

Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **September**

"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!



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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.

Join us Sunday evenings for Missions Prayer Time, online or in-person from 5:00-5:45pm in Room A207. For an online invitation, email Cliff at cjjbandrews@sbcglobal.net.



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

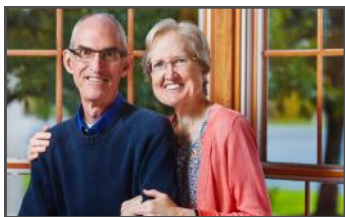
Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.4 million towards missions in 2020. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting Him for the capacity to do so.



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.

Parkside Church Missionaries



Mark & Patti Bean
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Wes & Nancy Collins
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



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



Andrew & Angie James
Nicole, Camille, Zack



Kep & Debbie James
Heather, Katie, Andrew



Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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01

E & J, United States

E & J's airline tickets for Aug 31 were canceled. They were able to re-book those for Sept 7, but those too were canceled. Because our all-wise Father is in control, they can give thanks in all circumstances. Please pray for the country in North Africa where they hope to go soon. The nation has been suffering over the last few weeks with high COVID-19 numbers and some natural disasters taking place. Pray that their brothers and sisters in Christ there would boldly proclaim the hope we have in Jesus and would love others with his love. Pray that many people would be brought to repentance during this time.

Bangladesh (Asia). Population: 185,552,357 Believers: 0.4%. Religious discrimination and tension is rising. Islamists, while a small minority, exert increasing pressure for governance by shari'a principles. Christians, Buddhists, and especially Hindus suffer as persecution intensifies, occasionally to the point of destruction of property and sometimes even death. Pray for binding of the powers of darkness operating in religious, social, and ethnic realms. Pray also that the constitutional freedom allowing all to practice and propagate their own religions might be maintained.

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02

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

They are grateful that they were able to take a week of vacation as a family. It was good to get unhurried time together, and they thank God for that respite after a hot summer filled with different gatherings. Japan has been going in and out of state-of-emergency protocols which makes it a challenge to connect with friends and neighbors. Pray for safety within the community and for wisdom on how to best navigate ministry.

Barbados (Caribbean). Population: 261,687 Believers: 34.2%. External challenges to the gospel are evident—increased activity in and acceptance of the occult as well as intensified efforts by Muslims and Mormons to win those disillusioned with what they see of traditional Christianity. Pray for the confounding of these efforts and for true Christians to powerfully demonstrate God's love and truth. **Belize (Latin America).** Population: 374,549 Believers: 18.8%. Belizeans are largely professing Christians, but syncretism is common. The Spanish-speaking immigrants with their superstitions, the Mayans with their underlying paganism, and the Garifuna with their black magic all need a culturally relevant and sensitive presentation of the true gospel.

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03

Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for the Church in Bolivia—that they will be faithful in sharing Christ with people around them, and that the Lord will bring much fruit. Pray for continuing gospel impact through Debbie's ministry as she teaches the Bible and disciples the women in the church in La Paz, and as they endeavor to make Christ known to many women in the region. Pray for Pastor Pepe and the elders of the ILC Church in La Paz, that they will be passionate about Jesus as they lead the flock by example and with a gospel-focus in their preaching and teaching.

Belarus (Europe). Population: 9,112,495 Believers: 1.3%. Evangelical Christians are increasing despite concerted opposition and intensifying persecution. The state steadfastly maintains laws that forbid meeting in homes for worship, forming congregations of less than 20 people, opening religious schools, ministering outside of the home city, and importing and distributing non-state-approved literature. All religious activity must receive state permission. Pray for patient, overcoming faith for believers to withstand such difficulties. Pray for those in government who harass and persecute God's Church, that they might discover the truth of the gospel and the love of Christ.

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04

Parkside Green, United States

Please pray for the Lord to bear lasting fruit through Pastor Adam's preaching, their fall Bible study on Solomon, tiny groups (fellowship), and adult classes on contentment and church history. Pray also for God to work powerfully in the lives of the children and teenagers. Lastly, ask the Lord to accomplish his purposes through the missionaries they support in Dubai and in Uganda.

Belgium (Europe). Population: 11,048,254 Believers: 1.2%. The Bible has been reintroduced to Belgian society after many centuries of being discouraged, even banned, by the Catholic Church before 1960. Pray that the Word of God might take root deeply within the fabric of Belgium society.

