

# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **April**

"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](https://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](mailto: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 \$2.8 million towards missions in 2019. 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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**Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States**

Thank God that Mike and Joan were able to get their COVID vaccinations. Mike will finish a trip to Mexico the first week of April and travel there again the last week of the month. Please pray that Mike will be an encouragement to their team in Oaxaca on these trips. Pray that God will open doors for Juan Carlos to finish training to fly with MAF in Mexico. Please continue to pray that God will provide for the many people in Oaxaca with limited access to medical care during the pandemic as cases continue to increase. Thank God that critical medical flights are still happening in Mexico. Pray for Mike and Joan as they seek ways to disciple Christians in Latin America who desire to serve in worldwide missions.

**Estonia (Europe).** Population: 1,332,507 Believers: 4.9%. Genuine faith in Estonia is rare. Many have limited Christian belief, but very few follow Jesus in any meaningful way. Pray for a new vision for evangelism and revival to reawaken the nominal majority.

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**Shoreline Church, United States**

Please pray for their Good Friday and Easter services and for their pastors and elders as they seek wisdom and patience in decisions about moving forward during the pandemic. Pray also for the two missionaries they support: Brian Walls, with Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ, as they recently launched the Deaf Teen Quest outreach and ask for wisdom as they move forward with that ministry; and Ralé Terzic in Serbia requests prayer as he continues his soccer ministry with kids in his town and the surrounding area.

**Ethiopia (Africa).** Population: 107,964,331 Believers: 19.6%. Bible translation remains a major challenge. Up to 88% of congregations use local languages in their meetings, so Bible translation is a must. Pray for wisdom in knowing which projects are priorities and pray for more nationals to become involved in them.

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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Kep's time with Brother Philip in South Sudan and Chad and speaking at a prayer conference in Cairo went very well. Kep met with key African church leaders and wrote new curriculum for the students Brother Philip is training to send out to plant churches throughout that region. The new curriculum is a study of Romans, John, Acts, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Hebrews—designed for self-study. Pray for all who are involved in better equipping students to spread the gospel in that part of the world.

**Faeroe Islands (Europe).** Population: 53,293 Believers: 28.8%. The Faeroese need revival. Pray for the Spirit to continue impacting the Church in the Faeroe Islands; pray that Christians will be wise in engaging the postmodern and secular attitudes that increasingly challenge the primacy of the Bible and Christian traditions. Pray for the Spirit to make the Faeroes truly Christian—and not just in name only. **Falkland Islands (Latin America).** Population: 3,100, Believers: 10.8%. Most of the population is very nominal in what faith they may have. Pray for a renewal of faith. Pray for believers in their witness to fellow Islanders and to fishermen, oilmen, and tourists of different nationalities who stop off in the islands.

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#### **Indigenous Church-Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries**

Praise God for answered prayer in providing 100,000 donated Bibles! Pray that the Bibles make it safely to Kenya and then to South Sudan. In March, 225 people gathered in Egypt for an intense time of prayer, fasting, and worship for God's work in Egypt and the Arab world, and for the sending out of new workers into the plentiful harvest fields. Pray that those who attended the prayer conference continue to pray and uphold the work of this ministry. Pray for ministry director Brother Philip and his wife to fully recover from malaria and COVID-19.

**Fiji (Pacific).** Population: 887,759 Believers: 25.2%. There are many claims of great revival in Fiji, and there is undeniable fruit of God at work in remarkable ways, as individuals, communities, and even the environment see transformation. Some specific areas that warrant prayer: unity, leadership training for the many churches, and mission vision. Pray for existing missions and for a greater future of Fijian missionary investment. **French Guiana (Latin America).** Population: 291,714, Believers: 4.5%. The most responsive peoples are Haitians, Antilleans, Hmong, Amerindian tribal people, Brazilians, and the interior bush tribes (Maroon). Pray for a cooperative spirit among evangelicals and for continued unifying influence, especially among ministers.

