



MMI MONTHLY - JULY 2010

The purpose of MMI is to disciple people for evangelism and service.

MMI CALENDAR

July 9-11	Prayer Retreat St. Gregory's Abbey	Shawnee, OK
July 12-17	International Youth Conference	San Diego, CA
July 17-25	Covenant Hills Family Camp (Teaching)	Clio, MI
July 23	General Conference 2011 Prayer Day - Celebrating 150 years of the FM Movement	
July 25	Covenant Hills (Preaching) "Resurrection Living"	Clio, MI

MMI PRAYER

- The Board of Bishops has called the church to fast and pray on the 23rd of each month leading up to General Conference 2011. Use the article found on the www.fmcna.org as a resource to help you get started for the coming month.
- Books on Prayer
 - *How to Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer* Barbour Publishing, 2007
 - *Wesleyan Spiritual Reader* by Reuben P. Job Abingdon Press, 1998
 - *Prayer* by Richard J. Foster HarperCollins, 1982
 - *Working the Angles* by Eugene H. Peterson William B. Eerdmans Pub. Company, 1987
 - *Three Prayers* by Olivier Clement St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2000
 - *Praying With the Early Christians* by Eugene H. Peterson HarperCollins, 1994
 - *Dimensions of Prayer* by Douglas V. Steere Upper Room Books, 1997
 - *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence DoubleDay, 1977

MMI DEVOTIONS

For the highest form of prayer is to the goodness of God. It comes down to us to meet our humblest needs. It gives life to our souls and makes them live and grow in grace and virtue. It is near in nature and swift in grace, for it is the same grace which our souls seek and always will.

Julian of Norwich
Showings

Jesus' life was a life of obedience. He was always listening to the Father, always attentive to his voice, always alert for his directions. Jesus was "all ear." That is true prayer: being all ear for God. The core of all prayer is indeed listening, obediently standing in the presence of God.

Henri J.M. Nouwen
All Things New

Prayer is a special exercise of faith. Faith makes the prayer acceptable because it believes that either the prayer will be answered, or that something better will be given instead. This is why James says, "Let him who asks of God not waver in faith, for if he wavers, let him not think that he shall receive anything from the Lord." This is a clear statement which says directly: he who does not trust will receive nothing, neither that which he asks nor anything better.

Martin Luther
Table Talks

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## Report to the Prayer Partners

### Report from Győr Hungary

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from wet, cold Hungary! This year has seen an unusually large rainfall and therefore parts of Hungary, including nearby villages, have suffered terrible flooding. Csilla had a week off school as her school was flooded and road access to that area was blocked off by the police and many people in the local area are trying to protect their homes with sandbag walls. One house collapsed because of the terrible weather conditions. But due to our location on top of a hill we have been spared the worst effects of the weather. Please pray for those people who have been badly affected as the rain continues unabated and it promises to continue.

The past three months have been very busy. We have been blessed to have ministered in Győr and Budapest in Hungary and in Arad, Romania also. The Sunday morning fellowship group goes from strength to strength with growing numbers, several visitors and a deep sense of unity amongst the group members. The Sunday group numbers about twenty people: we worship as one group and then become two groups – adults and teens and study the Bible and pray in these groups. After this we come back together for food and fellowship. The Friday evening Bible study group is also a great blessing – although we see no physical growth (but we trust we will in time) we see great spiritual growth amongst the group members. It was wonderful to have one of the members recently step forward and lead a two-week series on 'The biblical view of alcohol' – this kind of leadership and spiritual growth is a blessing! Included below are photos from a recent Sunday morning group (the date on the digital camera was set incorrectly).



Another exciting area is that of partnership. I have been able to invite Christian missionaries into my classroom in the university (as many of you know I was forbidden to talk about my faith in the classroom). This led to a number of students going to a Bible study group and two of them giving their lives to the Lord! Our group and this Baptist group recently came together for a joint service and I was blessed to see these two young women, to worship with them and serve them the Lord's supper – it goes to show that the Holy Spirit will help us work around any limits that man might try to put on God. All we need is a little faith, determination and some elbow grease 😊

Over the coming months we have plans to develop the youth work – we want to invest in tomorrow's church leaders. One of the families are very kindly offering the use of a large building they have which can be turned into a youth house which would be used on a regular basis for teens to get together, study the Bible, listen to music and hang out. Hopefully several of our church members will come together and offer help in leading and developing this work. If you are interested in supporting this work in any way then please drop me a line.

The coming summer months will continue to be busy. Our Sunday morning group will continue of course (please pray for wisdom as we have decisions to make). We will continue travelling to Budapest on a monthly basis to preach in our sister church there. We will also have several guests stay with us (for holidays etc). We also look forward to having family vacation together. We plan on spending four days in Slovakia in a Christian centre and two days in Prague in the Czech Republic. I plan on continuing learning to play the guitar in preparation for our cell groups multiplying – I'm struggling to learn the chords but am doing my best. I also take a Hungarian language exam in June – I am grateful to God for allowing me to grasp this most difficult of languages, please pray I would do well and pass. This week I will be giving a presentation on Irish culture before approx. 200 people. Pray that it would help to open more doors and more hearts to Jesus.

Please feel free to contact us and please pray for us regularly.

Blessings,

*Gerry & Kathy McNamara*



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