

# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **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 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](https://parksidechurch.com/subscribe).



## Learn

Increase your awareness of what God is doing among the nations by reading *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. The prayer requests for different countries are excerpts from this book. You can pick up a copy in the bookstore.



## Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.8 million towards missions in 2019. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting Him for the capacity to do so.



## Go

Consider traveling to serve our missionaries or other partners by participating in a short-term mission trip. Watch the bulletin for details on upcoming trips.

# Parkside Church Missionaries



**Mark & Patti Bean**  
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



**Wes & Nancy Collins**  
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



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



**Andrew & Angie James**  
Nicole, Camille, Zack



**Kep & Debbie James**  
Heather, Katie, Andrew



**Mike & Cindy**  
Hannah, Rachel, Luke, Elizabeth



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

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### Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Society is "shaken up" by the pandemic. Please pray that as a church they would be bold and faithful in sharing the hope found in Christ with a lost world. This month the women of the church are preparing and sharing short evangelistic videos with their unbelieving friends. Pray that God would bring spiritual fruit from this effort. Also, pray that distributing food packages to families in need will allow them to develop gospel connections with unbelievers.

**Armenia (Asia).** Armenia was the world's first Christian nation and enjoys a great spiritual legacy of more than 1,700 years of Christianity. 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. Pray for openness within students as well as permission from campus and government authorities to minister.

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02

### Parkside Green, United States

Thank the Lord for sustaining and strengthening Parkside Green during this time of pandemic, including several joyous outdoor services in June. As they move toward likely indoor services in July, please ask the Lord to grant them continuing safety and unity in the Lord. Please also pray for God to use Pastor Adam's messages from the Sermon on the Mount to fashion them into faithful followers of King Jesus. Additionally, join in thanking the Lord for accomplishing His work through the missionaries they are privileged to support in Dubai, UAE and in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Australia (Pacific).** 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.

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03

### Mike & Cindy, United States

Pray for their daughter Rachel's wedding to Austin on July 11, that the joyful event would bring glory to God and that He would bless this beginning of their life together as the center of their relationship.

**Austria (Europe).** 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.

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### The City Mission, United States

Praise God there were no COVID-19 cases found in Laura's Home and pray for the summer programs for the children as they comply with the limitations on groups sizes and activities. Pray that the children feel loved and cared for. Crossroads also reports no COVID-19 cases. Pray for the staff and men as they adjust to a new schedule and guidelines as classes start back up. Pray for the summer interns and volunteers. Pray also for Bianca and her family as they prepare for their move in early July to their new home.

**Azerbaijan (Asia).** The openness and freedoms immediately following independence have dwindled somewhat, in terms of religion, media, and human rights. The state feels threatened by many forces, internal and external. Pray for increased commitment to fundamental freedoms and for disassociation of the gospel message from foreign cultures. The Church faces intensifying opposition, even as it grows. Many churches find intimidation, surveillance and obstructionist tactics increasingly common.

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### Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

Pray for Pastoral Assistant volunteers in La Paz studying 16 hours each week preparing messages and preaching through the book of Romans. God is using these men to impact increasing numbers of churches in La Paz and Santa Cruz. Pray for Pastor Edgar Mamani, as he pastors the IBM church, trains PA volunteers, and develops ESI among the Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabaque region of Bolivia.

**Bahamas (Caribbean).** Christian commitment is low and nominalism widespread, despite nearly all Bahamians claiming to be Christian. Pray for revival and for a missionary vision among believers. **Barbados (Caribbean).** 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.

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### Brian (& Maria) Walls, Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ, U.S.

Pray for their City Life Center volunteer appreciation event (with social distancing) on July 7. Pray for creativity in ways of showing appreciation to their volunteers with the current restrictions. Deaf youth are some of the most unreached because of communication barriers and other issues. Please pray as they investigate launching a deaf ministry called DTQ that already works for other Youth for Christ chapters. Praise the Lord they have been able to hire a handful of staff for the office and the field. Please pray for more youth missionaries for urban outreach (City Life) and private school outreach (Campus Life).

