



PARKSIDE CHURCH  
Missions

# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **June**

“The harvest is plentiful,  
but the laborers are few.”

- Matthew 9:37 (ESV)

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## introduction

### “Pray also for us...”

So states the apostle Paul in Colossians 4:3 (ESV), acknowledging a somewhat stunning reality: though the Christians to whom he was writing were separated from him physically, they could nonetheless participate in his ministry! God’s people could join in God’s work of taking the Gospel to those who hadn’t heard it simply by praying for their missionary pastor.

These realities are no less true today. As a church, Parkside has been blessed with the opportunity to support many missionaries scattered around the world, all of whom are seeking to share the Good News of Jesus with people who have yet to hear and believe it. Can we really help them, being thousands of miles and numerous time zones away? According to Paul, yes! The purpose of this missionary prayer calendar is to inform you of what is going on in certain parts of the world, and invite you to participate in the work through prayer.

The format is simple. Each day, you will find a missionary or organization that Parkside supports, along with one of their specific prayer requests. You’ll also find a different country of the world and how you can best be praying for the people there.

Our hope in arranging this is that you’ll know the privilege of participating in the work of the Gospel, which as Paul also tells the Colossians, is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world. We trust that praying for the nations will increase our heart for the world, causing us to increasingly desire and work towards seeing unbelieving people of all nations become committed followers of Christ!

## what you can do

**Pray:** Utilize the missionary prayer calendar and enter into the work of our missionaries via prayer. You can also receive the daily prayer requests in your inbox by signing up for the daily devotional at [parksidechurch.com/oynt](http://parksidechurch.com/oynt).

**Go:** Consider traveling to serve our missionaries or other partners by participating in a short-term mission trip. Watch the bulletin for details on upcoming trips.

**Learn:** Increase your awareness of what God is doing among the nations by reading *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. The prayer requests for different countries are excerpts from this book. You can pick up a copy in the bookstore.

**Give:** Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.1 million towards missions in 2017. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the Gospel to the world, and we are trusting Him for the capacity to do so.

## parkside church missionaries



**Mark & Patti Bean**  
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



**Wes & Nancy Collins**  
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



**Chris & Leanne Harrington**  
Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham



**Andrew & Angie James**  
Nicole, Camille, Zack



**Kep & Debbie James**  
Heather, Katie, Andrew



**Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson**  
Ben, Emily



**Mike & Joan Ross**  
Steve, Ben, Aaron



**Mike & Cindy**  
Hannah, Rachel, Luke, Elizabeth



**Brenda Ziska**  
David, Daniel

### **JUNE 1: Brenda Ziska, Austria**

Please continue to pray for their church retreat May 31 to June 3rd. Brenda is happy that all but one of the teenagers from the Children's Home was able to come. Pray for the director of the Home who is accompanying the teenagers. She has been the director for years and is pleased with the relationship Brenda and the church have with the children. She even came to the last church retreat and has come to church a few times. The Home will soon be getting a new director, so this may be one of their last times to have an opportunity to talk with her about faith. Pray for the new director, that he or she will be as open to their being involved with the Home and children. When teenagers turn 18, they have to leave the Home and be on their own. Pray that the teens will come to know Jesus before they leave the Home.

**Haiti (Caribbean).** The spiritual outpouring of faith in God in the aftermath of the earthquake shook the nation and moved the entire world. Throughout the country, churches were filled to overflowing and services were held amid rubble and in the ruined streets. Pray that this spiritual shaking would not merely be an expression of grief, fear and desperation, but would shape itself into an unprecedented turning to God that redefines the spiritual life of Haiti. Numerous traditions allege that Haiti was dedicated to Satan through its voodoo past; pray that today it might be known as a nation wholly dedicated to the Lord Jesus.

### **JUNE 2: Parkside Church Lake County, United States**

Please be in prayer for the Course of Your Life seminar that starts the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> at their church. They have three different groups meeting for nine weeks, learning how to be disciples making disciples. Pray that all who participate in this seminar will be committed to it. Praise God for moving favorably among those involved in the sale of the church property. Parkside Church Lake County officially has a building that they call home! Continue to pray for all of the details that need to be decided with design and construction as they slowly start to move forward.

**Honduras (Latin America).** Foreign mission agencies can still play a key role in training and development, specialized ministries and in holistic projects, for which there are many openings. Pray for humble sensitivity and for a legacy of raising-up and empowering Honduran leadership and initiatives.