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

Ambassadors Football greatly values its relationship with churches, which is one of the reasons they partner with churches like Parkside for their summer soccer camps. This time of pandemic has allowed them to connect with partner churches, plan and pray with them, and develop resources that can be used around the world. They are excited by the people that the Lord has provided to be involved in these projects and the potential of these resources to bring the Word of God to many. Pray for continued wisdom and direction for Ambassadors Football in 2021.

**Finland (Europe).** Population: 5,495,753, Believers: 12.1%. Humanism, secularism, and materialism have strangleholds on most Finns. While the majority look favorably upon the Church's social work, only 8% of Finns attend any kind of religious service monthly or more. Spirituality has more or less become privatized. The last revival occurred during the 1960s. Interest in spiritual things offers some hope, but Islam and fringe religious movements are currently the fastest growing. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough that will cause people to seek the Lord.



**Amy Cottle, Thailand**

The university put a limit on the number of students who could go to the center in March, which created a smaller and more intimate environment for sharing the gospel. Praise the Lord that all the seniors heard the story of God's plan from Genesis to Jesus before they left for their internships! Pray that God will use what the students learned to grow his Kingdom in Thailand. Praise the Lord that Amy will be able to return to the U.S. on April 15 for four months. Pray that she will be able to get all the necessary tests and paperwork for smooth, safe travel.

**France (Europe).** Population: 64,930,944, Believers: 1.0%. Most French have a profound ignorance of, or indifference to, the gospel—many having never meaningfully encountered it. Yet, the relativism of postmodernity has generated acute emptiness and existential angst; as many have noted, this in turn has created a spiritual hunger that has grown rapidly in recent years. Pray that such hunger might overcome the suspicion toward religion. Pray that Christians would be prepared to patiently and relationally share Jesus with those who seek.



**E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States**

One of the ladies hired to teach the wives Arabic is no longer available. Pray that God would provide a replacement and additional teachers so that language learning can continue. A window of opportunity has opened for the leaders of their team to get back into their country of service. This is exciting because the borders have been closed for a long time! Ask that the way would be cleared for them to go and that restrictions would lift for E & J to go as well!

**French Polynesia (Pacific).** Population: 304,378 Believers: 7.2%. Those with a vital personal faith are now rare. As a result, there is a reversion to the bondage of pagan occultism and a multiplication of syncretistic and foreign sects, especially two forms of Mormonism. Pray for a spiritual revolution. **Gibraltar (Europe).** Population: 31,582, Believers: 2.9%. There is a need for unity among believers in different and diverse small groups of churches, most of which came into being out of the mainline denominations. Pray for further evangelical growth and for revival among the mainline majority churches.

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### **Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Andrew and Angie are thankful for our prayers for them and their ministry. Please pray for their family to keep their relationship with Christ the main priority in midst of the busyness of ministry. As the children begin a new school year, pray for them as they interact with non-believing classmates.

**Gabon (Africa).** Population: 1,779,155, Believers: 12.7%. Prosperity teaching is a foreign element that has made rapid inroads into the Gabonese Church. In a poverty-stricken country, such promises of health and wealth are met with great hope, but generally only the pastor sees any prosperity. Pray for responsible teaching that gives Gabonese believers true hope and enables them to find responsible and biblical ways out of poverty.

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

This month all the Bridges team leaders will gather for a virtual conference. Pray they would be deeply refreshed and encouraged by the Lord during this time as they lead on their respective campuses and faithfully connect with students during these challenging times. Blake has continued to connect with a former Chinese PhD student who became a believer right before returning home. He has found that it is very hard to follow Jesus in his home country. Pray that God would connect him with other believers there and give him the strength and courage to follow him. Pray that God will allow Blake's team to build partnering relationships with churches who desire to reach international students with the gospel. Praise God for answering prayer for Emily's recovery. She is experiencing significant improvement through specialized physical therapy.

**The Gambia (Africa).** Population: 2,227,413, Believers: 0.8%. Young people have flocked to Banjul (the capital) and are increasingly subject to Western culture at the expense of their traditional values. Pray that God would raise up a new generation of Christian young people who will lead their peers into a lifestyle of godliness.

