

Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **January**

"The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few."
Matthew 9:37 (ESV)

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!



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

Utilize this booklet 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/subscribe.



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

JAN

01

Mike & Cindy, Macedonia

Pray that Mike and Cindy would grow in their love for their Lord and for the Macedonian people. Pray that they would walk worthy of their calling, and that their lives would be a testimony to the Macedonians that they interact with.

Cambodia (Asia). Although internationally-instituted democracy arrived in 1993, corruption is rife and the scars of the terrible genocide of 1975-1979 remain evident. Pray for justice to be done regarding those who perpetrated the crimes, healing for the deep psychological wounds, and a government that seeks the good of all. Spiritual darkness persists in Cambodia and is seen in ubiquitous spirit shrines and Buddhism's opposition to any ideological rival and in general moral collapse. Pray for the light of the gospel to so shine that the structures of society as well as of individuals may be decisively changed. Pray for deliverance and salvation for child laborers, sex trade victims (20% of tourists to Cambodia made use of the sex trade), homeless children and orphans, as well as drug trafficking and abuse that has increased greatly in the last 15 years.

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02

Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray that Kep and Debbie will be refreshed as they spend time with friends and family in the United States this month. In Debbie's absence, pray that the ladies in the La Paz, ILC Church will grow in their love for the LORD and in their commitment to evangelism and discipleship.

Cameroon (Africa). A secular state that guarantees religious freedom, Islam is strong in the north; however, Evangelicals have grown rapidly in the last 20 years. Pray for greater spiritual unity and cooperation between charismatic and non-charismatic groups, more effective discipling in the churches, for the pastors and elders to have integrity and spirituality, and for biblical engagement across all spheres of society. Leadership and discipleship training in the churches are urgent needs. Pray for Godly leaders who are well trained in the Scriptures, as well as for a spiritual revolution in theological faculties and seminaries that will bring new life and biblical standards to churches so long deprived.

JAN

03

Parkside Church Green Campus, United States

Parkside Green Staff are incredibly thankful to God for His overwhelming goodness and blessings this past year and most recently for their Christmas Event which was a great success! Please pray for leaders, teachers, and facilitators as they prepare for Bible studies which will resume in January. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide them as they study and prepare for men's and women's Bible studies, Sunday morning Equipping Classes, and Sunday evening Deeper Waters study.

Canada (North America). One of the world's leading industrial nations with the lowest public debt of G8 nations, Canada is marked by freedom of religion; however, rapid secularization and pluralization are taking place at every level. Therefore, it is not surprising that the influence of Christianity has seen a long, sustained decline in Canadian society. Pray for a much-needed revival, starting in the church and radiating outward to address the failure of relevance, morals, and theological and spiritual dynamism in the Church.

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04

Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States

Praise God for a growing sense of community and commitment among members in the church plant they attend. They are thankful for recent opportunities to minister to and serve the members of their church. Pray for an outreach event on January 5th- that it will be a visible demonstration of God's Kingdom to their friends and neighbors.

Cape Verde Islands (Africa). A country that is heavily dependent on aid and remittances from Caboverdian migrants, economic and ecological problems must be wisely addressed. Pray for government leaders who will make good decisions and develop the economy for the betterment of the whole nation. Although the Caboverdians are Catholics in name, superstitions and African fetishism have a large influence. Pray that more Christian indigenous leaders and pastors may be trained and that believers may mature and increase despite poverty and geographical isolation.

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05

Missionary Couple in Training

Thank God for the excellent training they are receiving in preparation for the mission field. Pray that they would be thankful and content each day, no matter the circumstance. Pray for safety and health as they travel over the holidays. Pray also for meaningful interactions with family and friends. Please start praying for the people group God will send them to and for their future teammates even though we don't know who they are yet!

