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Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street. Lamentations 2:19

Dear Praying Mom, dear group leader in Europe, August 2012

Many thanks for every single one of your precious prayers for the children and schools of Europe, they have eternal value!

An intercessor for the Swiss government once said that there are five areas that significantly impact a country's future. One of these is education. He encouraged me with these words: "Kathrin, your prayers are a great blessing for the future of our nation." This touched me deeply. When we pray for the children and schools of today, we have an impact on the future that our children and grandchildren will live out!

In recent weeks, my team and I were able to visit many countries and encourage mothers to pray. I'd like to share one particularly special experience with you. We were traveling in East Europe when I asked one mother, "What are your burdens for your children?" She answered, "One of the biggest problems is that it makes hardly any difference what grades our children receive at school, because no one pays any attention to their marks later on. Because of this, children feel there's no reason to work hard. There is little hope of finding any work."

I kept coming back to this thought. I asked God, "How can these countries find a way out of such poverty and despair?" Suddenly I realised what a blessing it is when mothers pray together in unity, not only in the spiritual realm but in practical ways too. Again and again we have seen how God can completely change circumstances, open up new possibilities, change the hearts and attitudes of teachers and students.

Jesus told a parable about a widow that did not give up asking. The impossible became possible, and the judge relented (Luke 18:1-8). In the same way, God has promised to hear our prayers and care for our children in spiritual and practical ways.

"And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? No!" (Luke 18:7)

I believe that if we mothers take a stand and pray for our children, their schools and their future, that God will hear our prayers. He will do mighty wonders. That's why I want to encourage you to stand firm and continue your MIP hour after the summer break. Why not invite other mothers to join you!

16. September 2012 is "Bless Our Schools Sunday". This is an opportunity to pray together in various churches and fellowships, and to tell others about MIP. Further information is available at www.momsinprayer.org/events/bless-our-schools.

In glad expectation and with love in Christ,

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