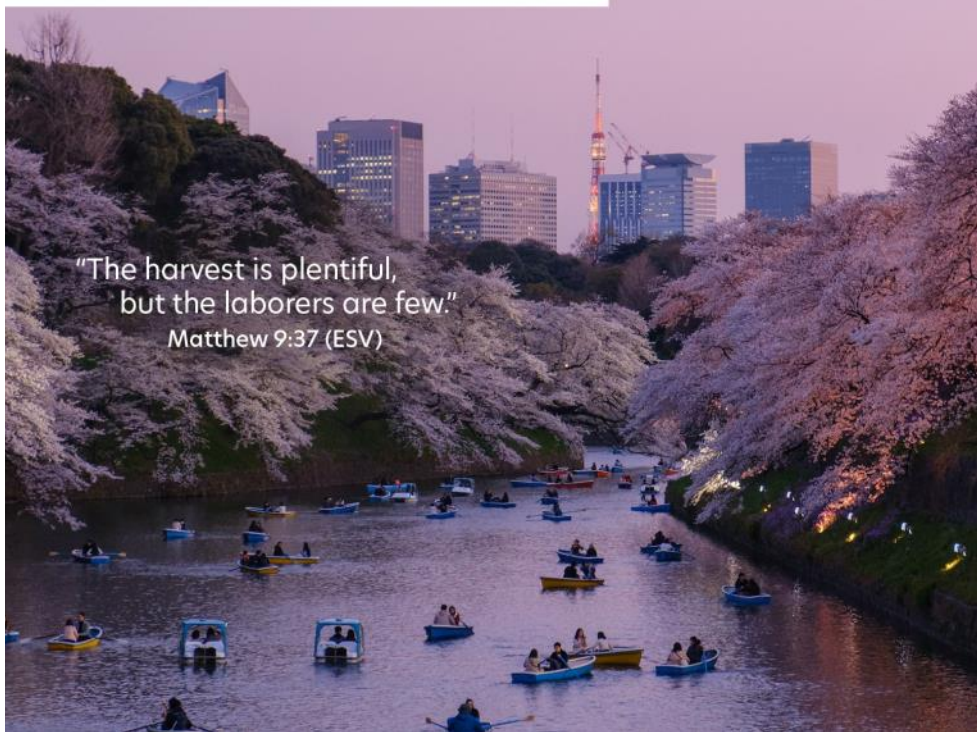


Prayer Calendar

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!



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 A205. 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 or visit their website, operationworld.org.



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.6 million towards missions in 2021. 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 God 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



E & J*
M, J, C
**Names withheld for security purposes*



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



B & J*
M, O, P, P
**Names withheld for security purposes*



Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

APR

01

Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

They are busy preparing for Easter weekend and excited to remind themselves and the children what Jesus Christ did for them at Calvary's cross. Pray for the children of South Africa to have a stable relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for their team of 65 young people traveling to another village about three hours away to evangelize and spread the message of the cross. This village of around 100 families has no church or pastor. Pray that the people will listen to the gospel message and that their hearts will turn to God. Also, pray for protection for their team and that any fears would be replaced with love. Pray for Johannes as he leads the team.

Afghanistan (Asia). Population: 39,584,751 Believers: <0.05%. The Church in Afghanistan remains almost entirely underground. Pray for Afghan believers. They can never meet publicly, and even their secret meetings must change times and locations to prevent detection. Pray for protection of these precious believers, and for the clarity and consistency of their witness.

APR

02

Parkside Green, United States

Please pray for God to bear fruit through the Easter week gatherings at Parkside Green. As their community groups and classes continue to meet, pray that God would grow his people through the study of the Gospel of Luke and Exploring Worship Together. Finally, please ask the Lord to accomplish his purposes through the missionaries they help support in Dubai, UAE, and Arua, Uganda.

Albania (Europe). Population: 3,337,789 Believers: 0.5%. The Albanian Church is maturing from the infancy stages of the 1990's into a wide-ranging community of believers with greater indigenous leadership, nationwide organizational structures, and a more holistic vision for discipleship and evangelism. Almost all mission agencies and national ministries combine practical and much-needed assistance with sharing the gospel. Pray that such efforts might bear fruit that matures and expands the Church and transforms the country.

APR

03

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Nicole, their oldest daughter, transitioned to a new school in March and is still struggling to adjust and to make friends. Pray that she will continue to trust the Lord during this difficult time. On Good Friday, their church will be holding an evangelistic event; pray that many will respond to the gospel.

