



# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **December**

"The harvest is plentiful,  
but the laborers are few."

Matthew 9:37 (ESV)

# Introduction

## “Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



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To see unbelieving people become  
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

# What You Can Do



## Pray

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

Join us on Sunday evenings from 5:00-5:45 pm in Room A205 for our Missions Prayer Time. Each week focuses on a different missionary family or missionary partner.



## 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.



## 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 2018. 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.

# Parkside Church Missionaries



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



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



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



**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**

On December 7, the people in the ESI group started 3 years ago will be graduating. Praise the Lord for this milestone and pray students will continue to grow in their love for the Lord and to serve Him faithfully, applying everything God has taught them in this three-year process. Also, this month Andrew and Angie will be moving closer to the city to be nearer their ministry. Pray for this transition and for everything it entails and for Angie's health (acid reflux) which has improved some but not entirely.

**Tokelau (Cook Islands) (Pacific).** 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. **Costa Rica (Latin America).** Pray as 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 pastors who are under-resourced, surviving on low incomes and without strong teams to help them in their work.

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02

**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Chris and Leanne are so thankful for the arrival of the Christmas holiday season because the Japanese are very curious about this holiday. In a land where people believe there are many distant gods of stone who need to be appeased, it is wonderful to share how Jesus, who is God, took the form of a baby to come to earth and live with us. Pray they may find the answer to the longing of their hearts as Christians share how God desires to be with them, and that ultimately many Japanese would come to faith.

**Côte d'Ivoire (Africa).** 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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03

**Parkside Green, United States**

Praise God for his grace over the past decade in establishing and maturing the church. Please join them in praying for the Lord to speak powerfully through Pastor Adam's advent sermon series and to use the advent outreach in December to transform unbelieving people into committed followers of Jesus Christ. Pray for God to raise-up additional leaders of his choice and in his timing. Please also intercede for the missionaries they support in Dubai who are still in need of a regular worship venue and in Kenya as they begin to do missionary flying.

**Croatia (Europe).** 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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#### **Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

Continue to pray for SRBC's need for a Children's Ministry Director and for the raising up of 3-5 new, younger elders in the next six months. As Pastor Joe and their new senior pastor, Pastor Mark, change roles, pray for continued smooth transition. Pray that people will be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through their Thanksgiving and Christmas outreaches.

**Cuba (Caribbean).** 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 powerful transforming effect on Cuba; the potential for positive impact is great.

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

Pray for the 80 Guatemalan pastors and church leaders as they gather for an ESI Facilitator Training weekend Dec. 5-7. Continue to pray for the 2,170 ESI participants meeting in 176 groups to study the book of Romans in Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela, Sweden and Spain. Pray that they will unite as pastors and church leaders to disciple believers and bring hope to the least reached through the gospel of Christ. New ESI groups in Spain; Paysandú, Uruguay and various parts of Brazil, especially need our prayers.

**Republic of Cyprus (Europe).** 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. Few workers and ministries focus on the majority.

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

As Parkside Church Westside perseveres through the meticulous process of our building renovations, they are grateful for our continued prayers.

Their children's ministry continues to grow which means they need more volunteers. Pray for these needs to be met. Also, they ask for prayer for their upcoming community Christmas store. Pray that families in need would be blessed and encounter Jesus through this ministry.

**Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (Europe).** Almost the entire population is Muslim, but also quite secularized. Pray that the historic, ethnic and cultural prejudices against Christianity would not prevent spiritual openness. Pray for protection, wisdom, and fruitfulness for those seeking to share Christ with those in the north.

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07

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

Pray that the YFC staff & board Christmas party on Dec. 12 will be a great time of bonding and team building. On Dec. 19th, an all-day staff retreat will focus on plans for the second half of this school year and the start of the next school year. Pray that this planning and training will help them to reach lost kids with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Christmas school break is a key time to share the Gospel with lost youth and so the staff needs the power of our prayers as they share.

**Czech Republic (Europe).** 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 Women's Clinic of Cleveland, United States**

Praise the Lord for answering prayer for a new Continuum of Care Coordinator, Crystal Wallace. They are still in need of an office manager and donations for client "spa bags." Pray for their "Adopt a Client for the Holidays" program and for the staff to stay healthy during the winter months.

