

November 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: 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!
Nov. 7, 2004	Peace and non-violence are held dear to us as followers of Jesus Christ. Please pray for the church in Vietnam, where the extreme pressure from the government has caused the number of people identifying themselves as Mennonite Christians to fall from over 11,000 to 3,000. Pray for peace in communities such as these around the world.	MC Canada encourages families to fully engage in the wonder of Advent by using the Worship-at-home resource, " <i>Come! Walk in the Light of Day!</i> " available at http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/	Jeannette Hanson, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker in China , and the pastors she works with send their appreciation for the funding provided for the student sponsorships and hearing aid projects. Your support is making a difference!
Nov. 14, 2004	Give thanks for family members who reconnect with the Christian story and experience a rebirth of faith, as they research their family story through the Mennonite Heritage Centre archives.	MC Canada encourages families to fully engage in the wonder of Advent by using the Worship-at-home resource, " <i>Come! Walk in the Light of Day!</i> " available at http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/	The dream of having the congregations in Ukraine work together is being fulfilled with the formation of the Christian Union of Mennonite Church in Ukraine. Mennonite Church Canada Witness has helped facilitate the coming together of these congregations with your help.
Nov. 21, 2004	Phil & Julie Bender (Hamilton MC), Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in China are teaching at the Medical College in Chongqing with CEE. Julie is also serving as the pastoral care provider for the many China Education Exchange workers in China. Pray for their ministry, and the teachers and students they come into contact with, that God's love and light will shine through them.	MC Canada encourages families to fully engage in the wonder of Advent by using the Worship-at-home resource, " <i>Come! Walk in the Light of Day!</i> " available at http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/	The Native Ministry Partnership Circles that have formed in Manitoba are gathering in November, to deepen their relationships and commitment to spreading the Gospel. Together, we are helping build bridges and extending God's love.
Nov. 28, 2004	O God of light, we live in a world darkened by war, violence and injustice. Forgive us when we have fallen asleep to the sufferings of those around us. Awaken us to your coming.	Equipping Canada is a 10 times yearly resource packet sent to all congregations. Find this and other helpful material at www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources	The Confession of Faith from a Mennonite Perspective has been translated into Mandarin with the help of Mennonite Church Canada Multi-Cultural Ministry. Director Samson Lo is arranging for its printing in Hong Kong and promoting it among church leaders in Asia.