Algeria (Africa). Population: 40,630,046 Believers: 0.2%. Persecution of Christians is intensifying as a reaction to unprecedented church growth; the future of the Church in Algeria hangs in the balance. The Algerian Church has grown due to bold witness and evangelism. Pray that they will respond to these pressures with faith and perseverance.

APR

04

Truth For Life, United States

Pray for TFL customer service staff. The team answers hundreds of phone calls each week from listeners nationwide. Ask God to give each member of this important group humility, compassion, and grace as they care for those who call the ministry. Pray that God will use Truth For Life programming during Easter weekend to reach unbelievers, encourage believers, and strengthen local churches. Also, pray that many secular stations will air the program titled "Forgiveness," provided by Truth For Life to supplement their regular broadcast lineup during Easter weekend.

Principality of Andorra (Europe). Population: 100,129 Believers: 0.4%. Ask God to reinvigorate the Christian spiritual life of Andorra by the Holy Spirit and to expose and disarm the power of the occult. Pray that all faithful disciples of Christ might have the passion and discernment that will enable them to effectively share their faith. **Anguilla (Caribbean).** Population: 17,811 Believers: 17.2%. Pray that this small island and its churches may not be bypassed by the Holy Spirit. Pray that religious traditions might be infused with real spiritual life. Pray that Christ's followers may function effectively as a united body.

APR

05

**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Pray that many international students would respond to the gospel during all the Bridges International Easter outreaches. They are matching host families with internationals over a meal. Pray that many of the hosts would feel compelled to continue these relationships, ultimately leading students to one day follow Jesus. Praise the Lord for the overnight camp Amy's team hosted for graduating students. Pray that the fifteen students who attended and heard the plan of salvation would someday decide to follow Jesus.

Angola (Africa). Population: 24,507,000 Believers: 22.5%. Much prayer is needed, as non-practicing Christians number in the millions. Pray for Christ-like, holy living by believers that not only commends the gospel to unbelievers, but also passionately reaches disillusioned, apathetic neighbors. Christian leadership is still the most critical challenge before the Church.

APR

06

Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Praise the Lord for a positive response to the gospel in Pueblo Viejo, Mexico, during the Parkside Missions Dental Team visit. Continue to pray for Pedro and Roberto as they do follow-up visits. Pray for another pilot to help Amos fly in Mexico. Pray for Juan Carlos and Gregorio as they train as pilots to fly with Mission Aviation Fellowship. Pray that God would open the door for Juan and Amy Rivera to serve in a closed country. Pray for Mike as he travels to Mexico and Guatemala this month to help with flight and maintenance operations.

Antigua and Barbuda (Caribbean). Population: 97,436 Believers: 19.9%. Antiguanians are almost all Christian by background, including many evangelicals, but complacency prevails in the face of serious moral and spiritual challenges. Pray for revival that galvanizes Christians to prayer, and for involvement that impacts their society. **Aruba (Caribbean).** Population: 110,721 Believers: 7.6%. Unity in Christ among believers is a key issue for the diverse churches in Aruba. Division can undermine any numerical growth of believers.

APR

07

Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Byron, a Mam colleague of Wes and Nancy in Guatemala, spends much of his time training people to be involved with literacy, broadcasting, and writing, along with Bible translation. Pray that students and seniors alike would realize the relevance of these endeavors in spreading the gospel.

Argentina (Latin America). Population: 44,304,105 Believers: 9.1%. Behind Argentina's sophistication and postmodern facade lie intense spiritual struggles for souls. The low-key but widespread influence of the occult, one of the world's highest Mormon populations, and the growing Muslim population all vie for souls along with postmodern agnosticism, hedonistic lifestyles, and Christianity. Past battles were won through intercession; pray for protection and continued spiritual health for all in the forefront of the battle.

APR

08

Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Please pray that God will strengthen and reorient Bobby and Julie as some of their teammates and friends have had to say goodbye and return home. Pray for all the members in their family as they study various languages and as they learn to share the good news in these languages.

Armenia (Asia). Population: 3,175,114 Believers: 8.7%. The Armenian Apostolic Church has long been a cultural refuge in times of persecution, but the very traditional nature of the church, which is key to Armenian self-identity, also keeps them from discovering the living Christ. Pray for deep spiritual regeneration of the church and for godly leaders. This church will almost certainly remain the dominant religious force in Armenian life. Therefore, pray that there would be a radical transformation therein that sees Christ glorified and many saved.

