



Prayer, notes and news

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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!
Feb. 1, 2004	Pray for your congregation as you celebrate the work of Christian education, both within your congregation and in schools and colleges. Pray for teachers and mentors as they continue to facilitate continuing Christian formation .	Mennonite Church Canada Donation Update (Jan 13-2004): Thank-you to the many congregations and individual donors who have contributed to the life-giving ministries of MC Canada. As of Jan. 13, we have received 87.5% of our donation target, and are forecasting a small shortfall of 1-2% for this fiscal year. MC Canada, along with you, is eager to continue aligning with God's ministry in reaching more people with the reconciling message of Christ. Your life-changing gift is welcome all year around, and especially now as we close our books for another year. Thank-you all for your gracious giving.	WITNESS worker Glenn Witmer , in Jerusalem, focuses on dialogue and reconciliation ministries with Christian, Jewish and Muslim people. One of his tools is the regular newsletter "Mennoletter from Jerusalem" which is shared broadly among the different groups. Your support helps Glenn get out the news you find elsewhere. You are also invited to subscribe at newsletter@mennojersalem.org
Feb. 8, 2004	The Canadian Mennonite helps connect Mennonite Church Canada congregations across the country. The board is currently seeking a new editor. Pray for board members and staff who work to make this vehicle of communication effective and faithful to its mandate "to promote covenantal relationships within the church (Hebrews 10: 23-25)."	Need a speaker or presenter for your adult ed class, worship service, or other event? Call Kathy Fast at 1-866-888-6785 and ask to talk to someone about inviting a presenter from MC Canada's speakers bureau.	Gordon Janzen is the facilitator for mission partnerships in Asia and Middle East for Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS . He is also developing Mennonite Church Canada ministry and worker partnerships with congregations in Manitoba. Your financial support helps mission involvement to happen from across the street to around the world.
Feb. 15, 2004	Mennonite Church Manitoba is holding its Annual Delegate Session next weekend. Many changes have taken place in recent years and new opportunities are calling for new initiatives. Pray for wisdom for delegates and leaders in sensing God's call and enthusiasm for following God's lead.	MC Canada's annual assembly will be held in Winkler, Manitoba, from July 7-11 this year. The theme is "Enough for All" (John 6:1-14). Mark your calendars...	Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS provides grant money for ministries through the Mennonite Conferences of Japan. Gerald and Rie Neufeld, WITNESS Tentmakers, are supporting pastoral ministries among churches in southern island of Kyushu. Your gifts assist in strengthening the Mennonite churches of Japan .
Feb. 22, 2004	Mennonite Church Alberta is celebrating its 75 th anniversary at its annual meeting next weekend. Thank God for the faithful witness of its members. Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is also holding its annual meeting next weekend and "Creating a New Vision." Give thanks for growing interest in working together for the strength of the church.	MC Canada is always looking for photos of church life from congregations across the country. If you have some you would like to share, please send them to 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, R3P 0M4, or email to office@mennonitechurch.ca .	Eric Olfert , MC Canada WITNESS Congregational Partnership staff through MC Sask is facilitating connections and partnerships between congregations and Witness ministries, as well as providing resources, materials and assistance in missional church formation. Your support of Mennonite Church Canada Witness, helps make this work possible.
Feb. 29, 2004	"O faithful One, You who faced trial and temptation, deliver us from evil, free us from the temptation to power that would destroy, and from weakness that would betray, that we would remain faithful."	If you are visiting Winnipeg, you are invited to plan a visit to the MC Canada/CMU campus. Call to let us know when you'd like to come, so we can meet you and show you around.— <i>MC Canada staff</i>	In Brazil , MC Canada WITNESS together with Mennonite Mission Network contributes to the work of Otis & Betty Hochstetler , who have been adapting, translating and making good use of the Jubilee Sunday School materials. Your financial support assists in this work including traveling to encourage SS teachers in the five regions of the Mennonite Church in Brazil.