



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:
October 5, 2003	<p>World Communion Sunday Pray for Christ's church around the world. Intercede for members of Christ's body who live in persecution and poverty. Thank God for the renewal and encouragement we experience as we celebrate Communion together.</p>	<p>Looking for news about Mennonite Church Canada? Read the Canadian Mennonite or visit the web at www.mennonitechurch.ca. Updated every two weeks!</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>Brian Dyck and Lynell Bergen, MC Canada WITNESS workers in S. Africa, helped their colleague Bishop Adonis come to Canada and the US for a visit. He is an African Indigenous Church leader who has worked with Mennonite workers in the Transkei for many years. He wants to learn more about Mennonite churches in N. America. Your support assists in developing close partnerships in sharing the gospel in different contexts.</p>
October 12, 2003	<p>Mennonite Church Manitoba will meet for special delegate sessions on October 18. Pray for wise discernment and the peace of the Holy Spirit as they work on some challenging issues.</p>	<p>Looking for worship ideas or Sunday School resources? Call the MC Canada Resource Centre toll free at 1-800-665-1954. We're here to help!</p>	<p>Jake & Dorothy Unrau are presently traveling thru the different area conferences, speaking in churches and with different groups about the church in Zaporozhzhia, Ukraine as well as their future assignment in Neidergorsdorf, Germany. Your financial assistance helps Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS stay in touch with our congregations as well as continue working in 40 countries around the world.</p>
October 19, 2003	<p>James and Henrietta Schellenberg, Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS workers in Germany, just completed their assignment and will return Canada. They will be itinerating until December 1, 2003. Please pray for their well being as they re-enter, share the stories of the lives they have encountered and for John & Mary Friesen who are providing interim leadership to the congregation in Germany.</p>	<p>It's Ministers Sunday today. Extend the right hand of fellowship to your pastors and church leaders. Let them know their work is appreciated!</p>	<p>The 5 & 2 Multiplying for All ministry, administered by Omar and Ester Cortes-Galbur in Chile, assists women and children who are in need due to family crisis and abuse. They are presently looking for more local partners to share in the heavy workload. Your support for Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS assists in responding to this tremendous need.</p>
October 26, 2003	<p>Rudy & Helen Baergen, MC Canada WITNESS workers in Bogotá, Colombia wrote about the Teusaquillo church...<i>This congregation has opened its doors to the displaced people who come by the dozens with their desperate stories. These are non-Mennonite and many non-Christian people. Due to the increasing numbers, a second weekly service has begun. Pray for the church as they struggle with a sense of identity and the opportunity to show hospitality to such needy people.</i></p>	<p>It's Mennonite Heritage Sunday! Take a peek at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Art Gallery. Visit online at http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/programs/gallery/</p>	<p>In Colombia, Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS, assists the Mennonite Seminary in their goal of training pastors and leaders and providing specific programs for conscientious objectors. Together with your contributions, we are able to provide support thru staff, Rudy & Helen Baergen, and a grant that assists in the running of the Mennonite Seminary.</p>