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05

Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Praise God that their team in Oaxaca has been healthy and busy flying despite the worsening pandemic. Pray for wisdom in prioritizing the many requests for flights. Pray for the Mexican government to release funding to continue flying critical patients. Please pray for the Missions Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Latin America Regional staff meetings this month. Pray that all staff will be encouraged through God's Word and fellowship.

Benin (Africa). Population: 12,176,895 Believers: 8.3%. Animism is a powerful force in Benin. Although Christianity is poised to numerically overtake ethnic religions in the near future, far too many Christians have a syncretized, compromised, faith that sees them in church on Sunday and consulting the witch doctor during the week. Pray for a revival that purifies the Church and sees Christians honoring God alone. Pray also for many witch doctors to experience the power of Jesus and turn to him.

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06

Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Ambassadors Football, United States

They are grateful for the opportunity to minister to kids and youth around the world. Colombia Ambassadors Football staff shared about Yair, 15, who escaped being forcibly recruited into a group of guerrilla soldiers and fled to Santa Marta, where AF is based. After joining the Ambassadors youth soccer team there, Yair learned that his mother died of a heart attack. He returned home to attend the funeral and once again barely escaped with his life. Their staff learned that he was living in deplorable conditions, so they not only gave him an outlet to use his soccer talents, but also provided food, shelter, and transportation. He is now attending church and learning about who Jesus is. AF Colombia director, Felipe said, "When I reflect on everything that happened, I confirm once again that what we do is worth it. What God used to bring Yair to us was soccer. God knew what he was going through and what was to come, and he put us in his way." Pray for Felipe and other AF leaders around the world as they meet young people where they are and connect them to Jesus through soccer.

Bermuda (North America). Population: 65,846 Believers: 24.3%. Bermuda is an earthly paradise, and Christianity is a strong part of its heritage. Sadly, the appearance of religion takes priority over genuine spirituality. Pray for revival that brings lifestyles in line with biblical knowledge. **Bhutan (Asia).** Population: 819,781 Believers: 1.8%. Christians are denied religious freedom and are persecuted in various ways. Church buildings are forbidden in all but a very few cases. Bhutanese who become Christian face the loss of their citizenship, of other benefits—such as free education, health care, employment—and of access to electricity and water. Pray for the growth of the Church in this land.

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07

Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Pray for Mark and the team of Pano Quechua mother-tongue translators as they press on to finish the book of Exodus. As the consultant, Mark has studied through and commented on their translation of Exodus. Still to be finished this month, when funding goals require its completion, are the team's responses to the 500+ notes Mark has made. Then Mark must go through those responses to see how they handled them. Sometimes there is yet another round of back and forth between consultant and team before everyone is satisfied. Together, Mark and the translation team also have ten days set aside to do a "comprehension check" with a native speaker who didn't work on the translation. Without God's obvious help (and prayers!), this mountain of work won't move!

Bolivia (Latin America). Population: 11,637,914 Believers: 16.2%. The spiritual grip of the enemy remains strong after centuries of entrenched paganism and continues its hold on the Church. Christians now recognize that spiritual warfare is essential to consolidate what breakthroughs have been achieved. Pray that the Church will wake up to the enemy's deep-seated influence, bind the strong man, and pray for transformation and harvest.

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08

Health for Her Cleveland, United States

They are thankful for Lisa Malek, a nurse they recently hired and ask that we pray for God to provide another full-time nurse. They also need a donor passionate about the vision of Health for Her to fill the position of Community Engagement/Volunteer Coordinator. Pray for the health of their staff as they seek to show all their patients the love and kindness that Jesus would show them while facing the challenges of the COVID-19 variant.

Bosnia (Europe). Population: 3,676,677 Believers: 0.1%. Evangelical believers have increased significantly but still represent only a miniscule proportion of the population. Pray for believers and their witness in this divided land. Bosnia is not a spiritually receptive place; pray that many hearts might open to the gospel.

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09

Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand

Pray for Amy as she continues her transition back into Thailand and ministry life in Maha Sarakham. Thailand continues to experience a COVID-19 surge, and the university students will study online until the end of October. Pray for Amy's team as they try to engage with students, professors, and neighbors under these circumstances. Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw people to the Lord in miraculous ways.