### **JUNE 3: Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States**

The core group for the church plant west of Austin is growing. They continue to meet two Sunday evenings a month until September when they will begin weekly worship. Please pray that prayer would be central, that authentic Christ-centered relationships would be built and that those committed to starting this church would grow relationally with one another. Pray for patience for those wanting to move the process along quicker and for faith for those who are hesitant.

**Hungary (Europe).** Hungarians have lost contact with the gospel, despite enjoying a rich theological history. They seek answers in many places: materialism, hedonism, alcohol and, increasingly, false religion. Postmodern mentalities predominate. Pray for all falsehoods and empty philosophies to be exposed as such and for Christ to be exalted as the truth in this historically Christian nation. Pray that Hungarians might see the truth of the gospel and the freedom it brings through Jesus.

#### **JUNE 4: Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Thankfully they are doing really well as a family, and value your continued prayers for them. Recently Angie had the opportunity to join Nicky's class on a field trip and her eyes were opened to the obscene, irreverent, and distasteful comments/actions Nicole is exposed to on a daily basis - even at so young an age. Please pray that God would guard their children's hearts and that He would give Andrew and Angie wisdom to be good parents. Additionally, please pray for their health. As the winter months begin, it gets more humid and Zack and Andrew are more prone to asthma and allergies.

**Iceland (Europe).** The majority of Icelanders are Christian, but only nominally so. Biblical Christianity and a lifestyle of following Christ are alien concepts to most. Some of the more isolated areas are spiritual wastelands, with almost no active Christianity at all. Ask the Lord to break into Icelandic society and orchestrate a revival that touches every person and aspect of life.

#### **JUNE 5: Wes & Nancy Collins, Peru, Guatemala, United States**

Pray for the Collins' middle child, Molly, husband Kyle and two daughters. They are within four miles of a recently opened volcanic fissure on the Big Island of Hawaii. Pray for their church, helping to feed and house people being evacuated from nearby danger.

**India (Asia).** India has more unreached individuals than any other nation. Christians in India are unequally spread – the south and northeast have a much higher proportion of Christians than the more populated north and west. Thirteen states in North India are less than 1% Christian. Pray that the Church worldwide might rise to this task. Training Christian workers is an important need that is immediately urgent and essential in the long term. The life and health of the church depend on the proper development of pastors, teachers, evangelists and missionaries. In churches, poor discipling and lack of teaching and modeling of biblical life and leadership are problems. There are over 100,000 full-time workers in India; about half are pastoring local churches. There is, on average, one trained pastor for every six congregations.

#### **JUNE 6: Amy Cottle, Thailand**

This month, all the missionaries in Thailand serving with OMF gather for a conference. Please pray that this conference will encourage and refresh the missionaries, knowing that their work for the Lord is not in vain. Pray that the logistics for the speaker, volunteers and missionaries comes together and that the fragrance of Christ would be present for the resort staff to sense. May God continue to strengthen the missionaries for the work He has called them to do!

**Andhra Pradesh (State of India).** Gospel outreach continues with numerous people coming to Christ. There are churches in every district, and tribal groups especially are being reached. Pray for the three districts and 107 sub districts that are .1% Christian. The Hindu-pilgrimage site Tirupathi draws millions from around India and beyond every year, presenting an opportunity to reach out to many.

### **JUNE 7: Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States**

Praise by God's good grace Mark has "signed off" on the six Quechua Bibles he has been translating. Pray for God's hand of protection over these Bibles as they continue through the remaining publication steps in order to be printed. Pray for Becky as she works on the post-layout editorial check. Pray for her stamina, attention to detail, stick-to-itiveness, health and freedom from distractions. Pray that the Bean's time participating in the Parkside Vacation Bible Camp in June will help expand the children's vision of what God is doing in the world. Pray, too, that God might inspire some young children to consider missions and Bible translation in particular.

**Arunachal Pradesh (State of India).** Pray for the Buddhist peoples of the west (Monga, Khampti) adjoining Bhutan have little opportunity to hear the gospel. There are few churches and believers; those leaving Tibetan Buddhism usually face rejection and persecution. Pray for Animist peoples- the Tagin, Adi Minyong, Miri, Tanu and Galong. Pray for the seven regions which are less than .1% Christian.