**Denmark (Europe).** 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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**Mike & Cindy, Macedonia**

Pray that their team of teachers at the English language school would discern effective ways of naturally opening discussions of faith with students through the theme of Christmas.

**Djibouti (Africa).** 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. Pray for unprecedented spiritual breakthroughs, long-awaited yet unseen. There is notable interest in Christianity from a small but increasing number of locals.

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

Pray for the various Bridges Christmas Parties and activities. Pray for students in this Christmas season to be captivated by God's gift of salvation through Jesus! Their annual winter conference for international students is coming up the end of Dec. 28 - Jan 1. Please pray that God would use this time in significant ways in the lives of students. For those who don't know God to be drawn to Him, and for the believers to walk with God more intimately and have a greater heart/vision to reach students around them.

**Dominica (Caribbean).** 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. **Dominican Republic (Caribbean).** Pray for endurance, provision and faithfulness to 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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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray that they will see much fruit during the month of December as they take advantage of many Christmas opportunities to make Christ known and disciple women in their commitment to Jesus. As Bolivia continues to experience chaos, praise God for growing Pastor Pepe Rocha's passion for Christ and pray for him as he ministers in the ILC Church in La Paz.

**Ecuador (Latin America).** 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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**Truth For Life, United States**

As TFL looks back over 2019, they are thankful for God's faithfulness as they had growth through both radio and digital channels. Pray for continued funding and for new team members to fill key positions as continued expansion is planned for 2020. Parkside's Christmas Concerts and Christmas Eve worship service will be live streamed Dec. 13-15. Pray that God would be glorified and both participants and viewers would be impacted through these events.



## News from our ministry partner...



The mission of Crossroads Prison Ministries is to connect prisoners with volunteers in Christ-centered relationships so that lives, prisons and churches all around the world are restored through the Gospel. Crossroads Prison Ministries is a personal, in-depth and long-term program that is designed to help incarcerated persons grow in a life-

transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as preparing them for successful reentry upon release.

Crossroads has been involved in this ministry since 1984, and Parkside has had an active group of instructors since 2001. Crossroads provides written Bible lessons to students in prison (or who have been released from prison), who return them by mail to Crossroads headquarters. The completed lessons are then distributed to trained volunteer instructors who grade them at home, anonymously, and return them to the student along with a personal letter of encouragement. Many instructors at Parkside have found that the Crossroads program is a rewarding way to be involved in sharing the Gospel with seekers and discipling young believers, in a non-threatening and effective way.

### Thanks and Praise:

- for the students who come to saving faith in Jesus.
- for the growth and maturity in the lives of the students who continue into Crossroads' advanced courses.
- for the faithfulness of Parkside's instructors, who serve week by week in this low-profile ministry.
- for the new volunteers who are led by the Lord to join with us in this work.

### Please Pray:

- for the spiritual growth of the students in prison.
- for wisdom and grace for the instructors as they interact with students.
- for the Crossroads staff as they continue to develop new curriculum.

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**Egypt (Africa).** 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. A number have died or suffered incarceration and torture in prison, usually on false charges.

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**Amy Cottle, Thailand**

Please pray for the various outreach events that will take place the month of December. The team is planning on hosting events both at the student center and in their homes. Pray that the students can look beyond the Western culture of Christmas gifts and Santa hats and see that a Savior has been born! Pray that the Holy Spirit will work at Mahasarakham University to draw both students and professors to Jesus.

**El Salvador (Latin America).** The growth of Evangelicals in the midst of travail has been a modern-day miracle. 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 Saviour.'

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**Shoreline Church, United States**

Shoreline Church sends thanks to all who prayed for their Thanksgiving Box Project. This year they delivered boxes to 84 families in Lake County! Please continue to pray for all who received a box. They are so thankful and humbled for all who take the time to pray for Shoreline Church especially during this year that has been filled with excitement and many firsts for them.

**Equatorial Guinea (Africa).** 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 worldview to a biblical one is a significant transition.