Cayman Islands (Caribbean). With over 90 churches, many of them evangelical, Christian faith and should have a significant influence on society - pray that this may continue to be the case amid the materialism and hedonism. 77% of its population believes in Christianity, allowing the Island a unique opportunity to present the gospel to the millions of tourists who visit each year. Pray that the tourists are confronted by the claims of Christ while in pursuit of pleasure. The Islands' reputation as an offshore banking and tax haven has been vigorously addressed by changes in the laws and regulations. There are 70,000 registered companies, and banking assets rest at over \$600 billion. Pray that the wealth of the islands may be used to extend God's Kingdom.

JAN

06

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

They left Uruguay on December 21st to be with family and then to visit Parkside and SIM. Please pray for safe travels and that it would be a refreshing time. They feel this last year has been exhausting in many different ways. Praise God that they were able to identify two new leaders for ESI and will be starting two new groups in 2019 (for a total of 5). Please pray that God would guide them as they begin to receive student applications, and that He would continue to give students a passion for His word and equip them for faithful service.

Central African Republic (CAR) (Africa). Beyond the spiritual needs of the CAR, the physical needs are immense. There are continual uprisings in the north and east. Pray that banditry and chaos may not prevail and that a strong and just central government can establish peace throughout the country. Although the CAR is blessed with vast mineral resources, its' economy is weak. Pray that the government might bring to bear a wise hand in increasing wealth that enriches the entire nation. CAR is another African nation increasingly devastated by AIDS; pray for programs and ministries to combat not only HIV/AIDS but also diseases that come about from malnourishment, lack of clean water, faulty hygiene, and poverty.

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07

Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Mark and Patti are thankful for the people working on, praying for and financing the publication of the Quechua Bibles. Pray for patience for everyone as they wait for new word regarding the progress of the publication. Praise God for additional opportunities in January for Mark & Patti to speak about Bible translating. Pray that youth, in particular, will be challenged to consider serving God somewhere outside of their comfort zones.

Chad (Africa). Despite the domination of the Muslims in government, trade, and the army, denizens of Chad know that their freedom of religion is a precious reality. Pray that while certain freedoms exist, the rebels' threats that are often strongly Islamist, may not overtake the opportunities Christians currently have. The need for a stable and just government is as urgent as ever, as the current regime is noted for violence, corruption, and tribalism. The Church needs uplifting in prayer, especially regarding African traditional religions which are resurgent in the country, partly as an attempt to return to African roots. Pray for unity within denominations and for God to raise-up catalysts who will spur Chad's Christians to greater depths of faith and a greater commitment to the unevangelized.



Parkside Church Westside, United States

They were thankful for your prayers as they partnered with *The Christmas Store* which helps the local community by providing a fun, dignified, and free holiday shopping experience for Lakewood families in need. This past December, they were able to assist more than 100 families and 300 kids. Please pray that everyone who participated, families and volunteers alike, will be blessed by the experience and will grow in the knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ. As they begin the New Year, please pray for their church leaders as they seek God's wisdom and counsel in leading Parkside Church Westside. Please also continue to pray for God's help in finding a more permanent facility. They thank you for your care and prayers.

Chile (Latin America). Due to the legacy of the Pinochet regime, known for its' bloody coup, severe repression, more than 3,000 people murdered, and many times that number abused, forgiveness and grace are essential for democratic structures to continue to grow and for a just and prosperous Chile to emerge. Pray for university and college students witness to be strengthened and that unbelieving students will find their identity in Christ.



Brian (& Maria) Walls, Greater Cleveland Youth For Christ, United States

Pray for the Ministry Leadership Conference on Saturday, Jan. 12. Volunteers from Pennsylvania and Ohio for YFC will be getting together at Parkside Church for a day-long training. Pray that they pick-up tools to reach even more lost youth with the Gospel! Praise the Lord that over 70 students made some kind of decision for Christ as a part of our all-night sports outreach. Please pray that we can get them planted into a solid local church and complete a follow-up bible study with them. Please pray that Brian can get a lot of donor appointments done amidst his busy schedule since his support is substantially behind.