### **JUNE 8: Parkside Missionaries Serving in East Asia**

Please pray for B's final month of language learning this semester. Pray that God will help him have a good memory. Pray for direction and that God will help him understand the local people groups and their needs linguistically. Pray for the local believers that God will help them grow in their faith. Pray especially for the young men. Pray for their many unbelieving friends, like Cindy and Daniel and their daughter. It seems impossible with social and political pressures that any folks here could not only believe but also come join in a local church. Please pray that God will do the impossible. Pray that there will be more opportunities for people to hear the good news and come to faith. Pray also that B. and J. will pass their driving test there.

**Assam (State of India).** Assam remains the major spiritual challenge in northeast India. After two centuries of Christian work, professing Christians are a small and marginalized minority. Pray for a reversal of this trend and for revival, vision and impact on society to characterize the many lukewarm congregations.

### **JUNE 9: Parkside Church Westside, United States**

Please pray for their first-ever kids summer camp, Action Day Camp, which will combine Parkside Bainbridge's VBC with afternoon field trips throughout Greater Cleveland. Pray for the kids and family who are participating, as well as for the volunteers who are helping. Pray for their elders in training who are preparing to teach their next baptism class. Pray, too, for those who are ready to be baptized. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom and direction in all that they do, especially as they continue to see growth in their Children's Ministry, Community Groups, and Sunday service.

**Bihar (State of India).** Bihar presents many obstacles to evangelism. Beside deep poverty sits widespread illiteracy, lack of resources in local languages, strong spiritual opposition and persecution of religious minorities by the Hindu majority. There is little collaboration among Christians and almost no Christian voice in public life. Pray that the Lord might demonstrate his powerful passion and love for Biharis through an unprecedented surge of ministry to these needy peoples. Pray that the liberating, saving, restoring gospel of Christ might find the suffering millions of Bihar.

### **JUNE 10: Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico**

Please continue praying for safety in their flying as they deal with rain and clouds in their mountain airstrips during June. Praise that the Cessna 182 has finally made a flight after several years on the ground. Pray for the final paper work so that this tool might be used for God's Kingdom. Pray for continued follow-up to invitations to do Bible studies in Amoltepec that have come as a result of the Parkside dental teams being there in January and February. Pray for Mike and Joan as they spend time with family in June that God would be honored and glorified. Pray that their three sons and their families would learn to seek first the Kingdom of God.

**Chhattisgarh (State of India).** The Christian Church has always been small here, never more than 2% officially, but growth is starting to occur. Violent reaction to Christian outreach is common, and persecution of Christians is also intense in Chhattisgarh's neighboring states. House churches are the most appropriate means of fellowship; growth of these is accelerating. Pray that the liberating light of the gospel might shine into every one of the many tribal groups here.

### **JUNE 11: Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Ambassadors Football, Peru**

Ambassadors Soccer Camps are quickly coming up. Over the years hundreds of coaches have come from over 60 countries around the world to be envisioned and trained to not only coach in the camps throughout the summer, but also return to their countries to minister there. This summer they will also be training a core group of Ambassadors' leaders to direct the ministry in their countries. Pray for Daniel from Peru, Felipe from Colombia, Lucasse from Haiti, Jonathan from El Salvador, Gabriel from Bolivia, David from Chile, Jean Paul from Rwanda and Joshua from Liberia. They will get foundational training this summer followed by on-going training throughout the year to not only run Ambassadors programs, but also initiate a movement of believers ministering through soccer across their countries.

**Delhi (State of India).** Christians officially number over 130,000, but the informal number is as high as 400,000. There are over 3,000 churches, tripling the number in 1999. Many of these Christians are migrants; most do not regularly attend church. Pray for revival, new life and effective outreach by those who claim to be followers of Christ. Vision 2020 hopes to establish another 1,500 congregations for 1.5 million new Christians by 2020.

### **JUNE 12: Pastoral Assistants, Bolivia**

Pray for the 14 Pastoral Assistant volunteers in La Paz studying 16 hours each week preparing messages and preaching through the book of Romans. God is using these men to impact increasing numbers of churches in La Paz and Santa Cruz. Pray for Pastor Edgar Mamani, pastoring the IBM church and training PA volunteers among Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabaque region of Bolivia. Pray for Pastor Javier Soliz that God will guide and grant wisdom as he plants a new church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and trains five PA volunteers.

**Goa (State of India).** Goa is a beautiful, bio-diverse area that attracts many tourists from India and the world each year. But with this come structures of sin, such as drug trafficking and child prostitution. Pray for a government that will act decisively to end these evils; pray for those caught up in them to be delivered into new life.



