

Wed., August 25 – Goshen (Ind.) College

The seven students in the Goshen College worship team, Parables, returned to campus last evening for a planning retreat where they will choose a theme for the year and plan music, drama and testimonies to share with local congregations. Please pray for the students, along with their faculty advisor Debra Brubaker.

Thu., August 26 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray that God will bless AMBS' new year and will guide faculty and staff who meet tomorrow in the first gathering of the school year.

Fri., August 27 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember Bluffton University's new students as they move into residence halls today and begin a weekend of orientation. Pray for them as they become a part of the campus community and get ready for learning and discovery.

Sat., August 28 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for the new first-year students and their parents as they gather on the EMU campus for orientation weekend.

WEEK OF AUGUST 29-31

Suggested bulletin announcement for August 29: This week brings a flurry of activity to the Goshen College campus as students move in and prepare for the start of classes. Please pray for the transitions underway for students and parents. Remember especially new international students and first-generation college students as they begin a journey in a new culture.

Daily prayers:

Mon., August 30 – All Mennonite educational institutions

Pray for teachers, professors, staff and administrators of Mennonite educational institutions. Pray that they can ignite the excitement of learning in students.

Tue., August 31 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for the Bethel College community—especially for first-year students and new transfer students—as classes begin today for the 2010-11 school year.

AUGUST 2010 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

WEEK OF AUGUST 1-7

Suggested bulletin announcement for August 1: Pray for Perry and Dalene White, the new president of Bethel College and his wife, as they make the transition to a new home and new challenges.

Daily prayers:

Mon., August 2 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to guide the campus pastors in preparing for campus ministry at EMU for the academic year.

Tue., August 3 – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA)

Pray for the new IBA Study Center at Iglesia Seguidores de Cristo in Sarasota, Fla., and its new volunteer tutor, Pastor Juan Jose Rivera. Pray that their first course, "Intro to the Bible," will be a blessing for the students and that God's wisdom and patience will be with the tutor as he teaches this new group of students.

Wed., August 4 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for growing global connections as Eastern Mennonite School and the local community bid farewell to 20 Chinese students who have been living in homes, studying English, and learning American culture for two weeks at the school.

Thu., August 5 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Thank God for the EMU Student Life staff members who are gearing up to support students as they arrive on campus the end of this month.

Fri., August 6 – Mennonite Schools Council (MSC)

Pray for families considering enrollment at any of the 37 MSC schools for the 2010-2011 school year. Pray that they will feel support from their families, including their church families.

Sat., August 7 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Please pray for the seven Goshen College students who are completing their Service Inquiry Program assignments this month. Pray that their three-month term of service for others has lasting impact and will help the students consider future long-term service.

WEEK OF AUGUST 8-14

Suggested bulletin announcement for August 8: Pray for new and returning students to Mennonite elementary and secondary schools, colleges, universities and seminaries. Thank God for the reunions of friends and for the opportunities to form new friendships.

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Thank you for joining us in these prayers for faith and learning.

Daily prayers:

Mon., August 9 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for a blessing on new faculty and staff members at Eastern Mennonite School. August is a month of orientation and training for these persons committed to expanding the mission of Mennonite/Anabaptist education.

Tue., August 10 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for all new faculty and staff at Bethel College, including faculty Brian Becker (business), Peggy Hernandez (nursing), Nicholas Krehbiel (history) and Megan Tyner (theater), as they start their positions.

Wed., August 11 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Faculty and staff at Hesston College meet today in preparation for the start of another school year. Pray for them as they prepare for a year of supporting students and preparing them for their next steps in life. Ask God to bless the efforts of faculty and staff throughout the year.

Thu., August 12 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for Bethany Christian Schools' students and faculty as school begins today and for families of prospective students as they make last-minute decisions regarding Christian education. Pray that students may experience God's nudge during the learning process, such that they grow in their understanding of and commitment to Christ and develop their gifts for Christian service.

Fri., August 13 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for students and their families who are moving to the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary campus for the new school year. Ask for safe travel and that their transitions to a new home go smoothly.

Sat., August 14 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray for the congregations that partner with Lancaster Mennonite School to nurture students and faculty.

WEEK OF AUGUST 15-21

Suggested bulletin announcement for August 15: Pray for the staff and teachers of Philadelphia Mennonite High School as they prepare for the new academic year. Thank God for the many supporters of the school—especially for parents who send their children and those who donate time or money.

Daily prayers:

Mon., August 16 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for Bluffton University student pastoral assistants, Emily Baransy and Matt Weaver, as they begin their role of supporting the campus ministry program and resourcing the hall chaplains during the 2010-11 academic year.

Tue., August 17 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for the faculty and staff of EMU as they gather tomorrow and Thursday for worship, fellowship, learning and inspiration in preparation for the new academic year.

Wed., August 18 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Today is the beginning of faculty conferences at Eastern Mennonite School. They are gathering together for the first time under a new administrative and leadership model. Pray that this model will strengthen communication, effectiveness and efficiency as they strive to fulfill their mission during days of limited resources.

ALSO Wed., August 18 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Employees of Goshen College gather today for worship and meetings in preparation for the new academic year. Please pray for faculty and staff members, for energy and vision for the year ahead, and for a time of Spirit-filled community-building.

Thu., August 19 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Most students arrive at Hesston College tomorrow through Sunday for fall semester classes that will begin Monday, August 23. Pray that the freshmen will feel at home in this Christ-centered community, will build meaningful relationships, and will apply themselves to their studies. Remember the parents as they separate from their young adults. Thank God for the life-long relationships that will begin this weekend.

Fri., August 20 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for Bethany Christian High School students today as they participate in grade-level activities during Day Away and work at developing friendships with new students.

ALSO Fri., August 20 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University hall chaplains arriving on campus today to begin training for the 2010-11 academic year. The hall chaplains are; Lisa Baglien, Kristen Beckman, Lauren Bowerman, Bethany Bowman, Peter Crone, Stephanie Finn, Karla Funk, Darin Gundy, Rachel Harris, Peter Kidwell, William Kindle, Cody Litwiller, Hannah Mattingly, Kim Rupert, and Marcus Unruh.

WEEK OF AUGUST 22-28

Suggested bulletin announcement for August 22: Pray for Rafael Barahona, director of the Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) program, curriculum writers, professors and students. Pray that this Spanish program helps to develop a stronger Hispanic biblical theological identity.

Daily prayers:

Sun., August 22 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for Bethel College fall sports athletes as they travel from their homes to campus to begin a week of practice and team-building.

Mon., August 23 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray that the young adults preparing to launch their college education at EMU and sister schools will be open to the unknown and eager for an educational adventure.

Tue., August 24 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for Bluffton University faculty/staff preparing for a new academic year and reconnecting at a retreat today. May all be inspired and energized for this kingdom work.