Botswana (Africa). Population: 2,227,418 Believers: 8.1%. Botswana is a rare African state—economic growth is steady, corruption rare, and a multiparty democracy the norm. Praise God for the stability that enables the government to build up the nation's infrastructure. Give thanks also for religious freedom and openness, allowing many agencies to establish work here, from evangelism and church planting to more social and holistic ministries.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Pray for the raising up of young leaders and elders. Continue to pray for their teens and children as midweek programs like Good News Kids and youth group start back up for fall ministry. Thank God for those who were baptized in August and pray for those being baptized this month.

Brazil (Latin America). Population: 209,051,123 Believers: 26.3%. The emergence of evangelicals in Brazil has been dramatic. Yet despite the growth, there are many prayer needs. Numerical rather than spiritual growth is the emphasis of too many groups, to the point of dishonest inflation of numbers and disregard for discipleship. As a result, churches have “multiplied”, but congregations are filled with immature, unfed spiritual infants whose faith is overly based on emotionalism, petty legalism, and the personality of leaders.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

South Africa is experiencing a loss of jobs and negative impact on their economy because of the looting of 108 shopping malls. Pray for the Christians who are gathering in the malls every Saturday to pray for God’s protection. Their church is open with a limit of 50 people inside and 100 outside, but they are happy they can meet to encourage one another in the Lord. In August, they held a camp for youth leaders. Twenty leaders participated, and the outcome of this camp was good. Pray for the youth who are committed to do outreach every weekend. Pray that they will become rooted in Christ. Please pray that more people will follow Jesus.

British Virgin Islands (Caribbean). Population: 25,290 Believers: 27.3%. The motto of the Virgin Islands is, “Where there’s no vision, the people will perish.” Pray that local Christians might recover a powerful vision for the lost in their own islands and abroad. **Brunei (Asia).** Population: 478,259 Believers: 6.1%. Islam dominates life in Brunei, with a brand that is conservative but not radical. Pray for an atmosphere of religious freedom and spiritual openness and for the observance of the constitutional right for other religions to be practiced. The effective evangelism of Brunei is a target set by several mission groups and by churches in neighboring countries. Pray for an opening for Kingdom workers to minister inside the nation.

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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay, Venezuela

Pray for the 1,740 ESI participants in 162 groups meeting in 14 countries. Pray that these men and women will grow in their love for God and commitment to honor Christ by being true to his scriptures with Jesus and his gospel at the center.

Bulgaria (Europe). Population: 7,017,086 Believers: 1.9%. Bulgaria’s troubled past is not yet completely behind. Corruption and powerful organized crime syndicates persist. Poverty is widespread, as are divorce and abortion—there are more abortions than live births. Many of the youngest and brightest emigrate seeking jobs and money. Pray that wholeness will come to this nation as only the transforming gospel can bring.

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E & J, United States

Their son turned three years old in August. Join them in thanking God for him and asking his blessing on M. Please pray for them as they prepare for transition to North Africa. Pray that they will be able to leave soon, that God would give them favor with officials during travel, and that there would be no issues with COVID-19, visas, or luggage.

Burkina Faso (Africa). Population: 21,871,161 Believers: 8.9%. The spirit world is very real in Burkina Faso, where as the saying goes, the population is “50% Muslim, 20% Christian, and 100% animist”. The power of the occult has yet to be decisively challenged and broken in many peoples of Burkina Faso. Few countries in West Africa are more dominated by idolatry, fetishism, and secret societies. Even in churches occult powers are wielded—hampering and polluting the message of Christ. Pray that the power of the risen Christ might be demonstrated for the saving of many.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

A new Equipping Servants (ESI) group started last month, and they reached their target of 15 participants. Please pray for the students as they begin to study the book of Romans in depth, that God would draw them closer to himself and equip them for future ministry. Over the course of the past months, God has brought several non-believers into their lives either informally or to their Sunday services. Please pray for the salvation of these people, and especially for the salvation of Hermes, Carolina, Diego, and Horacio. Please pray that God would continue to give them love, wisdom, and boldness as they seek to care for the people he has sent them.

