



Prayer, notes and news

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December 2003, *Equipping*

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Date	Prayer Requests: Consider praying 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!
Dec. 7, 2003	"O Spirit of the living God, open our eyes to see the dawning of your tender mercy upon our dark world. Give light to all who sit in the darkness of injustice and despair, and guide our feet into the way of peace."	This is the final quarter of MC Canada's fiscal year. Please give generously in support of ministries such as those described in "Witness Notes" in your bulletin.	The church in Burkina Faso is concerned about spreading the gospel and spiritual discipleship. Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS workers are involved in language analysis and Bible translations, as well as assisting with leadership training through seminars, theological education and more informal training. Your financial gifts support Loren & Donna Entz, Anne Garber Kompaoré and Lillian Haas in carrying out these tasks.
Dec. 14, 2003	"O Lord God incarnate, we give joyful thanks that we are not alone! You are with us. Open our hearts to share your presence and your joy across our streets and around the world."	There are hundreds of stories of transformed lives in the 42 countries where MC Canada ministers. Read about some of them at mennonitechurch.ca/news . Consider a gift to MC Canada this Christmas that will help support these ministries.	Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS relates to African Initiated Churches in Lesotho through Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. WITNESS workers in the southern African region also support the AIC leaders in Lesotho. Your support assists with the Bible study and leadership training program that is led by the Africa Federal Church Council and provides funding for workers to travel in the region.
Dec. 21, 2003	"Come Lord Jesus, and incarnate your love within our choices and our days, that out of liberated hearts we will offer one another, our neighbours and our enemies your reconciling love."	Wondering how to make a last minute contribution to the ministries of MC Canada? Go online to mennonitechurch.ca and click on the "donate now" button.	One month ago, Jake & Dorothy Unrau, Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS workers , were installed as pastors of the church in Niedergoersdorf-Flugplatz, in northern Germany. Your gifts towards this ministry support this congregation in its congregational life and community services, coordinating various job creation and social service activities.
Dec. 28, 2003	"O sovereign Lord of time, give us vision to see your guiding light ahead in this new year, give us faith to trust your presence in our future, and give us courage to follow and obey."	Wondering how to make a last minute contribution to the ministries of MC Canada? Go online to mennonitechurch.ca and click on the "donate now" button.	MC Canada Native Ministry staff are working with the communities of Riverton and Matheson Island, Manitoba, in planning for "Native Assembly 2004", together with other Native groups. This event is a time for Native Mennonite church members and associates to gather for worship, special events and fellowship. It is scheduled to be held in Riverton, MB, July 26-29, 2004. Your support for the Native Ministry program helps resource the Native church and its leaders.



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Jan. 4 , 2004	"O Light of the world, shine upon us so that our lives will be pure and clear, our worship bright with joy, and our service reflecting the clear light of your love to all."	Want to get connected with MC Canada members across Canada? An internet discussion board is available at the MC Canada web site to share your thoughts and inspirations on worship, music or Sunday school ideas, reflections about the latest book you've read, etc. Bookmark http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/phpBB/index.php and visit often!	The Evangelical Mennonite Association in Brazil was formed in the late '50's. Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS provides support for their leadership training through its seminary called CEMTA (Mennonite Centre of Theological Education) which provides basic and advanced level courses in various regions in Brazil. You can participate in this ministry by sharing your financial gifts.
Jan. 11, 2004	Peter Rempel, mission facilitator for Europe , recently visited the church in Ukraine , which is currently struggling. Pray for the congregation and its leaders, as they seek to understand more fully what it means to be "a body made up of many parts."	Want to get connected with MC Canada members across Canada? An internet discussion board is available at the MC Canada web site to share your thoughts and inspirations on worship, music or Sunday school ideas, reflections about the latest book you've read, etc. Bookmark http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/phpBB/index.php and visit often!	The church in Cuba is growing rapidly and has again requested leadership training. Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS facilitates annual leadership workshops and has been working through the Confession of Faith. Your contributions aid the Cuban leadership in coming together for sharing, learning and decision making.
Jan. 18, 2004	The world is not always a secure place – and we know God desires a different kingdom – one in which all people will feel safe, secure and cared for. There are times when Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS workers deal with break-ins and resulting feelings of insecurity. Pray that God's love and peace can be extended in our surrounding communities and around the world.	Looking for that hard to find specialty resource? MC Canada's Resource Centre now has a brand new online interface and a database that lists all resources, updated daily. Check out www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre	Samson Lo, director of Multi-Cultural Ministry for Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is excited by the keen interest shown by leaders of churches newer to the Mennonite church in connecting with the larger church body. Your gifts provide leadership training, sharing Anabaptist history and beliefs and networking possibilities which strengthen the ability to do together what we cannot do alone.
Jan. 25, 2004	In the next months, Congregational Partnership workers (Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS) will be starting courses and seminars on Leadership in a Missional Church in each of the area conferences. Pray that there is openness and readiness to work together in discerning God's mission and the role of the church body in living out and building God's kingdom.	Looking for that hard to find specialty resource? MC Canada's Resource Centre now has a brand new online interface and a database that lists all resources, updated daily. Check out www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre	Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS puts out a monthly issue of PrayerNet, which provides information on ministry, both joys and needs. Your financial gifts assist in the distribution of PrayerNet and provide many opportunities for prayer support. You are also invited to subscribe to these regular releases by contacting witness@mennonitechurch.ca