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### **Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa**

As the winter season is arriving in South Africa, Johannes is thankful that the vaccine has been effective, and the pandemic is at level one. Pray that the junior boys and girls who are being promoted to their youth department this month will become more committed followers of Jesus Christ. Johannes is thankful for the helpers who are doing great work with the children in the Good News Club. Pray they stay committed to doing God's work and that they will not get tired. Also, pray that the message of Jesus Christ would reach the hearts and change the lives of the children attending camp in April. Pray for God's protection over the Thaele family.



**Georgia (Asia).** Population: 3,982,461, Believers: 1.5%. The small but deeply divided evangelical community has taken significant steps toward unity and collaboration. Evangelical leaders across several denominations and ministries met in fellowship, committing to defend biblical values and to promote religious freedom within Georgia. Pray for a greater willingness among all churches to put aside their own plans and to work together for the benefit of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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### **Truth For Life, United States**

Please ask the Lord to bring Truth For Life needed team members in both Information technology and customer service. Pray that God will lead the right people to serve in these essential roles. Thank the Lord for blessing Truth For Life with a dedicated and faithful team of volunteers. Pray that God will strengthen their faith and draw them closer to Christ Jesus as they generously serve the ministry.

**Germany (Europe).** Population: 80,422, 308, Believers: 2.1%. Theological education was a major cause of decline in the national Church because the unchallenged monopoly of state-endorsed academic training and the continued influence of higher criticism undermined confidence in God's Word. Pray for more professors who openly proclaim the truth in these institutions and pray for greater numbers of evangelical students in what used to be spiritual morgues. Pray also for the many Bible colleges, seminaries, and training institutions that retain a closer adherence to biblical truth; pray that effective and practical ministry training might also occur.

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

Pray for the 2,200 ESI participants in 175 groups meeting in 15 countries. Pray that the participants will grow in their commitment to honor Christ by being true to the Scriptures with the gospel at the center.

**Ghana (Africa).** Population: 29,567,415, Believers: 24.2%. Christianity has long been established in the south. About 63% of Ghanaians call themselves Christian, but many have only a tenuous link to a church, and attendance figures rarely top 10%. Pray that the true gospel may shine into the hearts of those who call themselves Christian but who are not born from above. Pray for a decisive break from all fetishism and occult bondages, and that true liberty in Jesus is found.

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### **Health For Her Cleveland, United States**

Pray for more opportunities for spiritual conversations with patients at their clinic in South Euclid and that hearts of these patients would turn from a culture of death to life in Christ. Pray for additional staff that is needed at the clinic. Also, pray for wisdom for the Human Coalition executive team as they make decisions for ongoing plans for 2021.

**Greece (Europe).** Population: 11,283,784, Believers: 0.4%. Evangelism and discipleship remain the real needs in reaching Greece. Short-term ministries spread the gospel to many, but to have a lasting impact, a longer-term presence is needed. Pray that national churches might develop in the areas of prayer, outreach, and church planting.

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### **Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

It was sobering for Chris and Leanne as they listened to stories about the triple disaster that took place in Japan 10 years ago. Christians were able to show God's love in a very tangible way to the community after the earthquake that caused a tsunami and a nuclear power plant accident, and many people opened their hearts to hear about Jesus for the first time. Please pray that the memory of the kindness of God's people after the disaster would linger and soften hearts to receive the gospel. After the 3.11.11 disaster, KIZUNA House was built by a Buddhist NPO. It was a small, stand-alone building that was a safe place for kids in the community to "hang out," and offered meals to lower income children once a month. It closed at the end of March. Its absence will be greatly felt. Some influential people in the community have encouraged them (the church plant) to pursue taking it over! Please pray for God's clear guidance as they explore this idea.

**Greenland (North America).** Population: 57,130, Believers: 4.7%. Indigenous believers and forms of church are growing. With input from faithful Caucasian missionaries and indigenous Christian leaders, the Greenlandic Church is expressing itself in ways that are culturally compelling as well as biblical. Pray that the unique worldview and culture of the Inuit people might be made complete in Christ.

