



# Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY  
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

JULY

"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 toward 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](https://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](mailto:cjjbandrews@sbcglobal.net).



## Learn

Increase your awareness of what God is doing among the nations by reading *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. You can pick up a copy of the book at Books by the Park. The prayer requests for different countries in this calendar are excerpts from that book and the [operationworld.org](https://operationworld.org) website.



## Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$3,421,410 towards missions in 2024. 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



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*\*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, G  
*\*Names withheld for security purposes*



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

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### **Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States**

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the Missions Aviation Fellowship (MAF) work in Mexico and for the best use of the tools God has provided to reach the lost. Praise God for the Parkside dental team and their hard work in La Mesilla. About 300 patients were served by the team. Pray that God's Word and the loving care received will cause many to turn to Jesus. Pray for Pedro and Roberto as they follow up with people in La Mesilla. Pray for Gregorio and Eily as they work to get a visa for her to accompany him to Candidate Classes with MAF in Idaho. Pray for wisdom in planning future travel to Mexico. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much spiritual fruit for his kingdom.

**Czechia (Europe).** Population: 10,609,240 Believers: 0.7%. Over 70% of the population consider themselves non-religious, although many use horoscopes and mix different spiritual ideas. The successful transition to a market economy was a positive change for the country, but it put economic stress on the most vulnerable people. Crime, sexual immorality, substance abuse, depression, and suicide all have notably higher rates today than they did during Communist times. Ask God to lift the spiritual heaviness from over Czechia.

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

The Harringtons returned to Japan with hearts full of love from their time with their Parkside Church family. They thank God for you and your partnership in the gospel. Pray for Chris, who has taken on his new role as the Area Director for SEND Japan. Pray that the Lord will give him wisdom for what is ahead. Pray for the SEND Japan missionaries who are experiencing a transition from an Area Director who served them for 15 years. Please also pray for a house, as their first housing option has fallen through. Pray that they can find one soon and settle in before their kids start school next month.

**Denmark (Europe).** Population: 6,002,507 Believers: 3.5%. Denmark retains a core of Christian traditions and values in its social laws and values. And Danes began to show more openness to spiritual things in recent years. But over half the population is agnostic or atheist by some reports. And many people's spiritual search does not lead them to Christian faith and the church. Pray that more Danes will rediscover the faith that shaped so much of the nation's history and society.

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### **Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Europe, and the Americas**

Praise God for the encouraging time Kep and Debbie spent in April in Bolivia meeting with the ILC Church leadership. Pray that they will continue to grow as a church in evangelism and discipleship. Kep, Debbie, and Rusty Johnson will be meeting with Dutch pastors and church leaders in Amsterdam from July 4-9. Pray that there will be an interest in starting Equipping Servants Internship (ESI) groups there to study Romans.

**Djibouti (Africa).** Population: 1,184,077 Believers: 0.1%. Mission work is a challenge in this hot, dry, but often humid land, and working conditions are extreme. Physical and spiritual oppression, economic disparity, ethnic tensions, and a paucity of believers lead easily to discouragement and worker attrition. Pray for God to send long-term workers, especially from nearby countries and people groups.

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

Praise the Lord for the 185 staff workers in 35 countries working to spread the gospel as one global team. Pray for unity among the Ambassadors Football staff and for Jon to have wisdom as he leads the ministry. The enemy is constantly trying to tear Christians apart, and without God's help, unity is not possible. Please pray for Jon as he recovers from hernia surgery. Also, pray for the opportunity Jon has to share about the ministry with denomination leaders in Indonesia on August 1-2.

**Dominica (Caribbean).** Population: 65,872 Believers: 16.8%. The Carib Indians live on an isolated reservation on the northeast coast of Dominica. They are among the last indigenous peoples in the Caribbean to survive the arrival of colonialism and subsequent waves of immigrants. Most are nominally Christian, but only a small number actively follow Christ. Pray that these socially deprived people may find their true identity and fulfillment in him. **Equatorial Guinea (Africa).** Population: 1,938,431 Believers: 4.4%. Training leaders and discipling believers are strategic and growing ministries. Pray that graduates of training institutions may be used by the Spirit to evangelize the nation and disciple believers. Pray for greater opportunities for laity to grow in their faith; the move from a nominal Catholic/animist worldview to a biblical one is a significant transition.