Burundi (Africa). Population: 10,318,041 Believers: 27.0%. The socio-political situation is one of cautious hope, due to the decades-old enmity between Tutsi and Hutu that boiled into a violent eruption claiming 300,000 lives in the 1990s. Pray for genuine respect and cooperation as these two peoples build Burundi’s future together. Due to the past violence and current poverty, leadership for the churches is in short supply. Ask the Lord for financial provision for those who wish to equip themselves for the Lord’s service.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Pray for wisdom for the counselors as they seek to offer the comfort of God to those who are struggling. Pray for encouragement and growth empowered by the Holy Spirit for the counselees as they receive counseling. Pray for the counselors who will be speaking at upcoming conferences and hosting several upcoming equipping events. Specifically, Fieldstone Director, Jonathan Holmes, will be speaking at both the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) and the Christian Counseling Educational Foundation (CCEF) annual conferences. They also have a special upcoming Pastor Appreciation Luncheon at Parkside Green. They are thankful for these opportunities to help God’s shepherds be cared for, equipped, and encouraged.

Cambodia (Asia). Population: 17,706,611 Believers: 1.6%. Spiritual darkness persists in Cambodia and must be lifted by prayer. That darkness is seen in ubiquitous spirit shrines, Buddhism's opposition to any ideological rival, and a 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.

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Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, Mexico

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) work in Mexico. Pray for Edgar's son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as Juan begins training to be a missionary pilot in Michigan. Please continue to pray for healing for Edgar's back. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he encourages several Equipping Servants (ESI) groups through this time of social restriction. Pray that the church plant will continue to grow and that many opportunities would arise to share the Good News. Pray for effective follow-up and strength for Karina as she heals from surgery. Pray that God would continue to bring fruit as his Word is proclaimed in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

Cameroon (Africa). Population: 24,348,543 Believers: 9.0%. Leadership and discipleship training in the churches are urgent needs, as Cameroon's churches struggle with shallow and biblically illiterate Christianity. Today's spiritual mess has its roots in a failure in theological training. 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.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Shoreline Church is grateful for the number of people who participated in the events that they held this summer—Soccer Camp, Mini Camps, and Reconnect Sunday morning events. Pray for the fall startup of Community groups, Bible studies, and the children and student ministries. Thank the Lord for providing them with enough volunteers to open classrooms for all grades in their children's ministry for the first time since early 2020! Praise God that when Youth for Christ recently ran a local summer camp with students from many local schools, 100 students heard the gospel, 20 of them made first-time decisions to follow Christ, and five made recommitments! Pray for the discipleship of these new believers.

Canada (North America). Population: 37,101,286 Believers: 7.7%. 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. 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.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth





LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT OUR STUDENT MISSIONS TRIPS



In mid-July, 12 middle school students and six adult leaders journeyed to North Carolina to attend MFuge, a camp that involves Bible study, worship, and community service. Teams worked together at a church, raking and mulching the playground. They also spent time with children from the area, playing basketball, drawing Bible verses with sidewalk chalk, and sharing the gospel with them.

Not long after, 24 high school students and eight adult leaders headed to Willoughby to participate in World Changers week. This week included large community service

efforts during the day followed by evening worship and teaching. Projects around the greater Cleveland area included painting houses and churches, renovating a church basement, and prayer walks around communities to share the gospel. Many of the service projects enabled small churches to prepare spaces to serve the people in communities from Perry to Old Brooklyn to Medina.

For high school student Carter Lukcso, the week was an opportunity to focus more on God's kingdom. While she was initially nervous about making connections with others on the trip, she prayed the Lord would shift her perspective. "My prayers were quickly answered," she said. "As the week progressed, it really struck me how the common denominator among us was a fire for Christ and a desire to be his hands and feet in serving others. I began the week with a burdened and heavy heart, but finished with an uplifted one, driven by a desire to serve and a hunger for fellowship."

Working beside fellow believers from Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, and other states, gospel conversations were frequent, encouraging, and challenged students and leaders to see God's grace and provision, even while shoveling mulch and cutting drywall. These moments of deep connection helped provide a glimpse the wideness of God's reach across the country and throughout the world.

Connor McGough, a middle school student, recounted the importance of having spent a large part of every day in the Word. "I want to spend more time in the Bible," he said, as he reflected on multiple straight days of time in Scripture. He also realized that gathering regularly with other Christians is quite important to his faith because of the encouragement of fellowship he experienced.