**Bahrain (Asia).** Bahrain enjoys greater freedoms than almost all Gulf countries and therefore is spiritually strategic. Pray for them to meet Christians and encounter the gospel. Praise God for the local believers – some are integrated into the various churches; others are in more informal networks. Pray for spiritual growth and especially for unity and cooperation among these groups, as a testimony to their fellow Arabs.

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

Pray for pilots to be called to serve on mission fields around the world. Pray for Mike and Joan as they seek ways to disciple Christians in Latin America who desire to serve in worldwide missions. Pray for continued opportunity for Juan Carlos to get the critical hours of flight experience he needs to become an MAF pilot. Pray for patience, discernment, and wisdom as travel plans are made for July and August. Pray that the training Mike will receive in July will equip him to train others. Pray that God will provide for many in Oaxaca with limited access to medical care. Continue to pray that the Ross's three sons along with their families will serve God with their whole hearts.

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

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08

**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

Pray for the further development of their cell group ministry at church for weekend worship. Many who live in low-income housing projects have it extremely difficult. Pray that the church would not lose connection with those who are stressed, hurting financially, and afraid to come out. Pray for creative outreach this summer with food pantry, books, and neighborhood events. Pray for good gospel engagement at a time when many are nervous about being around people. An adapted Ambassadors Soccer Camp is planned for July 14 -17, followed by a July 18 outdoor celebration. Pray for those planning this camp and for many to be blessed during this week of ministry.

**Belarus (Europe).** Evangelical Christians are increasing despite concerted opposition and intensifying persecution. The state steadfastly maintains laws that forbid meeting in homes for worship, forming congregations of less than 20 people, opening religious schools, ministering outside of the home city, and importing and distributing non-state-approved literature. All religious activity must receive state permission. Pray for divine openings and opportunities for those God is calling into Belarus.



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

In South Africa they are at level three of the nationwide lockdown with some of the businesses operating with very strict measures. Only 50 people or less can attend a church service. Some choose not to attend because of fear and others because they do not have the required masks. The number of families and people their feeding project has been helping is growing dramatically. They are still in need of masks, sanitizers, and food. Please pray for the provision of God. This month they also started feeding children every Wednesday afternoon with the intention of starting a Good News Club—to feed the children both physically and spiritually. Pray for the laborers as the work is becoming greater each day. Praise God they managed to install a community tap for people to wash their hands. Many people in that area live in shacks and do not have running water.

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

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**Shoreline Church, United States**

Shoreline Church has returned to the new normal for Sunday services. Pray for wisdom for their leadership and patience for everyone as they continue to navigate from week to week! Pray also for the programs they are planning to start in July, some via Zoom and some face-to-face—that they would be helpful to all who register for them. Pray that their pastors and elders would seek God's will for the church and its role in the community. They are thankful for the faithful prayer support that they receive from Parkside.

**Belize (Latin America).** Belizeans are largely professing Christians, but syncretism is common. The Spanish-speaking immigrants with their superstitions, the Mayans with their underlying paganism and the Garifuna with their black magic all need a culturally relevant and sensitive presentation of the true gospel.

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

Pray for the Old Testament and literacy projects taking place now among the Mam of Guatemala. Pray that the local church and all readers will delight in Christ when the entire Bible becomes available in digital format later this year. The virus has paid no attention to their plans and goals but God rules over all, and they pray for receptive hearts for the coming Scriptures. Wes continues to work on his book about the history of Mam writing. Pray that this document will encourage the people to respect and delve into the meaning, fluidity, and comfort of reading the Scriptures in their native language.