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**Bobby & Julie, Central Asia**

Ruth, a recent Air Force Academy graduate, has joined their team for the summer. Pray that God will work in and through her during this time. Bobby is thankful for prayers for his preaching in Russian. Although he finds it very challenging, he is growing and trusts that God is using this seemingly impossible task. Preparing to preach at the end of May brought conviction concerning his prayer life and his love for others. Pray for these areas of his life, along with his desire for personal growth in meekness and in encouraging others.

**Dominican Republic (Caribbean).** Population: 11,520,487 Believers: 9.1%. Pray for endurance, provision, and faithfulness for those called to minister, especially those serving in the poorer, rural areas. Pray that the 15 or so Bible schools and the National Evangelical University may provide spiritual, mature, and stable leaders for the future.

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**Parkside Student Mission Trip, United States**

A group of Parkside middle school and high school students, along with their adult leaders, are joining an organization called World Changers this week for a mission trip in Cleveland. Please pray for the team as they participate in various work projects throughout the city and seek to share the gospel with the people they are helping.

**Ecuador (Latin America).** Population: 18,289,896 Believers: 8.5%. Evangelical numbers are large enough to significantly impact society. Pray for: vision and growth to continue, unity within the great variety of churches, cultural sensitivity, and integration of Quichua and Lowland Indians into the national church scene, improved availability and quality of pastoral training, and effective and appropriate ministry to children and young people.

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

In June, their students hosted a conference for the youth in their community. Pray that many will come to Jesus because of what was shared at the outreach. Pray for God's guidance as Johannes and his team prepares for VBC. They will be joined by a team from Parkside Church, who will be in South Africa from July 10-19. Pray for their safety in travel, that God will give wisdom and guidance to each one, and that he will use them for his glory. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of the students who will attend the camp to receive the good news.

**Egypt (Africa).** Population: 118,365,995 Believers: 3.9%. A decade has passed since the upheaval of the Arab Spring. Some of the change protestors hoped for has arrived but much remains the same as before 2011. President Sisi appears to be instilling authoritarian rule once again, but many—including Christians—feel this is necessary to curb Islamist movements from regaining control. Christians still live in a precarious situation regarding religious freedom and persecution. Many Muslims would prefer Egypt did not have such a large Christian population. Pray for a government that serves God's purposes—to restrain evil, punish crime, and enable peaceful and quiet lives among the citizenry.

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**Parkside Green, United States**

Please pray for the Lord to work in the lives of all the kids attending Parkside Green camps and all the adults participating in Summer Connect gatherings. Also, please join them in asking the Lord to accomplish his purposes through their global partners: Dr. Jen Kintner overseeing women's ministry training at the Gulf Theological Seminary in Dubai; Brett and Jennifer Wright doing aviation missions in central Africa; and Bryan and Erin Joseph serving in Mazatlán, Mexico, this summer.

**El Salvador (Latin America).** Population: 6,365,503 Believers: 31.6%. The growth of evangelicals amid travail has been a modern-day miracle, but now the need is for consolidation of the work. Pray for effective discipling and motivation of believers for service, witness, and missions. Pray also for increased unity and vision for outreach so that this nation might belong to Jesus—*El Salvador* is Spanish for “the Savior.”

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

The renovation of the bottom floor of their new church is completed and they are now able to use it for Sunday services. Join them in thanking the Lord and pray for the total renovation of the building for use in ministering to the people in Montevideo.

**Eritrea (Africa).** Population: 3,607,003 Believers: 2.1%. The Christian church faces terrible ongoing persecution, both outside the recognized churches and, to some degree, within. Many leaders and lay members are in prison, and more are under house arrest; the government has seized many church assets. Pray that Christians may remain fervent for Jesus amid hardship and make a significant impact on their nation and beyond.

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#### **Parkside Heights Church, United States**

Parkside Heights is thankful to be able to have summer community groups again this year. Pray that these times together will deepen relationships with each other and with the Lord. Many of the college students who regularly attend Parkside Heights are not in Cleveland over the summer. Pray that during this time away from their studies, they will be refreshed and continue growing spiritually. As the church continues its search for a permanent building, pray for God’s leading and timing for this to happen.