As students and leaders found out, not only were they able to serve others throughout this week, but God used these experiences to minister to them as well. Whether it was by calming anxious thoughts, providing strength when the work grew weary, or igniting a heart to crave Scripture, Christian fellowship, and service, participants returned home grateful to the Lord for his provision and with a lot to reflect on.

Join with us in praying that the lessons learned will not be forgotten but will be implemented in students' daily lives. Pray also that the work that was accomplished would be a living testament of the love of God to those that were served.



Top Row: Middle school students mulch the playground and outdoor gathering space that the church uses for community outreach. **Bottom Left:** Senior Ethan Worrell demos an exterior stair at Bridge Church in Perry. **Bottom Right:** Senior Ian McMichael paints the sanctuary at Bridge Church. **Opposite Page:** The Parkside team, along with students from other churches, in front of the house that they were working to repaint.

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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for Kep as he spends September 18-26 in Cairo with the missionary training center leaders and leads a Facilitators' Training Retreat.

Afterward, he will spend two weeks visiting students in Morocco and Senegal who are preparing to plant churches in North Africa. Pray that God will use the time Kep spends there to encourage students and leaders to make a commitment to study God's Word every day to learn it, to live it, and to teach it faithfully (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

Cape Verde Islands (Africa). Population: 583,509 Believers: 6.6%. Economic and ecological problems must be wisely addressed. Scant resources were poorly managed in the past, intensifying Cape Verde's poverty. Pray for government leaders who will make good decisions and develop the economy for the betterment of the whole nation. **Cayman Islands (Caribbean).** Population: 61,463 Believers: 21.3%. With one church for approximately every 500 people, Christian faith and values should (and do) have a significant influence on society—pray that this may continue to be the case amid the materialism and hedonism. Well over a million tourists visit the islands each year. Pray for many to be confronted by the claims of Christ while in pursuit of pleasure.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Please pray for the Mam people as the pandemic grows in intensity in Guatemala. Their indigenous colleague, Byron, lost his father-in-law to the virus in late July. Pray for healing and hope in the Lord.

Central African Republic (CAR) (Africa). Population: 5,340,353 Believers: 32.3%. Widespread evangelism in the 1960s and 1970s yielded massive numbers of converts but a shortage of disciples. This has slowed the momentum of growth and is evident in the following challenges needing prayer: a) Widespread nominalism and syncretism. b) Denominational rifts hold back cooperative efforts. c) The failure to make discipleship a top priority also means that high moral standards and honesty are frequently lacking in the churches. Pray that increased emphasis on discipling might yield Christians of high moral fiber.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

With the decrease in COVID-19 cases and states lifting away lockdowns, life is gradually returning to normal. People are coming to terms with the losses, especially in the devastating second wave of COVID-19. Every family has had a loss either within their immediate families or have been affected remotely. They continue to reach out to families that have been affected by the pandemic with groceries and masks. Pray for the expected third wave. Pray for protection of all the team members and their families from the virus. Pray for the spread of the gospel. In this time of great anxiety, pray that God's people would be ready to meet the world with the comfort and hope that only the Good News of Jesus Christ can offer.

Chad (Africa). Population: 14,897,328 Believers: 10.1%. 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 God to raise up catalysts who will spur Chad's Christians to greater depths of faith and a greater commitment to the unevangelized.

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The City Mission, United States

They are thankful for the influx of volunteer groups they had this summer! Please pray for the children involved in their Pathways program as they begin the new school year and for the staff as they serve the children and address their unique needs. Pray for The City Mission to find the next New Horizons house or an alternative to continue the home ownership program track. Also, pray for them as they search for a caseworker to work with the men at Banfield who are having a difficult time finding housing.

Chile (Latin America). Population: 18,639,010 Believers: 18.4%. Student witness needs strengthening in the 54 universities and colleges and among the 500,000 students. Chile's evangelicals need to focus much more on reaching and discipling young people. Systematic inequalities and underinvestment in education prompted massive student demonstrations in 2006, which in turn forced government reforms. Pray for students to find their identity in Christ and not in the many other alternatives they face.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Pray for God's leading as they begin to seek new ministry partnerships in Tohoku, Japan for future missionaries. Currently, their missions agency (SEND) is doing ministry in three of the six states in Tohoku. If it is God's will, they would like to help the Japanese churches in the remaining three states. Pray for SEND to find good gospel partners and situations that could use their help.