China (Asia). The growth of the Church in China is one of the most decisive events of our generation. The window of opportunity may not be open forever and China faces a battle with materialism as its' wealth increases. In addition, the debilitating effects of spreading corruption, moral decline and the growing social and economic impact of the one-child policy, all threaten the continued growth of the Church. Pray that the Refiner's fire might keep burning and that the Church's spiritual cutting edge- honed in the midst of persecution- might not be blunted. China remains politically oppressive and is wracked with corruption. Pray for God's Sovereign hand to work in and through the Chinese government; pray that all forms of wickedness may be opposed, that kindness be shown to the oppressed and that justice and prosperity for all be the goals of China's economic and foreign policies.

News from the field...



Andrew & Angie James in Uruguay

Dear Friends,

Thanks for your continued prayers and partnership in the gospel! The other day Angie and I were thinking about the last two years, and we were so thankful for God's faithfulness in our lives.

We left Parkside about two years ago to church-plant in Uruguay. Our leaders thought it best for us to spend the first two years working with existing ministries (while adapting to the culture and getting to know people) before attempting to start anything new – so that's basically what we did. Thankfully, the children have adapted well to school, and our family in general is doing very well. As far as ministry, we got a better sense of what we should be doing while serving alongside others.

After being in Uruguay for about a year, while continuing to support various ministries, we thought it made sense to start a Bible study that would serve as the foundation for a future church plant. At the beginning, it was pretty much just us... But, little by little, people started coming, and we are now at a point where we consider officially launching the church plant sometime next year.

Another ministry in which we have seen much fruit is Equipping Servants (ESI) – a three-year-program intended to ground people in the Word and equip them for gospel ministry. We started the first group in 2017 and have since seen the ministry continue to grow. It has been encouraging to see students grow in their love for Christ and effectiveness in Christian ministry as they study God's Word.

We are really blessed to have made so many good friends in such a short amount of time.

It hasn't always been easy - we've had many bumps and difficulties along the way. But we see God's faithfulness in everything, and trust that He will finish the good work He has started in each of our lives.

Once again, thank you for your continued prayers. Please join us in praying for the following:

- Safe travels during our home assignment
- That God would guide the application process for students joining ESI in 2019
- For wisdom as we seek to church plant next year

Thank you,
Andrew & Angie James

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Amy Cottle, Thailand

As the New Year is here, please pray that there would be good follow-up with those who showed an interest in knowing more about Jesus during the Christmas outreaches. Pray that the Thai church will have the heart to reach out to their friends and neighbors with the good news of Jesus throughout the year. Please pray for Amy that she will serve the Lord with gladness and bring honor and glory to His Name in all that she does in Thailand.

Anhui Province (province of China) (Asia). Failed Maoist policies, poor administration and corruption, combined with famine and frequent floods, bring desperation and disillusionment to the area, but also many to Christ. Due to internal struggles, large networks of house-churches are fracturing and cooperation is lacking among networks, often because of minor theological differences or issues of control. Pray for unity among Christians, leaders and networks, and pray that discipleship and evangelism can once again assume primacy in churches.

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Missionary Family Serving in an Undisclosed Country

They are thankful to spend time with friends and family while they are in the States on Home Assignment. Please pray for them as they prepare for the arrival of baby number four in February! Please pray for Christians in the country where they serve who face restrictions and pressure to silence their faith. Pray that Jesus will give them power and opportunity to share his glory. Pray for political peace and freedom such that the gospel grows and spreads among so many who have not heard.

Beijing Municipality (Asia). China is ruled from Beijing. Beijing's influence and wealth draw millions of people. At least three million from poorer rural backgrounds have migrated to Beijing; many recent converts come from this group. In contrast, the city also draws people from cosmopolitan business and academic communities from throughout China and, indeed, the entire world. Churches among them are also quietly growing; pray for this to continue.