**Estonia (Europe).** Population: 1,344,232 Believers: 4.9%. Despite a Protestant heritage, genuine faith in Estonia is rare. Many have limited Christian belief, but very few follow Jesus in any meaningful way. Most of the population needs to be re-evangelized. Pray for a new vision for evangelism and revival to reawaken the nominal majority.

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

Pray for ongoing student recruitment for the one-year course in Expository Preaching and Practical Theology. Pray for the students of the one-year course who graduated in May to remain faithful to the Lord. Amid rising tensions and the prevailing probability of a warlike situation, they appreciate prayer for their teams and families, students, and training centers, as they have international borders. Pray for the teams to be protected from the ongoing tensions in the country. Pray for comfort for the families who have lost loved ones in a terrorist attack, for peace to prevail, and for the leaders of their nation as they make critical decisions.

**Ethiopia (Africa).** Population: 135,472,051 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. There are 35 translation projects in progress; this represents nearly half of all living languages. Another 17 languages have translation needs that are currently unaddressed. Pray for wisdom in knowing which projects are priorities and pray for more nationals to become involved in them.

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### Shoreline Church, United States

Praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with kids and parents during the Baking, Brick Building, and Fishing mini camps this year. Pray for the Ambassadors Soccer Camp hosted by Shoreline that takes place in Painesville from July 15-19. Pray for safety for the soccer coaches traveling to Ohio, and that they make edifying relationships with their host families. Pray that it will be an opportunity for the church to further relationships with the local community and to share the gospel. Thank the Lord that the Greater Cleveland Youth For Christ Jail Ministry cookouts held at different facilities went well. The purpose of these cookouts was to build relationships with incarcerated youth and their guards. Please pray that many will be led to attend chapel and Bible studies.

**Falkland Islands (Latin America).** Population: 3,469, 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. **Faeroe Islands (Europe).** Population: 56,002 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 tradition.

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### Parkside Short-Term Mission Trip, South Africa

Pray for the Parkside team as they conduct an "Upward Bound" Vacation Bible Camp with middle school students in partnership with missionary Johannes Thaele and River of Life Church in Bloemfontein, South Africa. Team members are Audrey Beleiu, Darrius Beleiu, Eloise Cocirteu, Kelly Coy, Mike Coy, Rusty Johnson, Allie Mach, Nick Mach, Naomi Melnik, Faith Menefee, Jacob Ockunzzi, Jen Platek, Andreea Popa, Catherine Popa, Emily Sheer, Eric Shultz, Myra Shultz, Kris Wagner, Brian Walls, and Maria Walls. Pray for good health, team unity, and that God will open the hearts of students to his love and give them a desire to know him. The team returns to Cleveland on July 20.

**Fiji (Pacific).** Population: 933,155 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: 313,666 Believers: 4.5%. The most responsive peoples [to the gospel] 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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### **Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States**

Pray for the many language groups in the world who are still waiting for their own copy of the New Testament. There are many more waiting for the Old Testament. Pray for Quechua-speaking pastors and those in their congregations to take time to practice reading God's Word. God's Spirit will meet them in his Word to teach, rebuke, correct, and instruct them. Pray for perseverance in reading and progress in fluency.

**Finland (Europe).** Population: 5,623,330 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. 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.

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### **Parkside Kent, United States**

Sunday, June 29, marked their first service in the new Parkside Kent church building. They are grateful for the many prayers and the hard work that went into every step of preparation. Thank the Lord for his provision and ask him to help them be faithful stewards of all he has entrusted to them. Please pray that the summer months will be a fruitful time of planning as they prepare to launch fall ministries for their middle school and high school students.

**France (Europe).** Population: 66,650,805 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.

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## Equipping Servants International (ESI), Africa, Europe, and the Americas

There are 3,000 ESI participants in 250 groups in 37 countries studying the Scriptures weekly. Pray these men and women will grow in their love for God and will experience real transformation in their personal lives, marriages, ministries, and local churches. Three of these are Spanish-speaking groups meeting in Virginia and Florida led by Boris and Marco. In London, there are four groups, and there are five groups meeting in Paris. Praise the Lord for two ESI groups that started recently in Italy. In Pakistan, preparations are being made to launch new ESI groups, and in Africa, Paulo continues developing ESI leadership and groups. Pray for these ESI groups in various parts of the world, and pray that more discipleship groups would spring up to expand and strengthen the spread of the gospel.