APR

09

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

Pray for the 2,200 ESI participants, in 200 groups, meeting in 16 countries, with 2,900 total graduates since beginning in 2002. Pray that these men and women will grow in their love for God as they study his Scriptures, that they will stay true to Jesus, and that they will keep his gospel at the center of their lives. Pray for the ESI leaders in each of the above countries: Tomas Diaz oversees ESI in Ecuador and Guatemala; Edgar Mamani in La Paz, Bolivia, and Sweden; Javier Soliz in Santa Cruz, Bolivia; Edwin Callejas in Peru; Neri Rivera in Chiapas, Mexico; Edgar Rivera in Oaxaca, Mexico; Russ and Heidi Smith in Chile; Andrew and Angie James in Uruguay; Freddy Romero in Brazil; Rolando Ruiz in Argentina; Boris Arancibia in Bolivia; Sebastian Moreno in Colombia, Spain, and Venezuela; Miguel Ayala in Paraguay; and Jose Gutierrez in Los Angeles, United States.

Australia (Pacific). Population: 23,669,589 Believers: 14.4%. The Church in Australia faces a mighty challenge—to remain relevant. While over two-thirds of Australians identify themselves in some way as Christian, only 10% regularly attend church, and increasing numbers have negative attitudes toward the Church’s perceived intolerance and authoritarianism. Pray for reformation and revival of the Church, and for this to impact every sphere of society.

APR

10

Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Latin America, United States

Kep and Debbie will lead two ESI training retreats in Zambia, April 10-19. They will spend time studying through the book of Romans and showing the students that the message of the Bible is Jesus and the gospel. Pray for the African church planting missionaries Kep and Debbie have trained with the ministry in North and West Africa and the Middle East, who are currently doing evangelism and church planting in difficult Muslim communities throughout that region. Pray that each student will have a lifelong commitment to continue to study the Bible, understand what it says, live what it says, and faithfully teach and preach what it says! Continue to pray for the students that Kep and Debbie trained in Niger and Lebanon in March at the missionary training schools; pray that what they learned will have a lasting impact in each of their lives.

Austria (Europe). Population: 8,539,439 Believers: 0.5%. Austria, a nation of culture, music, art, and beautiful scenery, lies for the most part, spiritually empty. While 84% of Austrians believe in God (high for Europe), few have met Jesus personally. Rates of suicide, abortion, and alcoholism indicate the great need for spiritual foundations. Pray for the shell of religion in this nation to be filled by the living presence of Christ.

APR

11

Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as they spread the gospel locally and globally. Please pray that they would continue to love and serve their neighbors in Lakewood. Pray for the members of Parkside Westside to boldly proclaim Christ in the daily mission fields in which the Lord has placed them. Pray for the safety and protection of those from the church who are traveling to Zambia this month. They will work to help with basic medical needs in the village they are visiting. Also pray for the health and safety of Nathanael Wiles and the work he is doing at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. They are thankful for our continued support and prayers.

Azerbaijan (Asia). Population: 9,837,837 Believers: 0.2%. The openness and freedoms immediately following independence have dwindled somewhat, in terms of religion, media, and human rights. The Church faces intensifying opposition, even as it grows. Pray that Christian witness to the majority Muslim population may be with humility, wisdom, and love.

APR

12

E & J, North Africa

Ask God to give his people good shepherds, understanding from his Word and strength to stand firm because there will be false teachers among us (2 Peter 2:1). This is the fasting month for their Islamic friends. Pray that during this time of seeking, many would hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. We recently prayed for two men who had been imprisoned for their outreach online. Praise God that they had their trial and were released back to their families. Please pray that the Lord would look upon the threats of his enemies and grant his servants courage to speak his Word with all boldness. Pray that our Father would miraculously confirm his Word as it is spoken.

Bahamas (Caribbean). Population: 384,329 Believers: 35.9%. Christian commitment is low and nominalism widespread, despite nearly all Bahamians claiming to be Christian. Most households own a Bible; few actively read it. Pray for revival and for a missionary vision among believers. **Bahrain (Asia).** Population: 953,213 Believers: 2.9%. Bahrain enjoys greater freedoms than almost all Gulf countries and therefore is spiritually strategic. With greater freedoms, the accompanying vices are becoming problems. Praise God for the local believers. Pray for spiritual growth and especially for unity and cooperation among these groups, as a testimony to their fellow Arabs.