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Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, United States

Pray that the students who went to the winter Vision Conference will continue their journey to know and follow Jesus back on campus. Pray for Ruby, the 4 year old daughter of colleagues who was recently found to have a failing heart. Pray for peace for the parents, wisdom for the doctors, and healing for Ruby. The team Emily is on is designing a national conference for team leaders in February. This will be a time to lift their eyes to Jesus, trusting God for every international student in the U.S. to know Him. Pray for wisdom and direction in planning, and for this time together to be encouraging and refreshing for the leaders.

Chongqing Municipality (Asia). Serving as the industrial and trade hub for west and southwest China on the Yangtze River, billions of yuan have flowed up the river to develop the city and municipality on a staggering scale. Chongqing was the planet's fastest-growing urban area for the first decade of the 21st century; corruption and gangsterism inevitably followed. Pray for this incredible development to be managed with political fairness, financial transparency, environmental responsibility, and for the long-term benefit of the tens of millions in the region.



Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

The Harringtons are grateful for the number of friends who were able to come to the Christmas events last month. The more they gather together in Shichigahama, the more and more it feels like a family gathering. Pray that the families who will be coming to meet at the Ueno's home will respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives and also in the lives of everyone who attends. Chris asks for our prayers as he prepares to preach at Shiogama Church next month.

Fujian Province (province of China) (Asia). The provincial government is at times increasingly tolerant and open to the activity of unregistered Christian groups, but then at other times it cracks down on them. Pray for steps that will release the Church into powerful witness and ministry in Fujian. Fujian's connection with Taiwan is ancient and profound and may be at the root of the revival of Buddhism and Daoism, as Taiwanese seek to restore temples and shrines in ancestral areas.



Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

They thank the Lord for His protection, provision and everything that He has blessed them with during the past year. The renovation of the Child Care Centre is still in progress. They are busy with tiling the floor and enlarging the dining hall. Please pray for the finishing process of the renovation work. The strategic planning for the next year of ministry will take place in January. Please pray for wisdom for Johannes, Frans Sekhoto and the Amos team. Pray that the programs they implement will change the lives of many people.

Gansu Province (province of China) (Asia). The Gansu Province needs leaders with training, especially due to the rise of a number of marginal sects. The Dongxiang and Bonan are of mixed Mongolian background and are strongly Muslim. The Muslim Hui, despite very little outreach to them, have a growing number of believers scattered across China. The Tibetan people are largely Lamaistic Buddhists with one church.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



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Ministry in Uruguay



James family on Montevideo sign in Uruguay



Andrew with his ESI group



Teaching an expository preaching course to ESI students



Andrew & Angie with Bible study group

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization

This is a time of great excitement. Their new missionary training school is nearly finished and is now in the process of being furnished. Sixteen candidates have been accepted there, to begin classes this month. Plans are also in the works to begin training schools in three other countries in the NAME (North Africa Middle East) region. Please pray for wisdom in each of these endeavors, that God would be glorified.

Guangdong Province (province of China) (Asia). Christianity is still widely perceived as a foreign imposition; the province's Christian percentage is less than half the national level; most adhere to a blend of traditional Chinese superstitions and modern materialism. Pray for an increased openness to the gospel.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Thank God for the completion of the church building project. Pray that it will be an instrument for God's ministry to the saints and lost, alike. Pray for the raising up of 3-4 new elders and for wisdom in the next hire(s). Also pray for unity and discipleship growth throughout the congregation.

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (province of China) (Asia). The area is one of China's least evangelized – some believe Guangxi is as much as 90% unevangelized. Difficult terrain and poor transportation keep many villages isolated from the truth, and the government restricts the number of meeting points. Pray that Christians might carry the light of the gospel even to the darkest and most remote corners of the region.