**French Guiana (Latin America).** Population: 313,666 Believers: 4.5%. The growth of evangelicals has been steady if not spectacular in the last 20 years. This is true for many minority groups but also among the Creole, previously considered to have few believers. Give praise for the opening of work among several Amerindian groups, with several churches planted among the Caribs/Galibi in particular.

**French Polynesia (Pacific).** Population: 282,465 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 to take place.

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## Truth For Life, United States

Ask the Lord to use their program series in the books of Ruth and Daniel to encourage those who listen, particularly those working or going to school in an unbelieving environment that challenges their faith.

Ask God to use the book *Brave by Faith* to help many young people attending college or entering the workforce to trust firmly in God's promises, even at the risk of exclusion. Pray for Alistair and his assistant, Joy Harabedian, as they relocate from Parkside Church to Truth For Life. Ask God to make the adjustment a smooth one, for his sovereignty over all the logistics, and that he will open the door to new ministry opportunities.

**Gabon (Africa).** Population: 2,593,130 Believers: 12.7%. Spiritist beliefs and practices lie beneath the surfaces of Catholicism, other Christian groups, and Islam.

Many Gabonese still use charms, hallucinogenic drugs, and ancestral spirits, and go to medicine men. Some leaders of the government, the police, and the army participate in nighttime rituals that use witchcraft and black magic. Christians who do not participate can be refused academic or professional opportunities. Pray for followers of Jesus to remain faithful to him alone and for such faith to spread the gospel even further.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth







## AN UPDATE FROM MIKE & JOAN ROSS

PARKSIDE MISSIONARIES SERVING IN MEXICO & THE U.S.

Dear Parkside Family,

When we think of you, we are reminded of Paul's letter to the Philippians where he says, "I thank God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil 1: 3-5) Your partnership has been very precious to us as we make the gospel known in Latin America. You have faithfully walked alongside us through your gifts, prayers, and many visits to work beside us. It is difficult to adequately express how much your partnership has meant to us through the good times and through the challenges in ministry that have come our way as a family.



Our Mexican team is serving some of the neediest people in the State of Oaxaca. The Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) flights open doors for the gospel in many isolated communities and provide encouragement to believers facing open opposition to their

faith. Mike makes several trips a year to Mexico to help the team. We work with a foundation that generously helps with the cost of moving critically ill patients to better equipped hospitals in the City of Oaxaca.

One of the special opportunities we have is to partner with indigenous pastors like Pedro, Roberto, Gavino, and Gaudencio. They speak the local

heart language of the people we serve and share the gospel in culturally appropriate ways. These pastors identify communities where the Parkside dental teams work. The teams have been instrumental in making gospel connections in places otherwise closed. Demonstrating God's love by caring for the physical needs of the people has eternal impact. We are often asked why these teams come to serve. This allows us to share the good news.



Mike also has the privilege of partnering with our Mexican pastors, Edgar and Neri, to coordinate their work with Equipping Servants International (ESI). Edgar is leading ESI groups in the State of Oaxaca, and Neri is leading ESI groups in the State of Tapachula, training Christian leaders to study the Bible and to live biblically.



One of the dreams God gave us early in our ministry was to train and equip Mexican Christians to do the work of the gospel. We are very blessed to now see local believers running the MAF work in Mexico. Edgar Rivera is on the Board of Directors and Edgar Quero is our Country Director. Amos is doing the flying and overseeing the aircraft maintenance. Gregorio has finished all his formal training as a pilot. Manuel is now a licensed aircraft mechanic helping with aircraft inspections. Juan Carlos and Bryan are in training. Please pray for all these committed Christians doing God's work in Mexico.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel which makes this all possible.

Love in Christ,  
Mike & Joan

**Photos: Page 1, Top:** Mike and Joan Ross; **Bottom:** Amos flying. **Page 2, Top Left:** Neri leading an ESI group; **Top Middle:** Amoltepec ESI; **Top Right:** Edgar leading ESI in Amoltepec; **Bottom:** Edgar going to Amoltepec.

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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

From July 18-20, Andrew will travel with a group of college students to the Uruguayan countryside for a short-term missions trip. Please pray for fruit from their evangelistic efforts and for the Lord to use this time to develop hearts for evangelism in these students. As we thank God for the James family, pray that they will continue to walk in dependence on the Lord and that their three children will grow up to love and serve him.