**Grenada (Caribbean).** Population: 108,393, Believers: 19.6%. The devastation of hurricanes in 2004 and 2005 is still felt. Although fewer than 40 were killed, 90% of the nation's buildings were destroyed, and the agriculture and tourism sectors were virtually annihilated. Both sectors have been rebuilt, but the nation is deeply in debt as a result. Pray for ways to recover from this debt and to protect from such scale of damage in the future; and above all, pray for dependence on God rather than on material things.

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### **Parkside Green, United States**

Join them in thanking the Lord for the privilege of celebrating Easter this year with worship together in-person. They also thank the Lord that after two decades in ministry, Pastor Adam will enjoy a much-needed sabbatical. Please pray that God will grant Adam and his family a time of physical rest, spiritual growth, and refreshment for the years ahead in ministry. Pray also that the Lord will work powerfully in the congregation this summer as godly preachers lead them through the book of James. Lastly, please intercede for God to accomplish his purposes through the missionaries they support in Dubai and in Uganda.

**Guadeloupe (Caribbean).** Population: 483,814. Believers: 4.3%. Christianity is a cultural veneer for most. The rapid growth of sects and evangelical groups highlights the spiritual emptiness. Occultism and magic are widespread influences. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict of sin and bring many to true repentance. **Guam (Pacific).** Population: 201,438, Believers: 14.2%. The influx of US culture, with all its pros and cons, has irrevocably shaped Guam. There is an increasing presence of wealth and tourism, but also gambling, substance abuse, and prostitution/sex trafficking. With the American military presence increasing on the island, these issues will only intensify in the future. Pray for biblical righteousness to shape Guam's society and public life.

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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 that new opportunities brought about by COVID-19 will result in people understanding the gospel. Pray for Edgar's son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as Juan begins training to be a missionary pilot. 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. Praise God that all the biopsies from Karina's surgery came back benign! Pray for effective follow up for Karina as she heals. Pray that God would continue to bless his Word as it is proclaimed in Tapachula.

**Guatemala (Latin America).** Population: 18,091,326, Believers: 24.4%. Leadership training is a key issue, but a solid foundation has been laid. Pray especially for effective ways to train leaders of poorer rural churches. Pray also that pastors and leaders would demonstrate Christ-like humility and graciousness and rise above petty divisions, pride, and carnality.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**



Thank God that the new discipleship program for parents and teens has already seen the Lord at work in lives through the study. Pray for those who are planning to be baptized this spring and for several new believers who will be participating in their baptism class. Continue to pray that the Lord would raise up men to be trained for future eldership. As ministries reopen, pray for God's blessing. Pray for them as they consider whether to hire a summer intern to benefit the ministries.

**Guinea (Africa).** Population: 13,467,039, Believers: 0.7%. The Church suffered serious numerical setbacks in the late 1990s and 2000s. Some established denominations shrank significantly, and evangelism and church planting slowed—probably largely due to nominal Christians falling away. Pray for believers who will persevere and pray against the enemy who seeks to destroy these young and weak Christians before they can grow.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



## Our Focus in Global Missions

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## AN UPDATE FROM **ANDREW & ANGIE JAMES**



Dear Parkside Family,

**We were very thankful to have had the opportunity to be back in the U.S. for “home assignment” earlier this year. It was great to reconnect with friends and family, and to have some time to renew our strength.**

We arrived back in Uruguay in mid-February and have since been resuming life and ministry routines. School started back up for the kids in March. They have been attending school two to three days a week and working from home the remaining days as part of a hybrid modality during the pandemic.

We are thankful that the church managed well in our absence, as the team covered various responsibilities during our time away. Now that we are back, we are starting a new series on Genesis, which will most likely take us through the rest of this year and possibly into 2022. We have also been working to reopen some of the ministries which were closed during the Uruguayan summer, such as small groups and the youth group. We are looking forward to everything God will do this year.