## news from the field...

### **Kep & Debbie James in La Paz, Bolivia**

Thank you for praying for us. Please pray *“that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ ...that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak” (Colossians 4:3,4, ESV).*



#### **Our Purpose:**

To honor Christ by strengthening the church to be true to the Bible, discipling believers to take the gospel where it is least known.

#### **Equipping Servants (ESI) into Santiago, Sao Paulo and Asuncion:**

- In April we met in Temuco, Chile with 52 ESI Facilitators - 35 of them will begin groups in Santiago, Concepcion and Valparaiso in July.
- In April we met in Sao Paulo, Brazil to train 42 new ESI Facilitators, who plan to begin 21 new groups in July.

#### **Pray For:**

- 150 new Equipping Servants Facilitators trained in Paraguay, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia and Bolivia as they start new ESI groups in July.
- Debbie's work of evangelism & discipleship with women in the ILC Church in La Paz.
- 1000 active Equipping Servants participants in 8 Spanish speaking countries; and 1800 ESI graduates since 2002 - to grow in their love for Jesus and commitment to disciple believers and make Christ known!
- Pastoral Assistant volunteers in La Paz studying 16 hours each week preparing messages & preaching through the book of Romans.
- God's supply for 2000 Pastor Book Sets needed thru 2022 to start Equipping Servants in 5 new Spanish speaking countries.

Thankful to God for your partnership in the gospel!  
Kep & Debbie James

### **JUNE 13: Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Please pray for the various ministries Chris & Leanne are involved with. Their focus is on kids and young families. Pray for Chris as he takes on more responsibilities with their church and mission. Please pray the Lord gives them opportunities to go deeper with their friends. Also, pray for the Parkside team who will be coming to Japan at the end of the month. They look forward to the team's ministry for the missionaries of Japan and look forward to sharing their love for the people of Japan with the team.

**Haryana (State of India).** Six thousand villages have no Christian witness or outreach. Also, 10 peoples of populations over 100,000 each have no church and no ministry among them. Jats number over 4 million in Haryana, but there are fewer than 20 known Christians among them. There are very few known Christians among the 1.7 million Brahmins and the 750,000 Shaikhs. This state has the second-largest Sikh population and is actually seeing a significant number come into the Kingdom; pray that this might be increased and spill over to Sikhs elsewhere.


### **JUNE 14: The City Mission, United States**

Please pray The City Mission's fun, family-friendly race in Cleveland – Running with a Mission on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. This run raises money for Laura's Home. Pray for beautiful weather for this run. For the Crossroads Men's Crisis Center please pray that the Lord will bring the right volunteers to come alongside staff to fill urgent needs in the Men's Program. Pray for strength and wisdom to create positive, intentional experiences for the children they serve. Lastly that God would use their visits to Ohio's prisons to bring encouragement to those who are often forgotten.

**Himachal Pradesh (State of India).** Persecution and anti-conversion legislation are reactions of Hindutva groups and the government to Christian preaching. Some Christians have been forcibly converted back to Hinduism. Pray for the freedom to share the gospel and for boldness for Christians to share, whatever the cost.

### **JUNE 15: Equipping Servants Internship (ESI), Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay**

Pray for the Equipping Servants Internship Facilitator Training June 15-17 in Asunción. 50 Paraguayan pastors and church leaders are expected to take this training. Many of these hope to begin new groups of 10-15 participants each in August. In addition to Paraguay, please pray for the 4 new groups starting in Argentina, 21 new groups starting in Brazil, 6 new groups starting in Chile, and 6 new groups starting in Colombia. Please pray for God's provision as they work to purchase Pastor Book Sets for all these new participants. Pray for the 1000+ ESI participants in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay. Pray for the 2000 total graduates since 2002. Pray for Pastor Tomas Diaz as he works with 6 groups of ESI pastors in Loja, and expands ESI into Guayaquil, Quito and Cuenca, Ecuador. Pray for Pastor Edwin Callejas as he works with 4 groups of ESI pastors in Huánuco, Peru, and oversees 2 ESI groups in Cajamarca. Pray for Pastor Edgar Mamani, pastoring the IBM church and developing ESI among Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabaque region of Bolivia. Pray for Pastor Javier Soliz that God will guide and grant wisdom as he trains pastors in 5 ESI groups and plants a new church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.



**Jammu & Kashmir (State of India).** Persecution is a common reaction to rapid Christian growth. Angry and even violent responses from families and communities can see converts ostracized and even kicked out of homes or villages. Missionaries can also be on the receiving end of violent opposition, particularly when they are not sensitive in their means of evangelism. Pray for wise and sensitive witness by Christian workers and for the protection and preservation of new believers.

