

Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **March**

"The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few."
Matthew 9:37 (ESV)



Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

So states the apostle Paul in Colossians 4:3 (ESV), acknowledging a somewhat stunning reality: though the Christians to whom he was writing were separated from him physically, they could nonetheless participate in his ministry! God’s people could *join* in God’s work of taking the gospel to those who hadn’t heard it simply by praying for their missionary pastor.

These realities are no less true today. As a church, Parkside has been blessed with the opportunity to support many missionaries scattered around the world, all of whom are seeking to share the Good News of Jesus with people who have yet to hear and believe it. Can we really help them, being thousands of miles and numerous time zones away? According to Paul, yes! The purpose of this missionary prayer calendar is to inform you of what is going on in certain parts of the world, and invite you to participate in the work through prayer.

The format is simple. Each day, you will find a missionary or organization that Parkside supports, along with one of their specific prayer requests. You’ll also find a different country of the world and how you can best be praying for the people there.

Our hope in arranging this is that you’ll know the privilege of participating in the work of the gospel, which as Paul also tells the Colossians, is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world. We trust that praying for the nations will increase our heart for the world, causing us to increasingly desire and work towards seeing unbelieving people of all nations become committed followers of Christ!



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

Utilize this booklet and enter into the work of our missionaries via prayer. You can also receive the daily prayer requests in your inbox by signing up for the daily devotional at parksidechurch.com/subscribe.

Join us Sunday evenings for Missions Prayer Time, online or in-person from 5:00-5:45pm in Room A207. For an online invitation, email jenandrews22@gmail.com.



Learn

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



Give

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



Go

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

Parkside Church Missionaries



Mark & Patti Bean
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Wes & Nancy Collins
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



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



Andrew & Angie James
Nicole, Camille, Zack



Kep & Debbie James
Heather, Katie, Andrew



Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Several key Quechua-speaking pastors died of COVID-19 this past month, as well as the national director of a main evangelical denomination. Pray for God to raise up godly men to fill the void and lead his church in Peru. Mark just completed a two-week training workshop for potential new translation consultants. He is paired with a man from Guatemala whose mother tongue is Tz'utujil. Pray for a good working relationship as Mark guides Antonio into the next steps of the process, helping Antonio eventually step into a consultant role.

Burkina Faso (Africa). Population: 21,871,161 Believers: 8.9%. 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.

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02

Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray that the Lord will give Kep wisdom and favor to know how best to help as he visits a ministry with training centers in Egypt, South Sudan, Chad, Ethiopia, and Senegal. Pray also for his health and safety in travel. He returns to the USA on March 15. Pray that Kep & Debbie will be able to get COVID-19 vaccinations before returning to Bolivia later this month.

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

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03

E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

Pray that E & J would delight in God's Word and that as they read it, they would rejoice in God's grace in their salvation and that their trust in him would grow as they see how he has kept his promises throughout the ages (1 Peter 1:10-12.) They are thankful that they recently met some new North African friends! Praise God for hearing and answering their prayers and directing their steps.

Cambodia (Asia). Population: 17,706,611 Believers: 1.6%. 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.

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04

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Last term, Chris and Leanne spent a substantial amount of time in language learning. At that time, they requested prayer for Chris's Japanese teacher, T Sensei. Recently, a new SEND missionary began lessons with T Sensei. In one of his classes, T Sensei said, "Since you are a missionary, I think you will need to know how to read Kanji (Chinese characters used in Japanese writing) to read the Bible. Please bring a Japanese Bible to class so we can study together." Amazing! Please pray that T Sensei will believe and trust in Jesus. On March 19th, their oldest son, Mark, will graduate from elementary school. In April they will begin to homeschool him. Pray that this transition will be good for him both emotionally and academically. Please also pray for wisdom as Leanne seeks to balance homeschooling and ministry. They are thankful for our faithful prayers for their ministry.

Cameroon (Africa). Population: 24,348,543 Believers: 9.0%. A secular state that guarantees religious freedom, Islam is strong in the north; however, Evangelicals have grown rapidly in the last 20 years. 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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05

Parkside Church Westside, United States

They are excited to see their calendar filling up with several events over the next few months. Pray for health and safety during these times of church fellowship and Bible study—that all who participate would be spiritually nourished and mutually encouraged. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they look ahead to what "post-COVID" church life will look like for them, especially as it pertains to children's ministry.

Canada (North America). Population: 37,101,286 Believers: 7.7%. One of the world's leading industrial nations with the lowest public debt of G8 nations, Canada is marked by freedom of religion; however, rapid secularization and pluralization are taking place at every level. 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.



Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Please continue to pray that God will provide for the many people in Oaxaca with limited access to medical care during the pandemic as cases continue to increase. Thank God that critical medical flights are still happening in Mexico. Pray for Mike and Joan as they seek ways to disciple Christians in Latin America who desire to serve in worldwide missions.

Cape Verde Islands (Africa). Population: 583,509 Believers: 6.6%. 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. **Cayman Islands (Caribbean).** Population: 61,463 Believers: 21.3%. With one church for approximately every 500 people, Christian faith and values should (and do) have a significant influence on society—pray that this may continue to be the case amid the materialism and hedonism. Well over a million tourists visit the islands each year. Pray for many to be confronted by the claims of Christ while in pursuit of pleasure.



Delhi Bible Institute (DBI), India

Amid so much devastation, pray that the DBI staff and students would persevere in the Lord. Pray that there would be no fear or discouragement. Pray they would continue to serve the Lord faithfully at any cost. The land for the new Raipur Anugrah Ashram was registered last October. Anil Kumar and Sachin Bari have moved to Raipur to start the ministry and oversee the construction of the Ashram. DBI's goal is to complete construction by June and start offering residential courses by July. Pray that this work will be able to continue unhindered so that the state of Chattisgarh is reached with the gospel message.

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

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

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

Chad (Africa). Population: 14,897,328 Believers: 10.1%. The need for a stable and just government is as urgent as ever, as the current regime is noted for violence, corruption, and tribalism. The Church needs uplifting in prayer, especially regarding African traditional religions which are resurgent in the country, partly as an attempt to return to African roots. Pray for 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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09

Amy Cottle, Thailand

March is the last month that the current students will be available to attend the student center as the semester break will start in April. Pray that the center will be able to open completely so that the students can hear more about the hope of Jesus, especially those in their last semester. Pray for the team as they investigate new ways to reach the students and community during term break. Pray also that God will make a way for Amy to return to the US in April for a short home assignment. Currently, Thailand still has many obstacles for entering the country.

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

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Please pray that their new administrative system will grow and refine their ministry. Pray for their ongoing support group, ReStoried, that ministers to women who have been victims of abuse. Continue to pray for the preservation and encouragement of their counselors and counselees as they meet for counseling.

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

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

The James family arrived back in Uruguay in February and are thankful for the time God gave them in the U.S. It is near the end of the summer in the southern hemisphere, and they are preparing to restart all the ministries and activities that were closed during the summer season. Their children began school on March 1st. Please pray that God would keep them safe and continue to use their lives to be salt and light to their non-believing classmates. Pray for the Equipping Servants (ESI) meetings that begin on March 13th. Pray for the new students beginning the process and for students starting their second and third years—that God would continue to draw them closer to himself through the study of his Word, and that he would equip them for gospel ministry.

Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (province of China) (Asia). Population: 24,689,000. Pray for the binding of spiritual forces that blind Mongolians to the truth. Their religious practices include aspects of shamanism, ancestor worship, totemism, and magic, combined with Lamaistic Buddhism of a variety similar to that practiced by Tibetans.

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

Blake has connected with two churches that are seeking to build an international student ministry. They have both indicated interest in receiving ongoing coaching. Pray that during COVID-19 these churches can prepare a team of people who would be willing to pursue international students with the gospel. Pray for wisdom as Bridges International seeks to come alongside them in this partnership at the University of Houston Clear Lake and Louisiana State University. Pray also for the virtual leadership conference Emily and her team are planning this month. It will be held in April for all the Bridges team leaders in the U.S. Pray for the Lord to direct Bridges' leaders to be continually listening and following his steps.

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

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) work in Mexico. Pray that new opportunities brought about by COVID-19 will result in people understanding the gospel. Pray for Edgar's son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as Juan begins training to be a missionary pilot. Please continue to pray for healing for Edgar's back. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he encourages several Equipping Servants (ESI) groups through this time of social restriction. Pray that the church plant will continue to grow and that many opportunities would arise to share the Good News. Praise God that all the biopsies from Karina's surgery came back benign! Pray for effective follow up for Karina as she heals. Pray that God would continue to bless his Word as it is proclaimed in Tapachula.

Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China) (Asia). Population: 7,701,346 Believers: 6.1%. Hong Kong's role within China can potentially be a powerfully redemptive one—financially, socially, culturally, and spiritually. Christians need to play a key role within this framework. Pray for committed and astute individuals and ministries to help shape a biblical worldview for this great nation. The Church runs the majority of schools and social organizations and 25% of hospitals. Pray that the Church may continue to be salt and light in this way and to boldly continue this leavening, transforming role in society.