China (Asia). Population: 1,406,717,659 Believers: 5.7%. The survival and growth of the Church in China are two of the most decisive events of our generation. The window of opportunity for spiritual receptivity might not be open indefinitely. China today faces materialism—with increasing wealth, the debilitating effects of spreading corruption, moral decline, and the growing social and economic impact of the one-child policy. All of these may profoundly affect the spiritual openness of the nation and the Church itself. 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.

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Bobby & Julie, United States

Pray for Bobby and Julie as they take the next steps for joining a mission team in East Asia. That consists of interviews with current team members and reconnecting with their sending agency. Praise God that three families on the team have obtained their visas and two of them are already settled in-country. Pray for their teammates who are working hard to establish their work and businesses in-country. Please pray that God will give Bobby, Julie, Maudie, Orion, Pleiades, and Providence united hearts as they settle all their affairs Stateside before departing. Pray that God will prepare the way for them to return overseas.

Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (province of China) (Asia). Population: 24,689,000. 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, combined with Lamaistic Buddhism of a variety similar to that practiced by Tibetans.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

Pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit as Jon speaks to the mission at a virtual meeting at the end of the month. Also, pray for confirmation of a new assistant for Jon. God's timing is perfect and he is trusting that this is the right time and the right person. Continue to pray for Ruthie's recovery from foot surgery. Praise God for how he has worked in the Cuthbert family who have been visiting them in Cleveland since the beginning of June. They return to Senegal with a renewed vision and desire to serve the Lord with Ambassadors Football.

Tibet—Xizang Autonomous Region (province of China) (Asia). Population: 2,894,000. China's central government has systematically sought to destroy the culture, religions, and ethnic identity of the Tibetan people. Resistance to the occupiers has resulted in frequent revolts and unrest. Pray for a just and peaceful settlement for all concerned. Pray that present sufferings may be God's means for bringing spiritual freedom to Tibetans.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

The IBM church plant is doing well. They are currently studying through the book of Genesis on Sundays and are focusing much of their energy on small groups, the youth group, and leadership development. Last month the youth group went out to the streets to share food and the gospel with homeless people. To their encouragement, the next day one of the people they met on the streets (Gabriel) came to the Sunday service. Please pray for Gabriel's salvation. Pray also that the young people would continue to mature in their faith and their commitment to evangelism.

Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China) (Asia). Population: 7,701,346 Believers: 6.1%. Hong Kong's role within China can potentially be a powerfully redemptive one—financially, socially, culturally, and spiritually. Christians need to play a key role within this framework. Pray for committed and astute individuals and ministries to help shape a biblical worldview for this great nation. The Church runs the majority of schools and social organizations and 25% of hospitals. So far, the potential threat of state interference or limitation has not materialized. Pray that the Church may continue to be salt and light in this way and to boldly continue this leavening, transforming role in society.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

They are glad for a summer full of fun and fellowship—from student gatherings to picnics it has been a joy to "one another" together this summer. As they transition into fall, they are looking forward to community groups beginning a new study and to launching their first small group book study and marriage class. Please pray that these additional offerings would be a blessing and encouragement to all who participate. Pray also for the volunteers working with their children and student ministries—and for the children and students themselves.

Republic of China, Taiwan, (Asia). Population: 24,437,503 Believers: 2.8%. Taiwan is politically open but spiritually closed. Ministry in Taiwan is difficult, and fruit is hard won. Pray for the major challenges of the Church, such as spiritual opposition to the gospel, unity, materialism, low levels of commitment and sanctification, and lack of pastors and full-time workers.

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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

Pray for the Pastoral Assistant volunteers in Santa Cruz: Daniel Cabrera, Yorch Cronenbold, Miguel Ortiz, Paolo Paris, Rolando Ruiz, and Aldruin Tapia; and in La Paz: Jonathan Ascarra, Gerson Calderon, Albaro Cruz, Roberto Garcia, Juan Lopez, Pando Melendez, Miguel Perez, Edwin Quisberth, Gabriel Rodriguez, Miguel Rueda, Freddy Soliz, and Luis Velasquez. Due to the pandemic, the PA program is on hold. Pray for the safety of these men and that God will use them to encourage others in their communities during this difficult time. Pray that the PA program will be able to resume soon.