Though we have now been in Uruguay for over four years, we continue to learn much about the culture. This year, I (Andrew) have been trying to be more intentional asking people questions which will help me understand their worldview and give me the opportunity to engage with them in conversation about Christ.

One of the things that has really struck me since engaging in these conversations is the relative lack of interest and thought put into matters of the faith and/or worldview. I initially thought that as I asked people about their beliefs, I would encounter people with well-thought-out objections to the Christian faith and/or well-thought-out arguments in favor of their respective beliefs. Instead, I found that, generally speaking, people don't even bother to think about these issues at all. They simply assume that, if God exists, he will eventually take them with Him to heaven because, after all, "they are not that bad to go anywhere else."

Today we were reading Psalms as a family. We came to the part where it talks about the importance of learning to number our days that we may bring wisdom to our lives and live in the fear of the Lord. Here in Uruguay, people don't know the fear of the Lord. They live under the illusion that life is long and that there is no need to think about their standing before God. One of the things we pray for Uruguay is that God would touch peoples' lives so that they may understand the brevity of life, and that this would lead them to prepare for the day when they will stand in the presence of God.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel,

## THE JAMES FAMILY



*Opposite Page:* The James family (left to right): Camille, Angie, Zack, Andrew, Nicole.

*Above:* Andrew and Angie with the youth group. *Above Right:* Andrew preaching on Sunday.

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**Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States**

Join Mark and Patti in praise that God's Word getting out to more and more people. Pray that it will have a life-changing impact on people's lives. Pray for Mark and Antonio as they begin checking the book of Job together. Pray for their working relationship and for their interaction with the team in Peru. Thank God that Mom Bean's facility has opened to visitors again. Pray that she might know she is well-loved as both her abilities and memories diminish.

**Guinea-Bissau (Africa).** Population: 2,064,988, Believers: 1.6%. Church leadership is solid, mature, and indigenous, with increasingly well-organized training programs for general discipleship and for pastoral training. But poorer and more remote rural congregations are much less appealing to workers and are therefore neglected. Those who do minister rurally must often care for several congregations at once. Pray for the vision of the evangelical Church to be fulfilled, and for trained, passionate national workers to go to the remote and unreached parts of Guinea-Bissau and to the entire region.

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**B & J, United States**

Please pray for B & J who have been regularly praying about returning overseas, most recently to Almaty, Kazakhstan. For the past year and half their former teammates have been praying for an open door among the Uyghur people concentrated in that city. Travel restrictions have prevented them from leaving, but in the meantime, they have been building a team of three families and two singles who are preparing to go. This waiting period has also allowed the team to raise more funds for establishing a context, along the lines of a business and Bible center, where God's Word can be shared among the Uyghur. This past November B & J were able to spend time with these teammates and hear more about what the Lord has been doing. Recently their teammates were asked if they knew anyone who could help with Bible translation needs among the Uyghur. Please pray with B & J and their little ones as they sense God is opening a door for them to join this team in sharing the gospel with those who have never heard.

**Guyana (South America).** Population: 745,024, Believers: 19.8%. Ministry among young people is vital because family life, further education, employment, and the future in general are great challenges. Most evangelical denominations have work among youth. Praise God for many decisions to follow Jesus; pray for effective discipleship. **Iceland (Europe).** Population: 370,487, Believers: 3.8%. 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.



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### **Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they return to Bolivia sometime in April. This has been a good home assignment, and the Lord gave them a wonderful time with family and friends at Parkside Church. Pray for Debbie and her team as they plan the 2021 ILC Church women's ministry. One of the key leaders of the ministry has left La Paz, making things more difficult. Pray for gospel impact in many lives as they evangelize and disciple women in La Paz. Pray for Pastor Pepe and the elders of the ILC Church in La Paz—that they will be passionate about Jesus, focused on the gospel in their preaching and teaching, and growing in gospel outreach.

