

July-August 2004, *Equipping*

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Date	Prayer Requests: Please pray 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... <b>from across the street to around the world!</b>
<b>August 1, 2004</b>	In mid-August, Neill & Edith Von Gunten, long time Native Ministry staff, will complete their term of service with Mennonite Church Canada. They will now be accountable to the partnership circle developed between northern Manitoba Native fellowships and several Mennonite Church Manitoba congregations. Please pray that these groups will work well together and provide leadership and guidance to the responsibilities and service that Neill and Edith can give.		Ivan & Violetta Dyshenko, local pastors of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in <b>Zaporozhzhya</b> , took over the work of Jake & Dorothy Unrau just over one year ago. Mennonite Church Canada Witness continues to support the church through a grant for their ministries.
<b>August 8, 2004</b>	Pray for Arlyn Friesen Epp at the Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre, as he helps congregations discern which study and worship materials best serve God's ministry in their context.		The <b>London Mennonite Centre</b> offers Anabaptist teaching resources, including seminars and congregational speakers to the broader Christian church in England, as well as mediation and conflict management and a retreat centre for broader networking. With your support, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Vic & Kathy Thiessen, provide leadership for the centre.
<b>August 15, 2004</b>	Rod & Kathi Suderman, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers with China Educational Exchange, are the resource people for the China Mission Festival hosted by the Saskatchewan Valley Churches this weekend. Please pray for a good connection & learning experience between the congregations and the ministry in China, making the lives and everyday struggles of the Chinese people real.		Jake & Dorothy Unrau are providing pastoral leadership to the congregation in <b>Niedergoersdorf, Germany</b> . This congregation also works with a community run job creation program, and a number of social service activities. Together with you, Mennonite Church Canada Witness is able to assist this congregation in its community outreach.
<b>August 22, 2004</b>	Just over a year ago, at the Mennonite World Conference in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, women from Latin America learned about and met with the Africa women theologians. Stemming from this meeting of minds, a women's theology group is developing in Central America. Pray with thanksgiving for the inspiration and excitement found by these women and that they may spread the joy and love for the gospel throughout the region.		Canadian Mennonite University students Jeremy Martens and Allison Pauls leave shortly for <b>South Korea</b> , under the Mennonite Church Canada Internship Program. They will assist the Korea Anabaptist Center (KAC) in their new English Language teaching program. Mennonite Church Canada Witness supports KAC in their ministries.
<b>August 29, 2004</b>	Publishing Sunday – Pray for the ministry of Mennonite Publishing Network and its Executive Director, Ron Rempel. Pray for wisdom and enthusiasm for the task of providing published resources that strengthen the vision and mission of the church.		Janet Plenert, executive director of International Ministries with Mennonite Church Canada Witness, and her family will spend the next 3 ½ months in <b>Bogotá, Colombia</b> , where Janet will be continuing her responsibilities while getting to know the Colombia Mennonite Church and the context in which they work. Mennonite Church Canada Witness supports the church financially, assisting with leadership training through the seminary, work with displaced people, educational resources, bookstores, and evangelism.