JAN

17

Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico

Please pray for safety in their flying as they deal with wind in their mountain airstrips during January. Praise God that the Cessna 182 is finally operational! Pray that it will be a tool to open doors for the Gospel in Oaxaca. Pray for their ongoing need for a hangar to do their aircraft maintenance. Pray for Fidencio and Vicki as they start a project with eyeglasses to reach out in communities resistant to the Gospel. Pray for the Parkside Dental Team which will be in Oaxaca from January 19th to the 27th. Pray that many doors will be opened for the Gospel as a result of their loving care. Pray that their three sons and their families would learn to seek first the Kingdom of God in their daily lives.

Guizhou Province (province of China) (Asia). Praise God for the continued growth of the Church; more areas and peoples than ever have been impacted by the good news. Two Miao peoples, A-Hmao and Gha-Mu, are majority Christian, and many Yi peoples have large Christian minorities. A number of peoples that had no believers now have small but growing churches among them.

JAN

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The City Mission, United States

For Inmate Outreach Services, pray that their Christmas card and December mailing items will be of help and encouragement to the nearly 2,400 incarcerated men and women they were mailed to. Please pray for Chaplain Brent's wife, Julie, as she recovers from a knee replacement surgery. Pray that their open positions would be filled soon with the right people: Client Safety Specialist at Laura's Home, Grant Writer, Resource Center Caseworker.

Henan Province (province of China) (Asia). Henan was declared an "Atheistic Zone" in the 1960s, but since then has been the engine room of church growth in China. Praise God for this massive and nation-changing growth. There are many needs in the Church and challenges facing believers: a) Persecution continues to be prevalent and often severe. b) Pseudo-Christian cults are many and active in Henan, more so than in any other province. c) The primarily rural church networks need to figure out how to deal with the major trend of migration/urbanization as well as the need for a transition of leadership from the faithful founders of their movements to a younger generation. Pray for wisdom and grace for all involved.

JAN

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Delhi Bible Institute, India

Thank God that the eighth DBI centre was inaugurated by Scott Kennedy, Pastor at Parkside Church, in November. The Bhopal Anugrah Ashram is an outcome of their Vision 2025- to establish Ashrams in the capital cities of North India. This centre will reach out to the state of Madhya Pradesh. They are beginning their residential courses this month. 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 Ramrajh, Namgyal, Abuan, Andrews, Punam, Basant, Samuel and Yogatah as they oversee the ministry.

Hubei Province (province of China) (Asia). The registered Church grew considerably before 1949, but since then has not matched the growth of many other areas. Authorities maintain a tight control, especially over the cities, so registered churches are relatively few. Pray for a shattering of the political, ideological and spiritual chains that bind the people.

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Parkside Dental Team, Mexico

Please pray for the team from Parkside currently serving in Mexico with Mike & Joan Ross. Team members are KC Aiken, Jason & Jennifer Aspinall, David Cameron, Doireann Leslie, Bob Pelletier and Annie Schwartz. Pray for good health and that they would show the love of Jesus to all the people they come into contact with as they provide free dental clinics in the Oaxaca region of Mexico. The team returns to Cleveland on January 26.

Hunan Province (province of China) (Asia). A traditionally closed, conservative, and isolated province, Hunan is possibly China's most spiritually hard Han Chinese populations. Pray for spiritual breakthrough in this resistance province.

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Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Peru

They are very thankful for all that has happened in Latin America in 2018. They have received numerous soccer teams from the States which allowed them to share the Gospel and open doors for ongoing ministry. Two new countries, Bolivia and El Salvador, are working to establish new Ambassadors ministries. People around the region have been envisioned and trained to reach their communities through fútbol. As they have been able to do in this corner of the world, they want to be able to network and resource their Ambassadors staff and the Church globally to impact the next generation. Ambassadors Football has asked Matt to return to NE Ohio to oversee the global operations of the organization. They are hopeful that the over 20 years of experience including all that they have learned by being based in Lima, will help continue to develop Ambassadors and that the Lord will use them all to expand His Kingdom. Please pray for their family as they make the transition back to NE Ohio.

Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (province of China) (Asia). Pray for the binding of spiritual forces that blind Mongolians to the truth. Their religious practices include aspects of shamanism, ancestor worship, totemism, and magic.

JAN

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Truth For Life, United States

Please pray that God will bring needed team members to Truth For Life as they anticipate 2019 and seek to proclaim the truth of God's Word to an ever-growing international audience. Also, please pray that God will guide and direct the 2019 initiative plan established at Truth For Life so that more people can come to know the Lord Jesus Christ in a life-saving way through the teaching. Please pray that God will provide the needed funding as Truth For Life desires to close out 2018 with sufficient financial resources to meet their 2018 operating budget.

Jiangsu Province (province of China) (Asia). The Church has seen spectacular growth since 1980; however, the government still routinely cracks down hard on unregistered congregations, and cults are very active in the region. Pray for God to preserve, purify, and build His people in this already blessed province.

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Equipping Servants Internship (ESI), Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Uruguay

Two thousand pastors and church leaders meeting in eleven countries need our fervent prayers that they will become passionate about serving Jesus by thinking, living, and serving biblically as they study the ESI curriculum.

Jiangxi Province (province of China) (Asia). Jiangxi still possesses much Communist heritage, and it suffers from weak and often corrupt leaders, who institute policies that frequently spark massive protests and even riots by disgruntled farmers and peasants. Pray for the release of this province from all that opposes God.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

After a challenging year, eleven CILTA students graduated from their linguistic classes and are geared up to commence or continue cross-cultural ministry as Bible translators and literacy workers. They had a delightful graduation ceremony with university officials, faculty, local pastors, mission partners and students from seven nations. Pray that their now “former students” would get off on the right foot with learning new languages and cultures. Wes will be in rural Peru for most of February helping to train 14 indigenous church leaders in linguistic skills for Bible translation. The course is faintly similar to CILTA, but CILTA is aimed at Latino missionaries working cross-culturally, whereas the February program is aimed at native language translators translating the Scriptures into their own mother tongues. Pray for effective preparation time for Wes and his teaching assistant, as well as for the students.

Jilin Province (province of China) (Asia). In the large and urban cities, there is a much lower percentage of Christians. Pray for churches to be multiplied in urban areas, especially as increasing numbers of rural people migrate to the cities. Pray for protection against the recent rise of pseudo-Christian cults that target house churches to steal away believers.

JAN
25

Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for Kep and Jeff Mills as they travel to Spain and Portugal to meet with pastors in six cities. Pray for wisdom as they meet with these men and for the LORD’s guidance concerning starting Equipping Servants International training in those countries in 2019.

Liaoning Province (province of China) (Asia). The Church has grown remarkably, with house churches more than doubling in the last 10 years. A high proportion, perhaps 20%, of Christians in the province are Korean. Both locals and foreigners, especially Koreans, are active in ministry and church planting. Pray for greater levels of discipleship and continued evangelistic fervour for believers.

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Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States

Pray for the annual church meeting on January 27th as they gather to thank God for his goodness toward them as a church and as they seek to live in deeper dependence on His provision and care for them as a community of His followers. Pray for Jeffrey and Katherine as they seek full-time employment in the US. Pray for continued clarity and discernment regarding the best use of their lives for the Kingdom of God.

Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region (province of China) (Asia). There is a significant turning to Christianity in the north, along the Yellow River where many Han immigrants live. Christian ministry to the poor has yielded great response among farmers and working-class people. Pray for the formation of churches where the many new believers can be led in discipleship and study of the Bible.

JAN

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Parkside Medical Team, India

Please pray for the team from Parkside currently at the Delhi Bible Institute with Isaac & Gloria Shaw. Team members are: Mickey Aquilino, Steven Bautista, Wayne Fleck, Kendra Johnson, Tiffany Kral, Cheryl Ogden, Jim Miller, Lois Mullet, Ernestine Patterson, Kati Raper, Lois & Rex Raper, Darcia Simpson and Hannah & Jay Stutzman. Pray for safety as they travel to DBI training centers in Northern India to provide free medical and dental clinics for students and staff. Pray for team unity and that they would be an encouragement to all the Christian workers there. The team returns to Cleveland on February 3.