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Parkside Green, United States

Please ask the Lord to work through Pastor Adam's preaching on Nehemiah and then through their Easter service. Pray that through their new "tiny groups" and online ministries they would draw closer to God and closer to each other. Join them in asking the Lord to accomplish his purposes through the missionaries they support in Dubai, UAE and those who have just moved to a new assignment with AIM Air in Arua, Uganda.

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

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

With schools and churches opening in February, Johannes is trusting that the Lord is in control of the situation. Please pray for God's protection over the children and teachers. Pray for the churches in South Africa.

Only 50 people are permitted to attend church services at a time. Pray for the Christians who are frustrated and weakening because of the absence of fellowship. Thank God for the opening of their Good News Clubs but pray for the heartbreaking situation of having to send children back to their homes because of COVID-19 limits. Please pray for wisdom to know how to deal with this situation which hinders them from delivering the message of salvation to those they turn away. Also, pray that the boys involved in their sports ministry will be open to the gospel and that their hearts would be transformed. Pray for God's protection for Johannes and his family as they continue to share the gospel with the people of South Africa.

Colombia (Latin America). Population: 52,278,350 Believers: 7.5%. Satan's hold on Colombia must be broken by prayer. Pray for Christ's lordship to be proclaimed over spirits of violence, revenge, lawlessness, corruptions, and occult practices.

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Truth For Life, United States



Pray for the leadership of Truth For Life as they gather in mid-March to consider future ministry plans. Pray that God will give them guidance and wisdom so that they may lead Truth For Life in a direction that draws an ever-growing number of people to the Lord Jesus Christ. Continue to pray that God will bring additional team members to Truth For Life. Pray particularly that he will provide the right individuals with the needed skill sets in Customer Service, Information Technology, and Digital Communications.

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

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

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-  Regional Missions Agencies

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AN UPDATE FROM PARKSIDE GREEN



Parkside Church Green is grateful to the Lord for all the ways He has provided for us over the past year. We are also excited as we look ahead to God's guidance for the future.

In March we are adding new deacons and elders. Please pray for the Lord to grant them fruitful labor as they serve and shepherd God's people. In April Pastor Adam will begin a much-needed sabbatical, after two decades of full-time ministry. Please pray for the Lord to bring Adam and his family refreshment and spiritual vitality in Christ for the years ahead. Please also ask God to guide the congregation this spring/summer and speak to us through godly guest preachers, mainly in the book of James.



Summer at Parkside Green is camp season!

We believe sports, recreation, and investing in health are all high priorities in the families surrounding our church. Therefore we host a variety of camps based on sport, mental health, and general hobbies such as art or cooking. What excites us the most is that each year the camps have grown, and 65% of our campers have come from outside the church. We greatly desire to see unbelieving people become committed followers of Jesus Christ, and we love that our camps can be step one in the process. In 2020 we had to cancel all our camp activities, but now in 2021 we are gearing up to relaunch this ministry. Please join us in prayer as we reengage these relationships, continue to share the gospel, and look for more avenues to minister to these families.

To learn more about Parkside Green and to find out about upcoming events, Sunday services, and summer camps, visit parksid churchgreen.com

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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they return to Bolivia. Their home assignment was good, as the Lord gave them a wonderful time with family and friends at Parkside Church. Pray for Debbie as she and the leadership team plan the 2021 ILC church Women's Ministry. One of the key leaders of her ministry team has left La Paz, which makes ministry more difficult. Pray for gospel impact in many lives as they evangelize and disciple women. The ILC church is back to virtual meetings only, as COVID-19 has dramatically increased in Bolivia in recent weeks. Pray for Pastor Pepe and the elders—that they will be passionate about Jesus, focused on the gospel in their preaching and teaching, and growing in gospel outreach.

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

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Health For Her Cleveland, United States

Pray for women who were unable to connect with the clinic last month during the power outages in Texas where the call center is located. During this stressful time, pray for stamina, well-being, and health for their staff. Pray for more spiritual conversations with patients this month as they seek to balance love with truth.

Cook Islands (Pacific). Population: 21,005 Believers: 12.6%. The strong Christian legacy of over 150 years—bordering on theocracy on some islands—is fading rapidly. Increasing numbers are nominal or even non-religious, and Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses are the fastest growing groups. Pray for reversal of these trends and for new life to come to the mainline Churches. **Cyprus (Europe).** Population: 970,100 Believers: 0.8%. Evangelical churches among Greeks are few. Negative prejudice is easing, but still holds many back. Pray that the unease of Cypriots with evangelicals may be removed and that significant church growth may begin. Pray that the historic, ethnic, and cultural prejudices against Christianity would not prevent spiritual openness.