**JUNE 16: Mike & Cindy, Macedonia**

Mike and Cindy will be in Cleveland for a summer home service. Please pray for good connections with Parkside and family members. Short term workers will be serving Send International teams throughout Macedonia this summer. Pray for God to work in them and through them.

**Jharkhand (State of India).** Negative reactions to evangelism are common and often violent by animists and Hindu tribals. Such rejection to evangelism is expected and is frequently orchestrated by militant Hindu groups, but it is on occasion exacerbated by evangelists' lack of sensitivity. Pray for contextualized outreach that takes into account the unique nature of each of these people as well as their practical needs.

**JUNE 17: Parkside Church Green Campus, United States**

This month begins their Summer Camps Outreach. This month will offer an Art Camp, Tennis and Camp and a Super Wednesday activity for children. Please pray for volunteers to serve in the various camps being offered. Pray for the children who will be enrolled in the camps and also pray for those serving as leaders and helpers that God would strengthen and equip them to connect with the children involved and that the gospel would be shared abundantly. Pray for the Women's Summer Studies being offered. Pray for the leaders and facilitators of the study that they would be encouraged and equipped in leading the studies as well as discernment as they minister to the women involved in the studies. They continually thank the Lord for His faithfulness and abundant provision to Parkside Green.

**Karnataka (State of India).** Bangalore's Christian community was mostly middle and upper class in the past, but now many lower castes and slum dwellers are becoming believers. Christians here must not leave God's work to full-time missionaries from elsewhere; pray for a revival of the churches and for their mobilization to allow all Karnataka to hear the good news. Pray also for increased unity in churches – across languages, castes and denominations.

**JUNE 18: The Delhi Bible Institute, India**

Pray for the Dehradun Anugrah Ashram: for the centre to impact different communities and people groups throughout the states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh; for the construction of a girls dormitory; that the church would increase in number and in the knowledge of Christ; for the team serving in Dehradun Ashram. Pray for the 20 men supported by Parkside as they travel throughout Northern India preaching and teaching the gospel. Pray that God will protect them and provide many opportunities for David, Mani, Amar, Benjamin, Gabriel, Kalap, Suresh, Vinay, Desh, Ram, Anil, Dilip, Kamlesh, Rajendra, James, Shiv, Rajesh, Dinesh, Bhim and Sanjay to share Christ. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Isaac Shaw and the rest of the DBI leadership team of Ramraj, Namgyal, Abuan, Andrews, Punam, Basant, Samuel and Yogita as they oversee the ministry.

## Ministry in Latin America



ESI Facilitator Training in Tumuco, Chile



ESI Facilitator Training in Sao Paulo, Brazil



ESI Facilitator Training in Salta, Argentina

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**Kerala (State of India).** Many Kerala churches continue to grow in missions interest. However, social barriers are high; many believers need to be liberated from the spirit of caste, both to evangelize other social groups and to welcome converts as brethren. Of the 35 small tribal groups, only three or four have significant Christian groups and 10 others have a handful of believers.

**JUNE 19: Alternatern Pregnancy Services, United States**

Please pray for a successful “Move for Life Walk” on Saturday, June 23. Please pray for God's provision for funds to hire a Nurse Manager. Intercede for the hard hearts of their clients determined to abort and not consider adoption as an option. Pray for the Bible study leaders facing spiritual warfare and opposition.

**Madhya Pradesh (State of India).** This state was one of the last to open up for missions. It is strongly Hindu with stern laws limiting conversions to Christianity. Pray for the end of opposition to the gospel in high places and for the frustration of extremist Hindu efforts to “reconvert” Christians – thousands of tribal peoples have been forced to renounce Christianity. The whole state remains a pioneer mission field, but growth in both outreach and response are increasing.

**JUNE 20: Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray for Debbie's work of evangelism and discipleship with women at the ILC Church. Pray for much fruit that remains as they press forward to make Christ known in La Paz. Pray that God will give Pastor Pepe Rocha a deep passion for Christ in his pastoral ministry in the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia.

**Maharashtra (State of India).** At least 73 peoples remain unreached and unengaged. Many Hindu caste groups and the Mahar have little opportunity to hear the gospel; major church growth and revival are blocked by caste barriers. Muslims number 12 million in the state, including 2 million in Mumbai. There is a lack of outreach, of workers, of awareness of their needs and of Scripture in their languages and dialects. Tribal groups are responding to the gospel.