## News from Wes & Nancy Collins

Nancy and I joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in 1977, two years into our marriage. We studied linguistics and cross-cultural ministry, and then traveled to Guatemala in 1979 when Nancy was 7 months pregnant with Elisa, our firstborn. Eventually Amalia and Isaac joined the family, all three kids born in Guatemala. We lived in a Maya-Mam Indian village for most of the next 19 years, concentrating on learning the Mam language and



translating the New Testament into Mam, which was dedicated in 1999. During our time in Guatemala, Nancy home-schooled the kids and also established a rural clinic. In 2000, I entered the ivied walls of the Linguistics Department at the Ohio State University. I received my PhD in 2005, and several months later, Nancy and I traveled to Ricardo Palma University in Lima, Peru, where I taught linguistics and “culture engagement” courses for the next 13 years.

During that time, I had over 300 students, mostly Latino, but also Indigenous. The majority of these former students are now involved in cross-cultural ministry, especially Bible translation and literacy, around the world.

Parkside Church has played an important support role over our missions’ career. I attended Parkside in the late 60’s. I grew up in Euclid, graduating from Euclid HS in 1969. Nancy also graduated in 1969, but from Carrollton, in Southeastern Ohio. She studied nursing at OSU. We met on a missions’ trip to the Cayman Islands in 1974 and were married a year later. Parkside (then *The Chapel*) became one of our ‘*legacy partners*’ and began to support us even before we left for the field. Over the years, Parkside sent work teams and ministry teams to Guatemala to promote the work and encourage us.

Presently Parkside is funding a literacy project aimed at building readership for the Mam Old Testament, a project in which I am not directly involved, but whose director, Byron is a former student of mine in Guatemala. Byron also heads up Parkside’s ESI (Equipping Servants International) ministry to the Mam.

I am presently writing a book on the history of how Mam has been written over the years. Our goal with this book is to add to the growing prestige of this lovely language, while providing a forum for the discussion and celebration of Mam, one of the New World’s great languages with over a half-million speakers.

The Central Mam Bible is scheduled to be available digitally by this autumn. We are excited.

Parkside has been great blessing to us. Thanks for your partnership with us in the Gospel.

Wes & Nancy Collins

**Benin (Africa).** 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.



**Parkside India ESL Missions Team, United States**

Please pray for the team of 6 leader/teachers: Jenny Forsythe, Kim Dunn, Jennifer Honaker, Kendra Johnson, Faith Menefee, and Shannon Strausser and for the 15 conversation facilitators from Parkside who will join in partnership with others at Delhi Bible Institute in India via Zoom throughout the month of July. Together they will implement an intensive, online, one-month English as a Second Language course for DBI's incoming students and some of their interns and staff. The goal is to enable many there to benefit from the larger library of English Biblical materials and to reach more people in North India with the gospel as English continues to grow as a common language there. Pray that the Lord will bless this work.

**Bermuda (North America).** 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.



**Indigenous Church-Planting Training in Arab & Muslim Countries**

Students at the missionary training school for Egyptians, normally spend one weekend a month for a year studying the various courses needed to prepare them for the field. Classes that can no longer be held in the "normal" classroom setting are now held via Zoom. Pray for the students in the school in Egypt as well as at missionary training schools in South Sudan, Chad, & the Arab peninsula to continue to learn despite the lack of classroom interaction. Pray that God would impress the materials needed for ministry and life into their hearts and minds. Pray that the pandemic will create new opportunities to share the gospel in ways that would not have been possible before.

**Bhutan (Asia).** Pray for the growth of the Church in this land. Christians are denied religious freedom and are persecuted in various ways. Bhutanese who become Christian face the loss of their citizenship, of other benefits—such as free education, health care, employment—and of access to electricity and water. In some instances, harassment and beatings occur. Despite these, groups of believers are forming and increasingly spreading across the breadth of the country. Pray for the growth of the Church in this land.

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

Thank God E & J were able to finish the final training required before departure to their field of service. They hope to fly out in August but do not yet know if that will be possible. Please pray that God will direct their steps in His timing. This month they will be packing and saying goodbyes. Ask God to work in the hearts of their future friends and neighbors so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God. Please pray for their teammates as they travel to renew their visas.