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Indigenous Church-Planting Organization in Arab and Muslim Countries

Missionary training exploded in 2020. They now have four different types of schools: Impact and Vision Schools in Egypt (for adults and teens respectively), plus their regional Missionary Schools and a new Basics School. Pray for more workers for the harvest field, as well as enough teachers for all the training schools that they have begun. Pray for perseverance and faithfulness for the students in each school. Pray for wisdom in choosing the right candidates as each new school begins. Pray that their goal of sending 100,000 Bibles to South Sudan will be reached. Pray for God's protection over the health of all their church planters, evangelists, and students.

Costa Rica (Latin America). Population: 5,249,816 Believers: 14.8%. Most Costa Rican churches are good at reaching out and winning "converts," but fail to raise them in godly lifestyles and biblical knowledge. Pray for the pastors who are under-resourced, surviving on low incomes, and without strong teams to help them in their work.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Pray for the identifying and training of new elders for SRBC. Also, pray for their leaders to have wisdom as they continue ministry amid COVID-19 and for a fresh vision as they plan for ministry post-COVID. New volunteers for their children's ministry are being recruited and trained. Pray for all involved in this endeavor in the coming weeks and months.

Côte d'Ivoire (Africa). Population: 26,954,068 Believers: 10.5%. Knowledge and understanding of the Bible are low, partly as a result of rapid church growth, but also from a cultural lack of regular Bible teaching. This naturally affects the maturation and discipleship of believers and whole churches. Pray for a greater level of partnership in theological education.

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

Praise God for the five ESI groups meeting in Guatemala. They report good progress in their study through the book of Romans. Many of the 50 participants give testimony of how God is speaking deeply into their lives, and how they are getting serious about Jesus and the gospel as the passion and center of their lives and ministries. Thank God for good reports from ESI participants in other countries studying through the Bible. Pray for the 2,050 ESI participants in 175 groups meeting in 15 countries. Pray that the participants will grow in their commitment to honor Christ by being true to his Scriptures, with the gospel at the center.

Croatia (Europe). Population: 4,317,710 Believers: 0.4%. The profound impact of historic and recent hatred among Croat, Serb, and Bosnian could continue to hamper the affected nations for generations to come. The iron bond shackling ethnicity to religion also hampers progress and stifles spiritual breakthrough. Pray for true reconciliation and for the religious and ethnic bondages to be broken—these can only happen through the power of Christ.

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B & J, United States

In reading Ephesians 4:11-12, B & J were reminded of how Christ equips the saints for the work of ministry. Encouraged, they persevere in daily prayer and gospel works as the Lord directs their steps so that they can be fruitful for him. Pray with B & J as they seek God's will about returning to overseas missions. Also, pray for B as he prays and teaches in a men's leadership group in their church and for J as she serves through music and singing. They are thankful for our prayers.

Cuba (Caribbean). Population: 11,193,470 Believers: 8.8%. Evangelical churches were devastated by waves of emigration to the USA as well as by persecution. Recovery has taken a long time, but the Church is now a force to be reckoned with. Pray that this dynamic faith community would be a light to the nation and have a transforming effect on Cuba; the potential for positive impact is great.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Peru, Guatemala, United States

A number of the Collins' most recent students are now missionaries in rural Venezuela. Venezuela is a country in upheaval, and of course, the poor are the most affected. On top of the nation's mismanagement and hyperinflation lurks the pandemic. Pray for the churches. Pray that the outreach to the needy would be multi-layered and effective. Pray for God's mercy on this once wealthy nation.

Czech Republic (Europe). Population: 10,568,487 Believers: 0.7%. Czech Protestants must both reclaim their heritage and demonstrate new life. There is now freedom but also spiritual decline; pray for evangelicals. Determined, deliberate, and loving outreach and evangelism are necessities, as is the prayer that must precede them.

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The City Mission, United States

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of all residents of Laura's Home, making his transforming power evident to all their family and friends! Continue to pray that services will start soon for children needing special help. Join the New Horizons Housing Program in praying for a new unit for transitional housing and for the finances to purchase and renovate such a unit. Pray for their staff, volunteers, and interns as they face greater workloads related to the pandemic. They are thankful for our prayers.