**The Gambia (Africa).** Population: 2,822,093 Believers: 0.8%. Thank God for the mostly friendly relationships between Muslims and Christians in Gambia. Christians have more religious freedom here than in most Muslim countries. But most Christian work has been in the Greater Banjul area (coast). Few reach out to the Muslim majority, especially those who live upriver in the less-developed inland area. Pray for continued religious freedom and peace. Pray for Gambians to have a vision to reach their own nation, and for creative ways to support those who move into more isolated areas.

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

Please pray for the summer soccer tours. A boys' soccer team from Mexico came to NE Ohio and Pittsburgh to minister across the area. On Memorial Day, they were able to host a tournament with over 60 teenage boys. Later in the week, they conducted a soccer clinic for children in a Spanish-speaking area of Pittsburgh. As a result, Ambassadors Football will begin a weekly program there in the fall. In addition, a men's tour went from N. Ireland to Senegal, a girls' tour went from Cleveland to Peru, and a boys' team will be traveling to Brazil. Pray for the spiritual seeds that are being planted and watered in the players and the people they work with during the tours.

**Georgia (Asia).** Population: 3,806,671 Believers: 1.5%. Young Georgians have lost interest in the church, with a majority leaving during teenage years. Youth groups have grown, in some cases, where intentional efforts were made to reach out to young people in creative and relevant ways and where youth were empowered to lead. Pray for churches to thoughtfully share the gospel with young people in relevant ways.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

SRBC is searching for a new director for their children's ministry. They are thankful for someone within the church who is serving as an interim director until the search is completed. Pray for this search for and for the training and equipping of their elders. Thank God for the children who participated in their Ambassadors Soccer Camp last week. Pray that the kids and families who came not only experienced the beauty of soccer, but also were impacted by the gospel message.

**Germany (Europe).** Population: 84,075,075 Believers: 2.1%. Germany's wealth, influence, and location in the EU and Europe could be of great value for the kingdom of God. Like much of Europe, Germany faces a crisis of spirituality. New Age, the occult, Satanism, and new forms of the old pagan religions all gain followers, but none grow as quickly as the group claiming "no religion." Migrants bring their own versions of faith with them—including vibrant Christianity. Pray for God to raise up leaders who will love righteousness and strong moral values, even when they face temptation to compromise.

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

Pray that God will continue to give Edgar wisdom in assembling a Mexican board for the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for the two ESI groups that he is leading in Oaxaca and for a new group forming in Ensenada.

Pray for the Bible study he recently started with two families in the town of San Lucas. Pray for trips that Edgar is making to Amoltepec to encourage the pastors and Christians there. Pray that Neri will have safety and wisdom as he facilitates ESI groups in the state of Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. Join them in praising the Lord as they look forward to using their new church building this month. Pray for strength for Neri as he continues treatment for lymphoma and for wisdom to work within his physical limitations. Pray for healing for Neri and for extra strength for Karina during this difficult season in their lives. Pray for their daughter Tete, who is graduating from high school and is dealing with emotional struggles because of the changes in her life.

**Ghana (Africa).** Population: 35,064,273 Believers: 24.2%. Ghana enjoys a rich Christian tradition! Many newer churches emerged, and many traditional denominations have a vibrant spiritual life. When churches multiply quickly, doctrines can become confused. Ghana has the blessing of many training institutions. Pray for mature leaders for the church. Traditional African practices present the greatest challenge to Christians. Pray for a clear break from all bondage to charms and the occult and pray for true liberty in Jesus.

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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Please continue to pray for Fieldstone as they move through a season of growth. They are asking the Lord for his continued wisdom and strength. Counseling openings remain available. Pray that those who are seeking help will connect with the care they need. Pray also for their counselors, that they would be strengthened and encouraged as they faithfully walk with others through pain while offering the hope in Christ.

**Greece (Europe).** Population: 9,938,845 Believers: 0.4%. Greece was the first European country to be evangelized (Acts 16:10), but Christianity is now mostly a cultural expression. Less than 3% of the population regularly attend church. Evangelical churches represent less than 0.5% of the population, including all non-Greek evangelicals. The Macedonian call to evangelize is just as valid today.