APR

13

Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, and Goran (& Beth) Tomic, Ambassadors Football, United States

Thank you for praying for Jon's recent trip to Kenya and Rwanda. God is opening the doors to the 4,000+ Assemblies of God churches in Kenya.

Jon was able to speak to their senior leadership, and they are eager to launch a national discipleship program in 30 locations this September. In Rwanda, Ambassador's Football signed a renewed contract until 2030. Working through the Church, they have two staff members in the country, and every Saturday, over 5,000 boys and girls are playing soccer, hearing from God's Word, and memorizing Scripture. Pray for their work in Outer Mongolia, where their ministry to young men is going well, but some changes are needed to the board of directors. Also, pray that God will provide the right directors to launch Ambassador's Football in Cyprus and Australia.

Bangladesh (Asia). Population: 185,552,357 Believers: 0.4%. Religious discrimination and tension are rising. Islamists, while a small minority, exert increasing pressure for governance by Shari'a principles. 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.

APR

14

Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

Pray for the students in the one-year preaching course to grow spiritually and for the new group of students who will be joining in July. Pray for favor in receiving accreditation for their one-year preaching course.

Pray that their ministry to the poor would result in many of the families in the slums hearing the Good News. Pray that God will enable their team to achieve their goals for 2023. Pray for God's safety and protection of their staff, interns, associates, students, volunteers, and church members.

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.

APR

15

**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Close to 40 internationals will attend a mid-semester break camping trip with Bridges International. Many of these students have been in discovery Bible studies from the beginning of the semester and are open to the Lord. Pray for God to work miraculously during that time. Pray that deeper friendships would develop. In Thailand, continue to pray that the students attending the Sunday cell group at the student center would grow in the knowledge of the Lord. Many students have attended, asked great questions, and have interacted with the Thai believers.

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. Pray for patient, overcoming faith for believers to withstand such difficulties.

APR

16

Shoreline Church, United States

Pray for Shoreline as they look for opportunities to continue to share the gospel with the Lake County community. Pray that those who attended their Good Friday and Easter services would feel welcome to return on other Sundays. Pray for the children and students at Shoreline and for the leaders who disciple them. Shoreline Church supports Kairos Prison Ministry. Pray for the hearts of the inmates to be receptive as their volunteers share the gospel.

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.

APR

17

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Chris and Leanne are thankful for all the youth gatherings they were able to have during spring break this year. Pray that the seeds planted will grow into relationships, which will allow for deeper sharing of faith. The new school year has begun. Please pray for both Lillia and Jude, who are entering new schools this month. This is Jude's first schooling experience. They are thankful for our prayers for their children. The Lord is hearing those prayers and protecting them.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

- Parkside Missionaries
- Regional Missions Agencies

AN



NORTH
PACIFIC
OCEAN

INDIAN
OCEAN

OCEAN

ANTARCTICA

AN UPDATE FROM The Harringtons

PARKSIDE MISSIONARIES SERVING IN SENDAI, JAPAN



Dear Parkside Family,

Thank you for your continued partnership in the gospel. Your prayers and support are felt! The people of Japan have captured our hearts, but the work can be slow and discouraging. The Tohoku region has been referred to as the “graveyard of missionaries and pastors.” When I first heard this, I thought, “How negative!”

Now, I'm thankful for this label. Not only does it drive us to support our Japanese and mission partners with more resolve, but it also exponentially increases the joy we experience over each Japanese who becomes a Christian. Jesus said in Luke 15, “There is joy in heaven over ONE sinner who repents.” There's nothing quite like that joy!

We work closely with Yukimasa Otomo, Senior Pastor of Shiogama Bible Baptist Church (SBBC) and Satoshi Ueno, Pastor of C-Side Church (the church plant in Shichigahama).

Our ministry is to support them in reaching this area for Christ. We pray we can hold up their hands as Aaron and Hur did for Moses during the battle against Amalek. To do this, we wear many hats. We host youth nights at our home, teach English, plan events for families, meet with moms, lead Sunday schools, etc. The youth nights at our home have been an integral part of our ministry this term. It has been a blessing to see the impact they have had. These nights are purposeful and prayed over. The groups of kids who are invited are different each time. Sometimes the evenings are used to reconnect with kids who we haven't seen in a while. Other times, it is to introduce more of Jesus to the kids from our church's English classes. And sometimes we use the time to equip and encourage Christian children in how to follow Jesus in their context.