Denmark (Europe). Population: 5,556,556 Believers: 3.5%. Old non-missional theologies are devastating for the Church, since they fail to equip the Church in effective discipleship and mission in a secular realm. Pray for theological and missional renewal in all seminaries and Bible schools that will encourage a vibrant missions' vision. Pray also for leaders to be raised up who can communicate Christ with the Danish postmodern youth culture.

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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

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

Djibouti (Africa). Population: 1,027,401 Believers: 0.1%. Pray for the present ministries in education, public health, literature, Bible translation, literacy, and youth work—opportunities to witness abound in these. Pray that contacts lead to disciples for Jesus. Pray for God to send long-term workers, especially from nearby countries and people groups.

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E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

E & J ask us to pray that as children resemble their parents, they would resemble their Heavenly Father in holiness (1 Peter 1:15-16). They are thankful for answered prayer for their time with their team leaders and for more language helpers. They have started the next phase of language learning and have some new people helping them. Please pray as they work hard and as they build relationships with their new language helpers. Pray that God would bring the helpers from darkness into light.

Dominica (Caribbean). Population: 67,107 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: 875,242 Believers: 4.4%. Training leaders and discipling believers are strategic and growing ministries. Pray that graduates of training institutions may be used of 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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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

On February 15th, the Harrington's experienced a 7.1 magnitude earthquake. Thank God for the safety of church members, Japanese friends, and their family and that they were able to clean up quickly.

For many around them who experienced the great earthquake of 3/11/2011, this recent earthquake was emotionally jarring. Please pray that they can listen well to them and be an agent of God's peace. Also, pray for the 10th anniversary 3/11 memorial service through their church. The Shichigahama church plant has been meeting twice a month. One of those services is geared towards people who do not have knowledge of the God of the Bible. A family from Leanne's Baby English class attended the last service. Praise God! Pray that God would give this family an understanding of himself and a desire to know him.

Dominican Republic (Caribbean). Population: 11,450,700 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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Shoreline Church, United States

Please pray for Shoreline Kids ministry as they seek to open more rooms on Sundays. They currently have two rooms open and are hoping to open another this month. Pray for volunteers to come forward to make this possible. Pray that they will move through 2021 with their eyes fixed on Jesus as they explore ways to serve others both in their church and in their community.

Ecuador (Latin America). Population: 15,375,550 Believers: 8.5%. Evangelical numbers are large enough to significantly impact society. The potential is great, but many in-house issues need resolution. 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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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Please pray for the church plant. Pray that God would continue to give them wisdom and grace as they seek to reopen and expand the youth and small group ministries during these challenging times.

Egypt (Africa). Population: 98,637,781 Believers: 3.9%. Persecution of Christians has steadily intensified in the last 20 years. Harassment, discrimination on individual and communal levels, and financial incentives for Christians to adopt Islam are all used to break the morale of Christians. Pray for Christians to stand firm in their faith and live exemplary lives before their oppressors and in the face of police mistreatment.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

Just as Joseph saw how God used the evil his brothers did to him for good, they have seen God use the past year as a blessed time for growth in unity across the mission—a time to slow down, a time to pray and seek God's direction, and a time to develop some new discipleship materials for churches in their soccer programs around the world. Pray that the leaders and Jon would have wisdom and be obedient to the Holy Spirit this year. Pray for the opportunity to bring the Word of God to children across the USA this summer through soccer camps.

El Salvador (Latin America). Population: 6,617,741 Believers: 31.6%. The growth of Evangelicals in the midst of 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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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico

Pray for pilots to be called to serve on mission fields around the world. Pray that doors will remain open for international travel as trips are planned for this year. Pray that continued training for Juan Carlos can be scheduled soon. Continue to pray that the Ross' three sons, along with their families, will serve God with their whole hearts.

Eritrea (Africa). Population: 6,718,974 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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Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

Learn more about our missionaries and locate contact information for them at www.parksidechurch.com/missions.

Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

Japan	Chris & Leanne Harrington
Uruguay	Andrew & Angie James
Bolivia	Kep & Debbie James
United States	E & J, Missionary Couple in Training

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia**
 - 18 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
 - Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. ESI has 2,200 graduates since 2002 and 2,050 active participants in 175 groups in 15 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church has and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.

- Mexico**
 - 2 Mexican Pastoral Assistants, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live Biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Tapachula.

- 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 course, fully supported by Parkside Church

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

Financial Support to Mission Agencies

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

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

Parkside Church Westside
 Scranton Road Bible Church
 The City Mission

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson
 Jon (& Ruthie)

Amy Cottle
 Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

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



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