Colombia (Latin America). Population: 52,278,350 Believers: 7.5%. Satan's hold on Colombia must be broken by prayer. Pray for Christ's lordship to be proclaimed over spirits of violence, revenge, lawlessness, corruptions, and occult practices. Missionaries are targets for the enemies of the gospel, both physical and spiritual. Pray for courage and faithfulness for both native and expatriate missionaries.

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Truth For Life, United States

Thank the Lord for the many volunteers who give their time to Truth For Life each week. Pray that God will bring additional volunteers to help package and mail books during the busy months of November and December. Their efforts do and will reach many people with the truth of God's Word.

Congo-DRC (Africa). Population: 87,639,982 Believers: 18.7%. The powerful spiritual evil that presides over much of the land manifests in many ways, beyond mere civil wars, killing, tribalism, greed, and corruption. Cry out for God to deliver this land, binding the spirits that exercise such wicked control over the suffering people. Pray for nominal Christians to find new life in Christ. There is a notable lack of biblical knowledge in most churches; pray that the Bible would be read, used, and applied in the churches in the DRC.

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

The missionary training school in Senegal is training students from Mauritania, who recently returned home for a break to visit their families. They are now back in class with wonderful stories of their time back home! Even though it is illegal to be a Christian in Mauritania, the 19 students boldly shared the good news of Christ with their families and friends when they were home. Fourteen accepted Christ and ten of those have already been baptized! Many more received Bibles. Praise God for the 14 new Christians in Mauritania! Pray for their protection and continued growth. Pray for the new missionary school in Algeria with 15 female students. Pray for God's protection over them.

Congo (Africa). Population: 4,699,083 Believers: 15.9%. Congo is a land rich in natural resources, but the majority of the population live in or very near to poverty level. Pray for benign government, for wise economic policies, and for justice to prevail in society. The Church needs revival and restoration. Congo has been Christianized—superficially, at least—but never truly converted. Pray for a new move of the Spirit. Churches need to be swept clear of flawed worldviews and false beliefs, and instead filled with the Spirit's power and led by biblical truth.

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

A few years ago, Emily and Blake were invited by some Australian Cru staff to consider making a move with Bridges International to help pursue the more than 100,000 international students in Sydney with the gospel. There are not many churches, organizations, or full-time international student ministry workers focused on this strategic mission field. With Nathaniel's adoption complete and Emily's progress with her health, they sense the Lord is calling them to trust him with taking steps toward moving to Sydney! Over the next few months, they will connect with their current ministry partners and trust God to continue building their ministry team to help send them to Australia. Please pray that God will prepare the way for them to move in the spring of 2022 and that their faith and trust in him will grow through the process.

Cook Islands (Pacific). Population: 21,005 Believers: 12.6%. The strong Christian legacy of over 150 years—bordering on theocracy on some islands—is fading rapidly. Increasing numbers are nominal or even non-religious, and Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses are the fastest growing groups. Pray for reversal of these trends and for new life to come to the mainline Churches. **Cyprus (Europe).** Population: 970,100 Believers: 0.8%. Evangelical churches among Greeks are few. Negative prejudice is easing, but still holds many back. Pray that the unease of Cypriots with evangelicals may be removed and that significant church growth may begin.

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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	E & J

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia

 - 18 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 three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live biblically. ESI has 2,659 graduates since 2002 and 1,740 active participants in 162 groups in 14 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela. 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, Chiapas, and Tapachula.
- Asia

 - 20 full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
 - 12 students are enrolled in a 9-month full-time preaching training course, fully supported by Parkside Church.
- South Africa

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

Financial Support to Mission Agencies

Christian Counseling Educational Foundation
Health for Her Cleveland (formerly Alternaterrm)

Parkside Church Westside
Scranton Road Bible Church
The City Mission

Fieldstone Counseling
Indigenous Church-Planting
Organization
Parkside Green
Shoreline Church
Truth For Life

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson
Jon (& Ruthie)

Amy Cottle
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2020: \$2.4 million

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

Mexico

Dental Outreach
January 2022

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