Like in most countries, it's difficult to separate culture from religion. When friends eagerly show pictures of being blessed by the Buddhist priest or share videos of them praying for good fortune and ringing the bells at the shrines at New Years, my heart wants to cry out. They would say they are not religious—these are just special cultural markers of childhood or yearly celebrations. How do you separate what is "being Japanese" from what is "idolatry?" These questions are difficult for adult Japanese Christians, yet our Christian kids face them daily at school and even in their sports. These questions bring us and our Japanese partners to our knees. We need God's wisdom.

Please continue to pray for us and our ministry partners, Pastor Yukimasa Otomo, and Pastor Satoshi Ueno. We want to be faithful in sharing the gospel and worshipping our Savior in Tohoku, Japan.

Chris and Leanne



PHOTOS

Opposite Page: The Harrington Family: Chris, Leanne, Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham, and Jude.

Above left: Pastor Satoshi Ueno preaches at an outside C-Side Church service. **Above right:** Pastor Yukimasa Otomo baptizes Suzy, a college student who came to Christ after almost seven years of English classes and youth events.

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%. Bhutan is one of the world's least evangelized nations. The continued isolationist policies of the government combined with the highly significant role of the Buddhist monarchy further reinforce the hold of Vajrayana Buddhism. Pray for true spiritual liberation for this land of the Dragon (Druk Yul).

APR

18

Human Coalition Cleveland (Health for Her), United States

Pray for strength and endurance for their staff as they minister to clients with very challenging situations. Pray for opportunities for spiritual conversations and that the Lord will draw the hearts of their clients toward him. The center needs donations for their Baby Boutique and resources to help clients in difficult circumstances. Pray for more opportunities to share these needs with churches and individuals.

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.

APR

19

Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Last month, Mark spent time in Peru with Antonio, a Guatemalan believer whose first language is Tz'utujil. Mark has been working with Antonio virtually for two years. Antonio was a key translator working on getting the Bible into his language. The translation is about to go to press, and they are excited! While in Peru, Mark and Antonio traveled up to the mountains to work with the Panao Quechua on a "comprehension check" of certain books of the Bible. Pray for continued blessing on this work and those involved.

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.

APR

20

Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Latin America, United States

Kep and Debbie are leading an ESI retreat in Burundi, Africa, April 22-25, after which they will travel to Kenya to check on the ESI groups they started in Nairobi in January. Please pray that the Lord will use the study of Romans to help pastors and church leaders to grow in their commitment to Christ and to experience the transforming power of the gospel in their own lives. Pray that they will see their need to faithfully preach and teach the Bible so that the African churches will mature in Christ. Continue to pray for the church planting missionaries Kep and Debbie have trained with the ministry in North and West Africa and the Middle East, who are currently doing evangelism and church planting in difficult Muslim communities throughout that region. Across the ocean in Bolivia, pray that the leadership of the ILC Church that Kep and Debbie planted will continue honoring Christ by staying true to his Scriptures.

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.

APR

21

Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Fieldstone Counseling is grateful and excited to have three new counseling apprentices and two new counselors on their team. Please pray for them as they get started and begin meeting with counselees. The demand for counseling is high in this season. Pray for their counseling team as they strive, in the power of the Spirit, to meet that need. Continue praying for openness, comfort, and growth through the Holy Spirit for all counselees as they receive counseling.

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.

APR

22

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

ESI students are finishing up their last semester of study. Pray that they would finish strong, and that God would use their lives to make an impact for the gospel in Uruguay.

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.

APR

23

Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Pray for the students in the new missionary schools in Niger and the Central African Republic to dig deep into the Word of God and grow in wisdom and grace. Pray for the individuals and couples who committed their lives to full-time missionary work at their Prayer Conference in February. May God give them discernment and direction. Please continue to pray for all their field workers to be protected by God from the many dangers that surround them. Pray that God would supply all their needs.

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.