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

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

Andrew and Angie are thankful that Covid19 cases have dropped significantly in Uruguay, and that things are starting to go back to normal. Please pray for protection for their children as they return to classes this month, and for wisdom as they seek to resume their Sunday church services. Please pray that God would continue to give them wisdom and grace in all their church-planting efforts.

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

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

Parkside Church Westside is excited to share that they opened the doors for the very first time at their new building in Lakewood! God's faithfulness has been evident throughout this entire process and they are grateful for our support and prayers. Please pray for guidance as they continue to navigate new procedures for services. To view photos from their first service, visit [www.parksidechurch.com/westsidephotos](http://www.parksidechurch.com/westsidephotos)

**Botswana (Africa).** 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. AIDS has devastated the country. Pray for the government, the many ministries working with AIDS victims and orphans, and for individual church congregations.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



## Our Focus in Global Missions

- Parkside Missionaries
- Regional Missions Agencies

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# Ministry in Guatemala & Peru



The Maya Mam people of Guatemala



Wes Collins in Peru with his 2019 CILTA graduating class



Byron reading Scriptures during his Mam radio program

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Due to COVID-19, many of the summer ministry events had to be cancelled. Please pray for ways they can show and share Christ's love during this time. May the Lord continue to provide opportunities for them to connect with people and both encourage and build relationships. As they continue to focus on planting a church in Shichigahama, please pray that they can find ways to meet the needs of the community. Pray the Lord will give Chris and Leanne clarity and wisdom in their endeavors to share Christ.

**Brazil (Latin America).** 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 leadership. Such zeal without maturity leads to spiritual error, nominalism, widespread church-hopping without commitment to a church, and large-scale backsliding.

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

Pray for the Ambassadors team in El Salvador, where in addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, the country was recently hit with a tropical storm that washed away lives and homes. Please pray for Jonathan and his team who are demonstrating Christ's love when people really need it. Praise God that boys' teams in Mexico, Colombia, and Cleveland have been using Zoom for workouts and for devotional times together and girls' teams from around the world have also connected- sharing testimonies and encouraging one another. Thank God that during June some 300 kids were able to practice soccer and hear God's word on the fields at Parkside. Pray for the upcoming Ambassadors' Soccer Camp at Parkside July 28-31.

**British Virgin Islands (Caribbean).** 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.

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**Truth For Life, United States**

Please keep in prayer those who listen to Truth For Life from behind prison walls. Many prisoners write to express how much the program has drawn them closer to Christ. Please pray that God will continue to use the daily program to convert unbelievers and to establish those in prison already following Christ more deeply in their faith. Also, please pray that prisoners requesting the monthly books will not only benefit from the content but will also share the books widely with others. Pray for God to fill key outstanding positions at Truth For Life soon. Pray for roles in both Customer Service and Information Technology to be filled with qualified new team members.



**Brunei (Asia).** 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 evangelism of Brunei is a target set by several mission groups and by churches in neighboring countries. Pray for creative and powerful means of bringing the good news to those in Brunei. Pray for an opening for Kingdom workers to minister inside the nation.



**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Kep continues to preach and teach via internet to people in the church in La Paz. Debbie shares the gospel with many women through phone meetings, as well as discipling and preparing weekly Bible studies for the ILC Church women. They are encouraged that God is developing in Pastor Pepe Rocha a heart for Jesus in his private life and pastoral ministry at the ILC Church in La Paz. Continue to pray for him.

**Bulgaria (Europe).** Bulgaria's troubled past is not yet completely behind: poverty is widespread, as are divorce and abortion. Pray that wholeness will come to this nation as only the transforming gospel can bring. Although Evangelicals have grown, matured and unified, continue to pray for the training of church leadership, discernment of doctrinal error, new indigenous agencies, and a country-wide vision. Typically a tricky place to serve as a missionary, Bulgaria continues to have a need for missionaries and tentmakers, as well as wisdom about how to use any money received.