**Haiti (Caribbean).** Population: 11,722,392, Believers: 16.0%. Missions plays a valuable supportive role to the national Church. Upheavals and violence have forced most missionaries out of the country at one time or another; many never return. Pray for these servants of the Lord, for their testimony and service, and that they may contribute to the maturing of the Haitian Church.

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### **Parkside Church Westside, United States**

There is a fresh sense of hope and excitement as they are catching glimpses of the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as they begin to think through what safely "reopening" will look like in the coming weeks and months. Part of this process will include resuming ministry for younger children. Please pray that this transition would go smoothly, that it would be a blessing to families, and that the number of volunteers needed to make it happen will be provided. Parkside Westside is grateful for our faithful prayers.

**Honduras (Latin America).** Population: 9,136,431, Believers: 23.0%. 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.

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### **Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States**

Minority languages like Mam, Quechua, Cherokee, Navajo, among many others, are easily overlooked when resources are divvied up for outreach, Bible study, virtual meetings, and radio programs. Pray particularly that funds could be raised locally. Pray also that God would give insight and wisdom to those trying to get the Word out to local communities amid the pandemic.

**Hungary (Europe).** Population: 9,766,105, Believers: 2.8%. 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.

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### **Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States**

God has given Ambassadors Football an incredible opportunity to reach immigrant youth in Akron with the gospel. Pray for them as they reach out to youth from around the world who live here in Northeast Ohio. Pray for the global leadership team to remain close to God in everything they do, say, and think. Continue to pray for the team of people who are working on new Bible curriculum for children.

**India (Asia).** Population: 1,367,224,576, Believers: 2.2%. 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.

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### **Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia**

Amid so much devastation, pray that the DBI staff and students would persevere in the Lord. Pray that there would be no fear or discouragement. Pray they would continue to serve the Lord faithfully at any cost. The land for the new training center was registered last October. Their goal is to complete construction by June and start offering residential courses by July. Pray that this work will be able to continue unhindered so that as many people as possible are reached with the gospel message.

**The Islands of Indonesia (Asia).** Population: 254,217,770, Believers: 5.6%. The challenges within the Church are no less serious than those outside it. While praising God for Christian growth, pray also for the overcoming of these weaknesses: nominalism, failure of discipleship, theological error in the Church, foreign expressions of Christianity, and the rejection new believers from a Muslim background face for following Jesus.

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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Pray as their leaders host several special events this spring on the topics of marriage, ministry, and caring for survivors of abuse. Their desire is to reach a wide audience of laypeople and ministry leaders, equipping them with biblical wisdom to care for and serve their local communities. Please continue to pray for the preservation and encouragement of both the counselors and counselees as they meet for counseling.

**Iran (Asia).** Population: 83,740,317, Believers: 0.2%. Young people are particularly responsive to the gospel. With nearly two-thirds of the population under age 30, with disillusionment at an all-time high, and with frustrated desires for freedom, there is a unique window of opportunity to impact this generation with the liberating good news about Jesus. Political, economic, and social frustrations are often expressed in resentment against the regime and in increasing hedonism and materialism. Pray that the unmet longings of their hearts might be fulfilled as they meet Christ. Already, much of the underground church is made up of this younger generation.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Chris and Leanne are grateful for our continued encouragement and faithful prayers. K-kun is a fun, inquisitive sixth grade boy who Mark met at an event in town. He has asked multiple times to come to church with them, but his parents have refused. Chris and Leanne understand because they have not yet met his parents. Please pray that they can develop a relationship with K-kun's parents and that they would allow him to come to church.

**Iraq (Asia).** Population: 40,227,611, Believers: 0.2%. Leadership for the churches is an increasingly desperate need. Many good leaders have fled the country; many others are dead, specifically targeted by Islamists. Much of the pastoring and discipling is handled by Christian widows of slain leaders; pray for their equipping and enabling. With a young population and many Muslims coming to faith, leaders gifted in discipleship and teaching are crucial. Pray for the return of leaders who have fled, for the development of new leaders, and for protection of all who shepherd God's people in Iraq.

