

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... from across the street to around the world!
July 4, 2004	This week delegates and other interested persons from across Canada will be gathering in Winkler to worship God, fellowship with one another, and discern God's will for Mennonite Church Canada . Pray for safety in travel, and for wisdom, understanding and profound sensitivity to the Holy Spirit throughout these days.	MC Canada Financial Update: Thank-you to congregations for your strong support this year. A number of congregations have raised their support for this year. Year-to-date giving is about 10% (\$87,000) short of plan. Each gift is an important part of making possible ministries like seminary teaching in South America, counseling for AIDS victims in Africa, and support for rural pastors in China. Thank-you!	Children and community are two themes that emerge frequently for the Mennonite Church in Bolivia with whom Mennonite Church Canada Witness partners. Together, we teach Anabaptist perspectives; resource pastors; work with children's ministries and support PROJUSE, a Bolivian voluntary service program.
July 11, 2004	Assembly 2004 is now finished and those who gathered in Winkler are on their way home. To learn what happened, check www.mennonitechurch.ca and follow the links to the daily news sheet, or watch for the next issue of <i>Canadian Mennonite</i> . Continue to pray for the church and for the MC Canada staff as they implement the decisions that were made. Pray for our people, our congregations and our area conferences as we all continue the walk together toward faithfulness.	MC Canada Financial Update: Thank-you to congregations for your strong support this year. A number of congregations have raised their support for this year. Year-to-date giving is about 10% (\$87,000) short of plan. Each gift is an important part of making possible ministries like seminary teaching in South America, counseling for AIDS victims in Africa, and support for rural pastors in China. Thank-you!	Mennonite Church Canada Witness ministers among the Isaan people in north-eastern Thailand through mission workers Pat & Rad Houmphan. Your support of this ministry is critical in church planting, ministering to young people, leadership training, English teaching & Vacation Bible School programs for children.
July 18, 2004	The International Mission workers on North American Assignment and new workers going to serve with Mennonite Church Canada Witness and Mennonite Mission Network are gathering this week (July 17 -23) in Syracuse, Indiana for their Missions Seminar. Please pray for the participants and the staff who lead workshops, worship, and orientation sessions and spend time with workers individually.	MC Canada Financial Update: Thank-you to congregations for your strong support this year. A number of congregations have raised their support for this year. Year-to-date giving is about 10% (\$87,000) short of plan. Each gift is an important part of making possible ministries like seminary teaching in South America, counseling for AIDS victims in Africa, and support for rural pastors in China. Thank-you!	The Multi-Cultural Newsletter is produced on a quarterly basis by Samson Lo, Director for Multi-Cultural Ministries , Mennonite Church Canada Witness. This form of networking and learning from others who are struggling with common issues is sought after by the leaders of the multi-cultural congregations. Thank you for your support.
July 25, 2004	Please pray for congregations in Riverton, Pine Dock & Mattheson Island , Manitoba who are hosting the bi-annual Native Assembly this week, July 26 - 29. This is a gathering of native congregations from across North America, with worship, music, tours and workshops that resource church programs and strengthen leadership. Your prayers for bridge building and strengthening the church are appreciated.	MC Canada Financial Update: Thank-you to congregations for your strong support this year. A number of congregations have raised their support for this year. Year-to-date giving is about 10% (\$87,000) short of plan. Each gift is an important part of making possible ministries like seminary teaching in South America, counseling for AIDS victims in Africa, and support for rural pastors in China. Thank-you!	