**B & J, United States**

B and J are thankful for our prayers. Please continue to pray for the Father's guidance as they pray about several areas around the world to share God's Word. Please pray for them amidst turmoil in St. Paul, Minnesota—that they would show Jesus to their family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

**Burkina Faso (Africa).** As an African land-locked, resource-poor, underdeveloped country, Burkina Faso naturally struggles with poverty. Pray for more aid, development, microfinance, and microenterprise projects that will lift the people out of poverty. A country that is marked by its idolatry, fetishism, and secret societies, the power of the occult has yet to be decisively challenged. Pray that the power of the risen Christ might be demonstrated for the saving of many. Pray also for the young people who will move to urban villages for a better education and to search for employment. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with students in creative ways.

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**Delhi Bible Institute (DBI), India**

Indian believers now find themselves living within communities where fear and despair is widespread because of the coronavirus. Those at DBI are joyfully and sacrificially serving their friends and neighbors, being the hands and feet and mouth of Jesus Christ. It is a time of great hardship yet a time of great opportunity. Each center has three times of prayer daily for the current situation. They pray for every church member in all their churches in North India. Pray for needed support as they plan to reach out to at least 2,000 families. They anticipate that this response will last well into six months. Thank God for the greater acceptance of DBI in their community because of the help they are providing during the pandemic.

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

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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

In-person counseling has begun again at Fieldstone Green. Pray both for the counseling staff and counselees as they begin to meet in-person and for those who continue to meet remotely. Pray for their leadership as they navigate the re-opening of in-person counseling at their other locations. Join them in praying for those who are struggling with symptoms amplified by the current crises—those struggling with anxiety, depression, OCD, relationship issues, and more.

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

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

Pray for the ESI leaders and participants in the 15 countries where they currently have groups. About half the 180 ESI groups continue meeting virtually—the other half who do not have internet access are waiting to resume after things open back up in their countries. Please pray that the Lord will transform many lives as pastors and church leaders study Romans. Pray that men and women will become gospel centered in their thinking, passionate about Jesus in their living, and faithful in their service—committed that no one should live and die without having the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.

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

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**Women's Clinic of Cleveland, United States**

The Women's Clinic is thankful for the many donors who are still giving to the ministry. Pray for the health and safety of their staff and for strength and endurance as they continue their work from home. Pray that the eyes of each client will be opened to the truth of the gospel and to the baby in her womb.

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

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the MAF work in Mexico. Pray that new opportunities brought about by COVID-19 will result in people understanding the gospel. Pray for Edgar and Lety as they minister to children in a local children's home. Pray for their children Ana, Juan, and Ester as they study. Please continue to pray for healing for Edgar's back. Pray Neri will have wisdom as encourages several Equipping Servants (ESI) groups through this time of social restriction. Pray that the church plant will continue to grow and for many opportunities to share the Good News. They continue to be thankful for a dependable car. Pray for Karina as she leads evangelistic Bible studies for women. Pray that God would continue to bless His Word as it is shared in Tapachula.

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

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

Pray for wisdom as to how to best serve students this summer considering the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Currently a few students are helping to lead a weekly virtual investigative Bible study. Pray for the student leaders as they grow and trust the Lord in new ways, and for the unbelieving participants to encounter Jesus. Pray God would go before Blake's summer team as they seek churches near campuses that have little outreach to international students to partner with Bridges. Pray that God would go before them in preparation for these conversations.

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

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

Mark and Patti praise the Lord for life, health, and strength for another year in God's care and service. Pray for good leads for Mark in how to advertise the Quechua language Bible study apps that he has helped to develop. Not everyone in Peru has a smart phone, but they are becoming more common. Pray for careful completion of the music apps that Mark is developing which will feature hymns with matching music for Quechua speakers. Pray they will be patient, doing what God puts before them as he works out his plans for their lives.