APR

24

Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

As their marriage ministry wraps up for the semester at the end of April, pray that all the couples who have been a part of the classes and have spent time to together would experience strengthened marriages for God’s glory. Pray for ministry and outreach plans for spring and summer. They desire to be led by the Lord as they seek to keep everything focused on the gospel. Also, this spring they are offering a new member’s class. Pray that the Lord would help them teach and share truth with clarity so that those who are considering membership can make well informed decisions about Scranton being their church home. As the church continues to grow, pray that the Lord will raise up new young leaders.

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.

APR

25

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for the three ESI groups that Edgar is leading in Oaxaca.

As Juan and his wife, Amy, prepare for missions in a closed country, pray that God would provide necessary visas. Praise the Lord that a needed third shoulder surgery was finally scheduled for Edgar following his motorbike accident. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he leads ESI groups in Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant and for ministry opportunities to the refugees in Tapachula. The four orphans and two more of their siblings are officially in Neri and Karina's custody. Thank the Lord for answered prayer. Pray for them as they adjust to life as a family. Pray that God will continue to bring spiritual fruit as his Word is proclaimed in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

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.

APR

26

Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Phenegar, and Goran (& Beth) Tomic, Ambassadors Football, United States

In 2026, the largest sporting event in the world will be hosted in North America. The World Cup is coming to the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

Ambassadors Football would like to use this event to introduce churches to the idea of utilizing soccer to minister to their surrounding communities. The Lord has been working in and through Ambassadors to develop programs and curriculum that churches can use to reach children and immigrant and refugee communities. Ambassadors Football has been meeting with like-minded ministries around the country to brainstorm and pray about how best to use the opportunity that 2026 gives the Church here and around the world. Please pray for God to direct their steps and give them wisdom as they share ideas and make plans.

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.

APR

27

E & J, North Africa

They are grateful for the special family memories and fun they had on vacation last month and for God’s providential care during their flights. They are also thankful for a recent visit from friends which was encouraging and refreshing. Continue to pray for God’s blessing as E & J learn the language and share the good news with their neighbors. Pray that God would save, sanctify, and use their children. Especially pray for their two oldest as they attend a local preschool.

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.

APR

28

The City Mission, United States

“What does it look like when women in crisis come to Laura’s Home and leave with a stable house and income? It looks like pure joy.” The women who graduated in February overcame significant hardships, and many of these women had no support and had nowhere to go with their children. Praise the Lord for his hand in using Laura’s Home to give these women and their children safe shelter and restored hope. Pray for them as they now have a bright future with renewed dreams for their families. Pray also for The City Mission staff and volunteers as they share the gospel message with men in crisis at the Crossroads Ministry and with those receiving help from New Horizons Ministry.

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.

APR

29

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Recently COVID-19 restrictions were removed, which will allow their church family to have lunches together after Sunday service again.

This is a part of the life of the church which has been missing for three years. They praise God that they can fellowship together in this way to share what God has been teaching them. What a blessing to be able to laugh and talk about life while their children play! Pray the Lord will use these gatherings to grow their faith as they encourage each believer to share their faith with others.

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.

APR

30

Parkside Heights Church, United States

Baby girl Anu-ujin arrived from Mongolia to have heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic. They rejoice in God's continuing provision for all who are involved. Continue to pray for the baby, her mother, the translator, and those involved in caring for them until they return to Mongolia. Also, pray for all those from the surrounding community and colleges who came to hear the good news at their Good Friday and Easter services.

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.

Global prayer requests taken from Mandryk, Jason. Operation World : The definitive prayer guide to every nation. 7th ed. Colorado Springs, CO: Biblica Publishing, 2010. Used with permission.

Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

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

North Africa	E & J
Japan	Chris & Leanne Harrington
Uruguay	Andrew & Angie James
Africa/Latin America/United States	Kep & Debbie James
Central Asia	Bobby & Julie

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

- Latin America**
- 20 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 had 2,900 graduates since 2002, and has 2,200 active participants in 200 groups in 16 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Parkside Church has, and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**
- 2 Mexican Pastors, 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 fulltime with children & teens in the farm schools of Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

Financial Support to Mission Agencies

Fieldstone Counseling

Indigenous Church Planting

Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Parkside Green

Scranton Road Bible Church

The City Mission

Human Coalition Cleveland

Parkside Church Westside

Parkside Heights Church

Shoreline Church

Truth For Life

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson

Jon (& Ruthie)

Goran (& Beth) Tomic

Amy Cottle

Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2021: \$2.6 million

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

Asia

Teaching English as a Second Language
July 14-29, 2023

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



PARKSIDE
CHURCH

To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.