**JUNE 21: Truth For Life, United States**

Pray with thanksgiving for the men and women God has raised up as Truthpartners. These faithful partners care for a significant portion of the costs needed to distribute Alistair's teaching through Truth For life each day. Please pray that God will continue to draw these committed supporters to Himself and work visibly in their lives. Continue to pray that God will use Truth For Life to reach many around the world with the good news of salvation in Christ. As the ministry works to this end, pray that God will bring the right people to the team to fill key open positions over the next several months.

**Manipur (State of India).** Manipur has been constantly disrupted in recent decades by several separatist insurgency movements, all with different and often competing agendas. They usually target non-indigenous peoples as well as Christians, both being easy scapegoats. This violence has claimed over 1,000 lives, has stymied access to and ministry in Manipur and has hindered development of the region. Pray that those taking up arms for their many causes would instead find peace and unity in Christ.

## **JUNE 22: Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa**

Please pray for the resources for Johannes to improve and expand his pre-school facility; to strengthen the commitment and knowledge of the Lord among the youth leader trainees; to be aligned with God's will in serving the unchurched and resisting the false gospels of those who exploit the people's need for Christ. The biggest challenge in the areas where Johannes is working is ancestral worship. People are taught that they can serve God and their ancestors at the same time. Please pray for the people to accept that there is only one true God and there is only one Mediator between God and man. On June 22, Johannes and his ministry partner, Frans will hold a youth camp in Bultfontein. Please pray for the camp and that many young people will choose to serve Jesus with their lives.

**Meghalaya (State of India).** Meghalaya is a Christian-majority state; most of the tribals who make up the majority became Christian in the 19th and early 20th Centuries. Churches are numerous. Traditionalism has been a problem, but in the 21st Century, revivals and renewal are breathing new life and dynamism into many, many churches. Pray that this move of the Holy Spirit might spread, deepen and have a lasting impact on the lives and lifestyles of Christians. Pray also for unity among churches.

## **JUNE 23: Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

They move into their new facility June 23. Pray for "order and fun"! Please pray their church will have spiritual vibrancy through all the "busy-ness". Pray for wisdom as they select an associate pastor. Please pray for the preparation for soccer camp in August. They are thankful that CMSD (Cleveland Municipal School District) donates the field!

**Mizoram (State of India).** Mizoram has one of the largest Christian populations by proportion of any state in the world. There are now over 100 denominations and groups. Awakenings and revivals in recent years have dynamized the Church and helped transform society. Mizoram remains one of the most literate, well-educated and egalitarian states in India. Divisions within denominations and inter-ethnic tensions are a discredit to the unity expected of believers. Pray for a new outpouring of the Spirit that will join believers together and remove man-made divisions.

## **JUNE 24: Parkside Church Missions Team, Japan**

Pray for the team who will travel to Tokyo on June 29 to assist with the 2018 Japan Annual Conference for the missions organization, SEND International. Team members include: Diane Carmichael, Katie Egan, Justin Hartman, Nicolle James, Steve James, Dan Pillot, Jennifer Platek, Brandon Schaber, Dan Southam and Doug Tabbutt. The team will provide babysitting for infants and toddlers, Bible school (VBC) for children preschool through grade 5, a Bible teacher to speak for the plenary sessions, a team to lead music at the beginning of each plenary session, and a sound technician. While in Japan the team will also travel to Sendai and see the work of Parkside missionaries, Chris & Leanne Harrington. Please pray for safe travel, good health, team unity, and that they will be an encouragement to the missionaries and their families. The team returns to Cleveland on July 10.

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**Nagaland (State of India).** Christian training and sending – few Christian areas in the world have such a high density of theological colleges; there are at least 19. Pray for more students who will become effective pastors, social workers, church planters and missionaries. A vision exists to see 10,000 Naga missionaries sent out from this most Christian state in India. Pray for further Bible translation. The many highly educated theologians have ensured that the two million Nagas (in 20 tribes with 36 languages and 124 dialects) are well served with Bible translations. Bibles or NTs exist in nearly 30 languages, with work progressing in 10 more.

**JUNE 25: Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, United States**

Pray for the student leaders this summer, as they will be leading the Bridges summer bible studies and socials. Pray that God would use this in their lives to draw them closer to Himself, and that more students would know the Lord. Pray that Emily and Blake would be refreshed in the Lord and enjoy Him as they spend some time with family.

