



Prayer, notes and news

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November 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: Consider praying for the work of the Church! | Announcements: Stay in tune with the wider church | Witness Notes: Help tell the story of ministries supported by MC Canada and your congregation. Please include one per Sunday in your bulletin. |
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| Nov. 2, 2003 | Gerald & Rie Neufeld and their two children returned to Japan Oct. 29. They are beginning a new assignment in Miyazaki in S. Japan as Tentmakers, under Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS. In this new arrangement they will work with the Mennonite Conference in S. Japan, and at jobs which will support them. Pray for the Neufeld family & the churches they will be serving. | Interested in a 2-week service trip to Colombia (Jan 31 – Feb 14, 2004)? Ask your church administrator for October's Equipping (brochure enclosed), visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/equipping , or call 1-866-888-6785 for details. | On Oct. 31, the agreement for free space for the Korean Anabaptist Centre came to an end due to the growing needs of their hosts. Several options have been considered and a move is happening, though space will no longer be free. Your support of the Korean Ministries with Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS will assist in covering the increased program costs. |
| Nov. 9, 2003 (Peace Sunday) | Creator God , we thank you for being the source of our peace through forgiveness in Jesus Christ. We remember on this Peace Sunday that you, God, long for peace and justice in the world you created. We pray for the leaders of our world whose decisions and actions can make a difference for peace. Grant that each of us may do our part in furthering your peace. | Next Sunday is the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted Church. Join thousands of Christians in praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Visit www.idop.ca for details, or check with your church administrator for information in October's Equipping. | Vicky Ramsay, Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS worker in Mongolia , is assisting in providing leadership for the Sunday School Support Centre, which provides curriculum, training and teaching materials for local churches. Your gifts allow these materials to be available for churches who want help with their children's program. |
| Nov. 16, 2003 (International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church) | Walter Franz & Donovan Jacobs , Native Ministry staff for Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS, & other partners are involved in planning the 2004 Native Assembly. This event is to take place in Riverton & Mattheson Island, Manitoba, next summer. Pray for wisdom and guidance as preparations gear up for this gathering of Native Mennonite leaders from across North America. | Sermons from the MC Canada assembly (St. Catharines 2003) are now available on audio CD. Speakers Henry Krause, Peter Stucky, and April Yamasaki explore variations on the theme What if...? Cost is \$10. To order call 1-866-888-6785 or email resources@mennonitechurch.ca . | This week Jake & Dorothy Unrau leave for their new assignment in Niedergoersdorf, Germany. Together with a number of partners in Europe, Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is supporting their ministry. Your financial and prayer support is very much appreciated. |
| Nov. 23, 2003 | Mennonite Church British Columbia will meet for special delegate sessions on Nov 29. Pray for wise discernment and the peace of the Holy Spirit as they work on challenging issues. | The Mennonite Heritage Centre is looking for photographs, diaries, letters and audio interviews to help create a web site featuring Canadian conscientious objectors (COs) in WWII. This site will provide stories, photographs, and other original documents. A special section will be devoted to material that can be used in school classrooms. If you are willing to contribute materials or financial support, please contact Alf Redekopp (toll free) at 1-866-888-6785 or email aredekopp@mennonitechurch.ca at the Heritage Centre in Winnipeg. | Nancy Frey , mission partner in Benin, meets with several single women graduates of Benin Bible Institute, to pray, read the Bible and think about what it means to be a faithful Christian woman without a husband. They are now reaching out to others. Your support of the work of Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS in Benin is making a difference as the ministry grows through their witness. |
| Nov. 30, 2003 | Advent Prayer O sovereign Lord of history, open our hearts not only to your coming into our world, to live among us, but also to find our hope in your coming again to fulfill your kingdom of righteousness and justice. Amen. | December Advent Prayers will be provided next month. | This week James and Henriette Schellenberg complete their time of itineration. They have shared about their ministry in Germany in many different settings. Your support assists Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS to stay in touch with the churches and schools, building bridges across the nation. |