

May 2004, *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: This is how your financial support of Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is ministering... from across the street to around the world!
May 2, 2004 Stewardship Sunday	Today, May 2 nd , is "Benin Bible Institute day" where all the churches in Benin are asked to take a collection in support of the work of BBI. Pray for the students and the supporting congregations as well as Nancy Frey, (mission worker) who meets weekly with staff for decision making in the day to day running of the school.	Please place the following announcement in your bulletins for the next three Sundays, if possible. Mennonite Church Canada is accepting applicants for the position of Director of Finance. Please visit http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/getinvolved/jobs/ or call 1-866-888-6785 for more details. Application processing will begin on May 17.	The Mennonite Seminary in Bogotá, Colombia is able to offer 16 theology, music and Bible courses to over 100 students. Your gifts of stewardship for Mennonite Church Canada Witness help provide a grant to the Seminary.
May 9, 2004	"O Loving Lord, who has created us for loving relationships, our families are dear to your heart. We lift them before you, and commit to you our hopes and our fears for mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, grandchildren and grandparents, and all family members. We also pray for all who give their best energies for the nurturing of healthy family relationships and the healing of family brokenness- teachers, counselors, and pastors. May our families be centers for both healing and hope."	Registration information for Winkler 2004 (MC Canada assembly) should have arrived at your church. Consider being a delegate! Early bird registrations are due May 31.	The church in Cuba is growing rapidly as more families are drawn to the church. Their greatest need is for more qualified and trained church leaders. Mennonite Church Canada Witness has been asked to assist with leadership training. Your assistance will help make this a reality.
May 16, 2004	On May 17 Native Educational Facilitator Donovan Jacobs will meet with members of the Elim Cross Lake Church to discuss future plans for local church development. This will be the first opportunity for most of the congregational members to be involved in such a process. Please pray for clarity and understanding.	Pick up a Winkler 2004 bookmark as a reminder to pray for your delegates to Winkler 2004. Visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/winkler for details.	In April, Eric Olfert & Jack Suderman led Saskatchewan church leaders in Missional Church development. Your gifts assist Mennonite Church Canada Witness in resourcing congregations.
May 23, 2004	This week, Werner & Adelia Wiens, Mission Associates in Nairobi, Kenya complete their school year and will be returning to Canada for a two month home leave. Your prayers for a joy filled time of reconnecting with family and friends and a readiness to return for another 3 year term are appreciated.	"Enough for all" (from John 6:1-14) is the theme of this year's MC Canada Assembly in Winkler 2004. Plan to attend. Early bird registrations are due May 31.	Rod Suderman, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker in China, reports that the Daming Church is in the process of building a new Bible Training Center and Church. Your gifts help support their faith and their leaders, helping God's church to grow.
May 30, 2004	"Come, Holy Spirit, revive our hearts to serve and worship in joyful release; open our eyes to perceive that you are uniting the separated and distant; excite our imaginations to the power of your Pentecost in our midst!"	"Enough for all" (from John 6:1-14) is the theme of this year's MC Canada Assembly in Winkler 2004. Plan to attend. It's not too late to register!	Vic & Kathy Thiessen, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, provide leadership to the London Mennonite Centre, a resource and teaching centre rooted in the Anabaptist tradition that cultivates discipleship as a way of life. Your gifts support this resource to a wide range of British churches.