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**E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States**

Pray that they would be faithful and diligent as they work on learning Arabic. Pray for their language helpers and friends in the community. Pray that they would rely on the Lord and walk in the power of his Spirit. Please pray that God will rescue their children and give E & J wisdom and courage in parenting. Pray that God will bless their marriage.

**Ireland (Europe).** Population: 5,145,254, Believers: 1.5%. Evangelicals are experiencing sustained growth. The immigration surge contributed to this, with around one-third of evangelicals coming from non-Irish ethnicities. Pray for unity amid the new diversity, continued growth, good Bible-trained leadership, and for the further development of holistic ministry. Pray that evangelicals might be salt and light in their communities and demonstrate the whole gospel by word and by deed.

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### **Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Andrew and Angie had hoped to begin a new ESI group in March; however, due to challenges with COVID-19 and other issues, they were unable to do so. Pray that they can start the group by June or July.

Pray also that God will continue to give them wisdom, courage, and love as they serve the people God brings their way.

**Israel (Asia).** Population: 8,306,679, Believers: 0.4%. The Jewish mindset toward Christianity, often characterized by animosity and part of a long and painful history, is a barrier to be overcome. "Christian" nations are seen to be destroyers of the Jewish nation whether by persecution or by proselytization. Pray that the gospel may be understood as a fulfillment of their Jewish heritage and pray that a widespread turning to their Messiah might come. Those who oppose the gospel are more active than ever; pray also that all attempts to restrict religious freedom and to deny the Jewish identity of Messianic believers may ultimately cause even more Jews to come to faith.

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### **Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia**

Pray for the Pastoral Assistant volunteers studying 16 hours each week preparing messages and preaching through the book of Romans in Santa Cruz: Daniel Cabrera, Yorch Cronenbold, Miguel Ortiz, Paolo Paris, Rolando Ruiz, and Aldruin Tapia; and in La Paz: Jonathan Ascarraga, Gerson Calderon, Albaro Cruz, Roberto Garcia, Juan Lopez, Pando Melendez, Miguel Perez, Edwin Quisberth, Gabriel Rodriguez, Miguel Rueda, Freddy Soliz, and Luis Velasquez. God is using these men to impact increasing numbers of churches. Pray for their health as they minister amid the pandemic.

**Italy (Europe).** Population: 60,408,428, Believers: 1.1%. Many challenges and difficulties remain, and progress is invariably slow. Some encouraging glimmers of hope, however, need to be earnestly prayed for: cooperation among churches, evangelism and outreach, missions vision still in its infancy, and immigration of believers into Italy.

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## The City Mission, United States

Please pray for peace in the hearts of the women and children at Laura's Home. Some children have returned to in-person schooling while others are continuing remote learning, with challenging academic adjustments for all. The men at Crossroads now have access to mental health and substance abuse services through Ohio Guidestone. Pray that these men will find help to overcome the struggles that brought them to Crossroads. Pray for permits so construction can proceed in the relocation of program spaces and sleeping quarters. City Mission is very grateful for the 22 volunteers who attended their orientation class. Pray that these new volunteers will become fully connected with the ministry. Pray for intern interviews for the summer semester.

**Jamaica (Caribbean).** Population: 2,834,321, Believers: 28.0%. The country finds itself in the midst of moral and social collapse. Powerful South American drug cartels, using Jamaica as a transshipment point for cocaine destined for the USA, wield great influence. This fuels violence, putting Jamaica fourth globally for murders per capita. As part of an anti-corruption drive, the government has invited greater participation from churches. Pray that government and church leaders may reject compromise. Pray for courage, moral integrity, and determination to turn the country back to God.

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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>United States</b>	E & J, Missionary Couple in Training

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

<b>Peru/United States</b>	Mark & Patti Bean
<b>Guatemala/Peru/United States</b>	Wes & Nancy Collins
<b>Mexico/United States</b>	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 2,200 graduates since 2002 and 2,050 active participants in 175 groups in 15 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, 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 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 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 2019: \$2.8 million**



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