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

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

Please continue to pray for Jonathan Maltez in El Salvador. The recent tropical storm left many homeless that Jonathan and his Ambassadors team were ministering to. One 15-year-old boy, Juan was sleeping on the streets, He was cold and hungry, when Jonathan found him. This resulted in his physical needs being met and his life being transformed by trusting in Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Please pray for God to provide the financial needs of the mission. With work in more than 25 countries around the world, the needs are great and the responsibility weighs heavily on the hearts of Jon & Ruthie.

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

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**Amy Cottle, Thailand**

The number of COVID-19 cases has remained very low, so most restrictions have been lifted. A Zoom Bible discussion group is continuing with 5 students who want to practice English. Pray that Pak Bung, Tor, Honey, Mai, and Eve will come to a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and see the need for Him in their lives. Please pray for Thomas, Cobi, and their child Tim, a Dutch family that has joined the team for long term ministry in Mahasarakham. Pray that they will adjust well to the team and discover how God will use them as the student center opens in August.

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

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**Mike & Cindy, United States**

Pray for Mike and Cindy as they mourn the recent death of Cindy's mother. Pray for Mike and Cindy's transition to life and ministry in America as he begins teaching Math and Bible in a high school and she seeks to establish a studio in which to teach piano.

**China (Asia).** The growth of the Church in China is one of the most decisive events of our generation. The window of opportunity may not be open forever and China faces a battle with materialism as its wealth increases. In addition, the debilitating effects of spreading corruption, moral decline and the growing social and economic impact of the one-child policy, all threaten the continued growth of the Church. Pray that the Refiner's fire might keep burning and that the Church's spiritual cutting edge- homed in the midst of persecution- might not be blunted.

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# Missions: More than Money

Several years ago the elders at Parkside moved from supporting many people with a little bit of funding to supporting a smaller amount of people with a lot of funding. The idea behind this transition was to strengthen the relationship between our church and our missionaries, that we might adequately care for them while on the field and that they might sharpen our desire to see unbelievers reached for Christ.

Practically, this means that our primary approach is now to cover 100% of our missionaries' financial needs so that they can focus their time and energy on their ministry rather than on raising support. When they are home, we provide housing and transportation. When they are away, we speak with them regularly and highlight their activity through various avenues so that our people can stay abreast of their progress and enter into their work by praying for them. Our role does not replace the work of mission agencies, but we seek to provide our missionaries with ongoing care in one place so that they might be most effective for the Kingdom.

As detailed in the pages that follow, we still offer partial financial support to some of the missionaries who we had been partnering with before the transition, as well as some other organizations and individuals.

Learn more about our missionaries and locate contact information for them at [www.parksidechurch.com/missions](http://www.parksidechurch.com/missions).

## Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

<b>Japan</b>	Chris & Leanne Harrington
<b>Uruguay</b>	Andrew & Angie James
<b>Bolivia</b>	Kep & Debbie James
<b>United States</b>	Mike & Cindy
<b>United States</b>	E & J, Missionary Couple in Training

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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



# Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia**
  - 14 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
  - Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. ESI has 2,200 graduates since 2002 and 2,170 active participants in 176 groups in 14 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church has and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**
  - 2 Mexican Pastoral Assistants, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live Biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca and Chiapas.
- India**
  - 20 full-time Indian missionaries were trained by the Delhi Bible Institute and sent to Northern India, fully supported by Parkside Church
  - 12 Indian students are enrolled in a 9-month full-time preaching training, fully supported by Parkside Church
- South Africa**
  - Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African working full-time with children & teens in the farm schools of Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

## Financial Support to Mission Agencies

Christian Counseling Educational Foundation	Fieldstone Counseling
Indigenous Church Planting Organization	Parkside Church Westside
Parkside Green	Scranton Road Bible Church
Shoreline Church	The City Mission
The Women's Clinic of Cleveland	Truth For Life

## Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson	Amy Cottle
Jon (& Ruthie)	Matt (& Laura) Pheneger
Brian (& Maria) Walls	

**Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2019: \$2.8 million**

# Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

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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](http://www.parksidechurch.com/missions).



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