Qinghai Province (province of China) (Asia). In 2010, an earthquake in Yushu Prefecture flattened many thousands of homes and other buildings. Pray that the Tibetan Buddhist people of Yushu - very fatalistic in their worldview - might encounter the love of Christ, and that through this disaster, life may come to them. There are dozens of labor and prison camps in the region; pray for all prisoners of conscience, that their faith in God might grow and bless those around them.

JAN

28

Women's Clinic of Cleveland (formerly Alternaterm), United States

Pray for qualified people to fill the open full-time positions. Pray for a nurse, a sonographer and an office assistant. Pray also for volunteers willing to paint. Pray for their abortion-minded clients with challenging situations. Pray for more opportunities for redemptive conversations about Christ with their clients.

Shaanxi Province (province of China) (Asia). Shaanxi is the birthplace of Christianity in China, but terrible persecution wiped out this witness. Pray that the 21st century may be one of triumph for the Church. Poverty, due to the triumph of Communism in the area, is widespread. Pray, also, for effective student ministry and for effective programs that help students who come to Christ integrate into churches upon graduation.

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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. Pray for wisdom for Neri as he juggles many pastoral responsibilities and starts two new Equipping Servants Internship groups in Chiapas. Pray for wisdom as Neri considers starting a new church plant in Tapacula. Praise God that follow-up exams in November for Neri did not detect new tumors.

Shangdong Province (province of China) (Asia). As one of China's richest provinces due to strong traditions in industry and manufacturing, it has enjoyed economic stability. Pray that connections to the wider world might be the means by which the gospel spreads.

JAN

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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), 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, training PA volunteers, and developing ESI among Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabeque region of Bolivia.

Shanghai Municipality (province of China) (Asia). Shanghai is a financial and trading powerhouse and the nation's largest port. Pray that great wealth fueling Shanghai's rise might be used for redemptive purposes; pray also that those coming to Shanghai from all over the world might be reached by the gospel.



Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Please pray for wisdom for their church planting plans. They hope to launch the church plant in 2019 and still have a lot to think about and do. Please pray particularly for a location to meet. They recently terminated the rental contract on the apartment where they held the weekly Bible studies and are now looking for something a little bigger that would be suitable for a larger group.

Shanxi Province (province of China) (Asia). Although the industrial heart of China, it is weakened and diseased due to the heavy pollution from the manufacturing. Health and disease, harsh working conditions for factory employees and miners combine to spread a sense of hopelessness. Pray for hope, expressed ultimately in the new and eternal life found in Jesus.

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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.

Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

Japan	Chris & Leanne Harrington
Uruguay	Andrew & Angie James
Bolivia	Kep & Debbie James
United States	Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson
Macedonia	Mike & Cindy Missionary Couple in Training Missionary family serving in an undisclosed country

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

Peru /United States	Mark & Patti Bean
Guatemala/ Peru /United States	Wes & Nancy Collins
Mexico	Mike & Joan Ross

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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.
- Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a 3 year part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. ESI has 2,000 graduates since 2002 and 1,000 active participants in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Sweden and Uruguay. Parkside Church has and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.

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 International (ESI) program 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

The Women's Clinic of Cleveland (formerly Alternaterm)	Parkside Church Lake County
Christian Counseling Educational Foundation	Parkside Church Westside
The City Mission	Scranton Road Bible Church
Indigenous Church Planting Organization	Truth For Life
Parkside Church Green Campus	

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) 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 short-term missions trip

To find out more about joining a future short-term team, please contact the church office at 440.543.1212 or visit www.parksidechurch.com/missions.