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia**

Praise God for all the relationships recently formed with Hindu students. Pray that as they live out the gospel, many more will be drawn to Jesus. In April, the gospel was shared with 25 Hindus. At the end of June, they hosted their first "Dinner and a Story," where students can explore Jesus through hearing and discussing a story from the Bible. A new term has started at the University of New South Wales. Pray the Lord will lead the Bridges staff to students who are interested in Jesus and that more volunteers from their partnering church would be called to serve. Pray that the Lord will unify their team as they meet for midyear planning and evaluation.

**Gibraltar (Europe).** Population: 40,126 Believers: 2.9%. Gibraltar has a good position for outreach to the region (southern Spain and North Africa), as well as to locals, immigrants, and foreign tourists. Pray that local congregations will gain a vision for outreach! Muslims working in or visiting Gibraltar are very open to receive Christian material and to hear about Jesus; pray that this opportunity might be utilized sensitively but decisively. Pray for effective methods of reaching them and for more workers for this rare opportunity. **Greenland (North America).** Population: 55,745 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.

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**Parkside Church Westside, United States**

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as they spread the gospel locally and globally. Pray that they continue to love and serve their neighbors in Lakewood. Pray that the seeds planted during Action Day Camp will take root in the young hearts of all who participated. Pray for Building Hope in the City and the work that they are doing with immigrants in the Cleveland area. Pray for the relationships that Westside members are forming with refugees. Pray for the Cleveland Pregnancy Center and the help they provide to moms in need. Pray for a church family abroad who is working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Continue to pray for Nathanael Wiles as he prepares to return to Tenwek Hospital with World Gospel Mission. Pray also for the safety of Ryan and Samantha S. as they seek to share the gospel with Somalian refugees in Africa.

**Grenada (Caribbean).** Population: 117,304 Believers: 19.6%. Hurricane Beryl's damage in 2024 was a repeat of that done by hurricanes Ivan and Emily in years past. These hurricanes destroyed or damaged up to 90% of the island's buildings. The global spread of COVID in 2020 and afterward devastated Grenada's tourist industry, on which it is heavily dependent. Pray for sustainable solutions to Grenada's current challenges as hurricanes become more destructive. Pray also for debt reduction/forgiveness rather than restructuring and for Grenadians to put their faith in God above all things. **Guadeloupe (Caribbean).** Population: 373,791 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 sin and bring many to true repentance.

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**Ruth (& Artis) Powell, United States, Zambia**

Ruth and Artis are grateful for our prayers and partnership with Village Hope International Ministries as they spread the gospel in Kasempa, Zambia. With the funds God provided through Parkside Church Westside, construction of a small medical clinic will begin soon. They are grateful to God that help for the people of Zambia is on the way. Join them in continuing to pray for funds for a solar pump (\$2,900) for water supply in the village. Pray that despite their many challenges, Christians there will make time to pray, read the Bible, meet for ESI or regular Bible study, and will make telling others about Christ a priority.

**Guatemala (Latin America).** Population: 18,687,882 Believers: 24.4%. Praise God for the growth among evangelicals, who now are almost 25% of the population, in 25,000 congregations! Churches that fail to disciple new believers may lose them in the next two decades. Pray that pastors and leaders will demonstrate Christ-like humility and rise above foolish divisions and greed.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

They are thankful to have been able to make a trip to their former church for reunions and goodbyes. Pray for God's blessing on SBBC and their pastor, Yukimasa. Pray that God will reveal himself to the Japanese. The Harrington's location has shifted, but their hearts still desire God to draw that community and those friends to himself. Also, pray for the kids' camps they will be part of this summer. Some of the students attending the camps are students who came to Cleveland in March. Please pray for the gospel to be shared clearly and for their hearts to be open for salvation.

**Guinea (Africa).** Population: 15,099,727 Believers: 0.7%. The church declined around 15 years ago. Evangelism and church planting slowed down, and less committed Christians left the faith. Forty-three percent of the population are under age 15. Pray for believers who will persevere and pray against the enemy, who seeks to destroy young or weak Christians before they can grow.

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**The City Mission, United States**

During the summer, The City Mission offers the children at Laura's Home a program to engage them in a variety of activities—sports and field trips combined with academic preparations for the coming school year. They learn more about God, how to get along with each other, and to practice good manners as they enjoy fun vacation activities. Pray for the staff and volunteers of this Pathways program as they seek to reach hearts and change lives through the transforming power of God's love.