**Orissa (State of India).** Church growth has multiplied despite great opposition. The census numbers Christians as 2.4% in Orissa, but some groups (both Christian and Hindutva) claim 28% or more. This is certainly an exaggeration, but it is indicative of both rapid Christian growth and alarmed reaction. Most Christians in Orissa are tribal and Dalit peoples; they are by far the most responsive to outreach. Pray for the many Indian agencies seeking to augment this growth. Pray that caste discrimination, particularly prevalent in Orissa, might end – Christians suffer acutely from it.

**JUNE 26: Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

They're really encouraged with the Thursday Bible study (which they hope will eventually be the foundation of the church plant). They're thankful for all the new people who have come, and ask that you pray for them as many are not yet believers. Also, they appreciate your prayers for a new location, since the current facility is sometimes too small. Please continue to pray for the ESI students here in Uruguay - that God would continue to ground them in His Word and allow them to grow in their love for Christ and their usefulness in Christian ministry. Please continue to pray for the advancement of the Kingdom here in Uruguay, and that God would use their lives for his glory in the various relationships and opportunities He gives them.

**Punjab (State of India).** The Sikh religion with its unique doctrines and culture has spread to many parts of India and beyond. There are up to 25 million Sikhs in the world. Little specific Christian study of and dialogue with Sikhs has ever been undertaken. The Mazbahi, Jat, Ramdasias, and Rai – all castes of Sikhs – are more responsive to the gospel. A number of agencies and indigenous churches are now reaching out. Praise God for the several Christian leaders from the Sikh community now actively professing and proclaiming the good news in Punjab and abroad.

### **JUNE 27: Brian (& Maria) Walls, Greater Cleveland Youth For Christ, United States**

Brian is excited to go back for his 11th and Maria's 3rd summer trip to the Ukraine on a missions trip which will take place July 19-August 6. Their daughter, Faith will be joining them for the first time. They will be teaching conversational English in an evangelistic way at Grace Church in Brovary (outside Kiev). Many young people and professionals come to learn English so they can get a better job and improved economic status, but they use the Gospel of John as their text and have faith-based conversations. Please pray for good health, effectiveness and openness. Their daughter, Grace got to accompany music students from Liberty University to Nicaragua for an outreach over spring break as the official photographer. Praise God that the group was safe and the Lord used the trip to touch many for the kingdom!

**Rajasthan (State of India).** Harassment of the small Christian community is increasing due to pressure by the BJP upon the state government. An anti-conversion bill passed in 2008 makes things even more difficult. Hindu extremists have targeted Christian ministries – including hospitals and orphanages – with such ruthlessness that even secular groups and sympathetic moderate Hindus are protesting against such treatment. Pray that all such attempts to destroy God's people would result in greater church growth. Pray that the hatred of extremists and the loving humility of Christians would draw many more into the Kingdom.

### **JUNE 28: Indigenous Church-Planting Training in Arab and Muslim Countries**

Please pray for the House of Hope orphanage. The HOH started with seven little girls, ages six and seven. The number expanded throughout the years and now they have 31 girls from 7 -16 years old. Girls receive loving care in a safe and clean environment. Pray that the Lord gives spiritual, physical and psychological support and strength for the team who serves the girls amid all the pressures they are exposed to. As often is the case, when these girls live in such desperate conditions, they are faced with many devastating physical and emotional challenges. Pray that they enjoy the redeeming and healing love of God. Pray for protection of the place from burglars, armed gangsters and greedy leaders who would like to have the place for their own evil interests.

**Sikkim (State of India).** Sikkim has enjoyed significant religious freedom in recent years, a contrast from a history of persecution. Christians are taking advantage of this open window, but they are not alone. Muslims and Maoists are also very active in proselytism, so much so that, combined with growing immigration, the rapid religious demographic change is of great concern to many in the state. Pray for social and political harmony as well as wise leadership to handle the rapid changes. Pray that existing freedom might continue and that Christians might use the opportunity – while it exists – to share the good news of Jesus.



### **JUNE 29: Edgar & Lety Rivera and Neri & Karina Rivera, Mexico**

Edgar and Lety continue to ask for prayer for the healing of Edgar's back. Continue to pray for justice to be done in the legal process after the automobile accident Lety and the children were involved in. Pray with them as they start a new church plant in their neighborhood. Pray for their children as they study and especially for Ana as she starts graduate studies. Neri and Karina ask for prayer for their girls as they study. Praise God that they have a high school graduate and a college graduate this year. Pray for wisdom for Neri as he juggles many pastoral responsibilities including several Equipping Servants Internship groups in Chiapas. Praise God that recent follow-up exams did not detect new tumors.

