***1st Wednesday Prayer Hour –August 2018***

*MMI keeps the first Wednesday of the month as a day for corporate prayer. The hour set aside is 9.00am-10.00am, but for those who are not able to join in prayer then, please use these notes to pray for an hour at some time during the day.*

**Reflection:**

Each of us certainly knows what it means to fight sleep - in the train station waiting room, on guard, at the wheel of the car, on the night shift ... minutes stretch like hours ... fatigue is even painful.

Longing after the morning reflects the mood of waiting for God.

There is a story from a children’s camp. There was a little girl who did not have a dad or mum. On the Sunday, parents came to visit their children, but no one announced their arrival for her. In spite of this, she was standing on the fence all day long and was looking, face pressed to the rail. She was waiting for those who did not come, who simply were not present...

We don’t have such a hopeless situation. At the opposite end of our waiting point there is Someone who listens, with whom our forgiveness is, with whom our grace and redemption are.  At the end of our waiting point there is Someone who comes to take our hands giving hope, to make promises, to listen to us, to lead us ...

**Read Psalm 130**

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.*

*I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning… (Psalm 130; 5-6)*

Does our soul expect the Lord much more than the watchmen of the morning?

Now is the time when we are waiting on the Lord and listening what the Lord’s will is for MMI and prayerfully wondering what the ‘new thing’ is that the Lord is doing.

Take some time to Thank God for the place He has set for us, for the opportunities He has given us in Christ, for the circumstances in which we are developing, for the path that is before us, for the promise of hearing our prayers, for the manifesting His will and leading according to His paths.

*Igor Sawicki Aug 18*

**Prayer**

**Give thanks for answered prayer in July:**

* East Africa Prayer Convention, Brig David Wakaalo and his organizing team, Max and Herman who represented MMI at the event
* The visit to MCF of Ethiopia for Max, Hermann and Brig David Wakaalo to renew the MMI and AMCF relationship with them. PTL for the warm welcome they received.
* ACCTS English camp in Moldova
* 50,000 Gideons Bibles/NT & Psalms with Camo cover in French arrived in June and give a visible coherence to witnessing among the French speaking Africans

**Pray for:**

* **6 Aug MMI Day 2 for Prayer & Fasting.** Pray for the Lord’s leading and guidance for the way ahead.
* **12-17 Aug The German Reservist and Belarusian MCF meeting i**n Berlin (Mark and Igor will represent MMI)
* **27 Aug – 1st Sep Summer Adventure Retreat ( SAR**). There will be 17 participants from 7 countries: Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Russia, UK – all young people, 6 married couples! Pray for safety in travel, successful administration; a sense of Christian adventure; Pray for Grozdan, Slavica and Eddy as they lead and teach and for translator Victor. Pray for good fellowship and for all to grow in Christ.
* **Prayer Day and Prayer week preparations.**
* **India. Presentation of St John’s Gospel Indian service booklet.** The key prayer point is for the“right”senior Indian army officer to receive the booklet at the Remembrance Service in the British High Commission Delhi in November. Funding is required for an initial print run of 1000 copies.
* **MMI Finances**. At this time of the year the non-regular giving to MMI falls away, and our regular giving is not sufficient to cover the costs involved; we are struggling to meet all our costs beyond September at present. Please pray for additional one off gifts, for grant applications to be well received and for an increase in regular giving. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide the resources MMI needs for the ministry.
* **Pan African Conference Abuja, September 18**. Pray for all members of the Planning Committee, and for all the resources and arrangements for the Conference to be available in time.
* Moldova, that the children and adults who attended English camp accept Christ as their personal saviour