**Guinea-Bissau (Africa).** Population: 2,249,515 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. 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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**Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Europe, and the Americas**

Thank God for the interest from pastors in studying the Bible that Kep, Debbie, and Paulo found when they met with Costa Rican pastors in San Jose in the beginning of June. Pray that many will commit to studying Romans with them in ESI groups. Pray for Pastor Edgar Mamani as he leads several ESI groups in the Tipnis area of the Bolivian jungle helping pastors study the Bible in communities that are traditionally very resistant to the gospel.

**Guam (Pacific).** Population: 168,999 Believers: 14.2%. Guam is the hub of Micronesia, and as such, the population is multicultural and diverse. There is spiritual and church growth among many of the immigrant communities, including the Chinese, Koreans, and Filipinos. With such ethnic and denominational variety, unity is an important issue and a need for prayer. **Guyana (Latin America).** Population 835,986 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 there among the youth. Praise God for many decisions to follow Jesus; pray for effective discipleship.

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**Human Coalition, (Health for Her Cleveland), United States**

Pray for God to provide someone with a passion for their mission to fill the nurse coordinator position. Their staff is being trained in a new process to be used in ministering to their clients. Pray for patience for the staff and that the new process will be helpful in bringing hope found in Christ to those who come for assistance. They are in need of new boys' and girls' clothing in sizes 3-24 months for their Baby Boutique. Pray that this need will be met.

**Haiti (Caribbean).** Population: 11,906,096 Believers: 16.0%. Tyranny, cruelty, and spiritual bondage fill Haiti's history. The Spanish genocide against the indigenous Arawaks, Spanish and then French slavery, and Haiti's own brutal leaders promoted a spirit of violence for centuries. Pray for the Holy Spirit to cleanse the church. Ask God to bind the powerful spirits underlying voodooism in Jesus' name so the nation can be wholly dedicated to the Lord.

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### **E & J, North Africa**

E & J had a great time on a day trip with the young brother and his unbelieving mom for whom they asked for prayer last month.

They shared the gospel with her, and she has been more interested in Jesus and has asked to go to church with her son. They both came over again for dinner, and E & J had an opportunity to further clarify the good news. Continue to pray for them and for E & J and their three children.

**Honduras (Latin America).** Population: 11,005,850 Believers: 23.0%.

Missions vision has grown significantly in the past decade. There are now several mission agencies that train and send cross-cultural workers. Pray for the whole Honduran church to gain a greater vision for outreach and mission. 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, United States**

Please continue to pray for the widespread use of the Scriptures in the Mam areas throughout Guatemala and in other areas where Mam is spoken. Pray for all of Wes's appointments—speech therapy, OT, PT, and doctors. Pray that these will provide strength and improve his memory issues. Pray for Nancy as she cares for him.

**Hungary (Europe).** Population: 9,632,287 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.

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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

**North Africa**

**Japan**

**Uruguay**

**Africa/Europe/The Americas**

**Central Asia**

E & J

Chris & Leanne Harrington

Andrew & Angie James

Kep & Debbie James

Bobby & Julie

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

**Peru/United States**

**Guatemala/United States**

**Mexico/United States**

Mark & Patti Bean

Wes & Nancy Collins

Mike & Joan Ross

## Financial Support of Nationals

### Bolivia & Around the World

- Twenty 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 3,350 graduates since 2002, and has 3,000 active participants in 250 groups meeting in 37 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, England, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Parkside Church has assisted and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.

### Mexico

- Two 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.

### South Asia

- Twenty full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
- Twelve 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 students in the farm schools, local church, and university in Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

### Financial Support to Mission Partners and Local Churches

Fieldstone Counseling	Parkside Church Westside
Hope for Glasgow	Parkside Green
Human Coalition Cleveland	Parkside Heights Church
The City Mission	Parkside Kent
The Edge Sports & Arts Academy	Scranton Road Bible Church
Truth For Life	Shoreline Church

### Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson	Jon (& Ruthie)
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger	Ruth (& Artis) Powell
Goran (& Beth) Tomic	

**Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2024: \$3,421,410**

# Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

To find out more about joining a future short-term team, please contact the church office at 440.543.1212 or visit [parksidetchurch.com/missions](http://parksidetchurch.com/missions).



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