**Tamil Nadu (State of India).** The ebb and flow of religion and politics affect the Church and mission. An anticonversion law was passed in 2002 but was later repealed as Hindutva-aligned parties were defeated in elections. Despite this change, many Tamil Christians fear the social disruption largescale conversions will cause. Hindu extremism continues to press in upon the growing Church, especially regarding Dalits, who are increasingly being won to Christ. The political and judicial arenas remain fragmented, unduly influenced by celebrities and highly prone to corruption. Pray for religious freedom to be preserved and for a society to be developed that ensures justice and fairness for all its peoples.

### **JUNE 30: Jon (& Ruthie) Ortlip, Ambassadors Football, United States**

Thank you for your continued prayers for Ruthie, Jon and the work of Ambassadors Football around the world. Jesus told His disciples that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few and that we should pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers. Please pray that God would send Ambassadors more faithful laborers. Pray for them as they train workers in more than 25 countries. Pray for them as they develop new discipleship materials for children that can be used all over the world.

**Tripura (India).** Christians have been persecuted by animists and by extreme Hindu groups. Of late, there have been attacks as well as false propaganda against the Church, accusing it of collusion with rebel groups. Pray that Christians might walk blamelessly in a region of strife and resentment and continue to express and demonstrate the love and grace of Christ, even to their accusers and persecutors.

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## missions: more than money

Several years ago the elders at Parkside moved from supporting many people with a little bit of funding to supporting a smaller amount of people with a lot of funding. The idea behind this transition was to strengthen the relationship between our church and our missionaries, that we might adequately care for them while on the field and that they might sharpen our desire to see unbelievers reached for Christ.

Practically, this means that our primary approach is now to cover 100% of our missionaries' financial needs so that they can focus their time and energy on their ministry rather than on raising support. When they are home, we provide housing and transportation. When they are away, we speak with them regularly and highlight their activity through various avenues so that our people can stay abreast of their progress and enter into their work by praying for them. Our role does not replace the work of mission agencies, but we seek to provide our missionaries with ongoing care in one place so that they might be most effective for the Kingdom.

As detailed in the pages that follow, we still offer partial financial support to some of the missionaries who we had been partnering with before the transition, as well as some other organizations and individuals.

Learn more about our missionaries and locate contact information for them at [www.parksidechurch.com/missions](http://www.parksidechurch.com/missions).

### Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

<b>Japan</b>	Chris & Leanne Harrington
<b>Uruguay</b>	Andrew & Angie James
<b>Bolivia</b>	Kep & Debbie James
<b>East Asia</b>	B & J
<b>United States</b>	Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson
<b>Macedonia</b>	Mike & Cindy

### Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

<b>Peru</b>	Mark & Patti Bean
<b>Peru</b>	Wes & Nancy Collins
<b>Mexico</b>	Mike & Joan Ross
<b>Austria</b>	Brenda Ziska

## missions: more than money (cont.)

### Financial Support of Nationals

#### Bolivia

- 14 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
- The Equipping Servants Internship (ESI) is a 3 year part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. As of December's graduation, ESI has 1750 graduates since 2002 and 1000 active participants in Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile and Uruguay. Parkside Church has and continues to help provide the participants with the materials that are required.

#### Mexico

- 2 Mexican Pastoral Assistants, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live Biblically through the Equipping Servants Internship (ESI) in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

#### India

- 20 full-time Indian missionaries were trained by the Delhi Bible Institute and sent to Northern India, fully supported by Parkside Church
- 12 Indian students are enrolled in a 9-month full-time preaching training, fully supported by Parkside Church

#### South Africa

- Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African working full-time with children & teens in the farm schools of Bloemfontein receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

### Financial Support to Mission Agencies

Alternaterrm	Parkside Church Lake County
The City Mission	Parkside Church Westside
Indigenous Church Planting Organization	Scranton Road Bible Church
Parkside Church Green Campus	Truth For Life

### Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (Bean) Ackerson	Matt (& Laura) Pheneger
Amy Cottle	Brian (& Maria) Walls
Jon (& Ruthie) Ortlip	

**Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2017: \$2.1 million**

# Get Involved

in a pks short-term missions trip

## India

Medical/Dental Outreach  
January, 2019

## Mexico

Dental Outreach  
January and/or February, 2019

To find out more about joining a future short-term team,  
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