch.ca) averages about 500 visitors and 7,000 hits per day. This on-line presence is not only rich in resources and news, but has also generated \$12,000 in on-line giving in the last year. Your prayers of support for this ministry to the wider world are appreciated.</p>	<p>Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey, mission partners in Benin, work at the Benin Bible Institute, assisting with the biblical and theological training program for church leaders. Bruce has traveled extensively with Ghana Mennonite Church leader, Pastor Michael Badasu, visiting 22 congregations and interacting with church members in 6 districts. Your support for Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS assists in leadership training and this encouragement.</p>
Sept. 28, 2003	<p>At this past Mennonite Church Canada Annual Assembly in St. Catherine's in July, Peter Stucky, President of the Colombia Mennonite Church, spoke of how the church is seeing its call to be a place of peace and one that will teach others God's way. Colombia has been engaged in violent civil and social unrest for over 50 years. Among the church community, this semester alone, 28 pastors and church leaders have been killed. Peter Stucky challenged us to model God's will for peace. Pray that this may be so.</p>	<p>Did you know that this year MC Canada is devoting \$2 million of its budget to International Ministries? If your church is interested in hosting a fund-raising event in support of the mission and ministry work of the church in Canada and beyond, contact Al Rempel at 1-866-888-6785 or arempel@mennonitechurch.ca</p>	<p>In Mongolia, Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS, assists the Joint Christian Services International (JCS) in their goal of providing curriculum, training and teaching materials for churches wanting help with their Sunday School and children's program. Together with your contributions, we are able to provide support thru staff, Vicky Ramsay, and a number of others who assist in other aspects of the work of JCS. **</p> <p><i>** Sensitive! For use only within a congregational setting. Please do not post on a website or publicize.</i></p>