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

Praise God that another group in the Peruvian mountains received their very own Bible on Dec. 8th! Pray for clear delivery on Mark's part during teaching times for pastors as well as for congregations and crowds in Peru and for understanding and receptive hearts on the part of the listeners. Continue to pray for those who now own their own copy of the Bible. Pray that they would read and apply God's words so that he might equip them to serve and impact others. Praise God that their son Andy was able to return to work flying for Delta last month after sustaining injuries last summer when he fell out of the sky while paragliding. Thank God for the birth of their new little granddaughter and that she and her mother are both doing well.

**Eritrea (Africa).** 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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### **The City Mission, United States**

As Laura's Home reaches out to women in great need, they are faced with a variety of needs - warm coats for the ladies, health for staff and clients during this cold/flu season, focus for clients as they face temptations with holiday gatherings, and strength for understaffed childcare workers. Join Crossroads staff in rejoicing that 10 clients found housing last month and pray that God continues to guide these men to stable, quality employment. Pray that God will provide a way for Star and her family who are part of the New Horizons Housing Program to move into their house by Christmas. The City Mission has several answers to prayer for which we can praise the Lord: over \$45,000 was raised for care of their clients during the holiday season, Alexis joined the staff to help with holiday donations, and nearly 40 volunteers attended orientation which means they have sufficient volunteers for all holiday festivities.

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

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

Join in praise that both Juan and Juan were able to take small steps forward in their goals to become missionary pilots. Continue to pray for Amos who is currently the only pilot in Oaxaca. Pray for pilots to be called to serve on the mission fields around the world. Pray for Mike and Joan as they start their new responsibility of helping MAF operations in six countries in Latin America. A small Parkside dental team ministered in the town of Independencia last month. They saw God provide for the team in answer to our prayers. Pray that many lives there will be impacted for the Kingdom. Pray that the Ross's three sons along with their families would seek the Lord with their whole hearts.

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

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



## Our Focus in Global Missions

- Parkside Missionaries
- Regional Missions Agencies

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# Annual Thanksgiving Box Project



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### **Pastoral Assistants, Bolivia**

Pray for the 14 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 Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabaque region of Bolivia.

**Faeroe Islands (Europe).** The Faeroese need revival. Pray for the Spirit to continue impacting the Church in the Faeroe Islands; pray that Christians will be wise in engaging the postmodern and secular attitudes that increasingly challenge the primacy of the Bible and Christian traditions. Pray for the Spirit to make the Faeroes truly Christian – and not just in name only.

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

Two years ago, Matt joined coaches from Singapore, Serbia, England and the States, to train 70 coaches in Rwanda. Since then 50 teams have formed, ministering to 2,500 people. In Nov. staff from England, Kenya, South Africa, Holland and Brazil were back in Rwanda training more coaches and doubling the number of schools, teams, and children involved. The following week Ambassadors Football ran a national soccer tournament impacting the whole country! Please pray that God would continue to touch many lives through soccer events at local and national levels.

**Falkland Islands (Latin America).** 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. Fiji (Pacific). 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.

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

Pray that God would touch peoples' lives through the Christmas outreach event, December 22. Pray that believers would be faithful in inviting their non-believing friends, and that they will be able to communicate the gospel clearly.

**Finland (Europe).** Humanism, secularism and materialism have strangleholds on most Finns. Christians may number 84% of the population, but society is effectively a secular one. 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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**B & J, United States**

Keep them in your prayers as they continue to make decisions about the future. Pray that wherever they are they will seek God's kingdom first.

Pray for B's father (Bob) who is dying from a brain tumor. Pray also for his mother, Laura, who is caring for him.

**France (Europe).** 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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**Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States**

Pray for Wes as he continues to work on a book about the history of Mam reading and writing. This book is aimed at raising the prestige of the Mam language and building readership for the publication of the Central Mam Bible.

**French Guiana (Latin America).** The most responsive peoples are Haitians, Antilleans, Hmong, Amerindian tribal people, Brazilians and the interior bush tribes (Maroon). Pray for a cooperative spirit among evangelicals and for continued unifying influence, especially among ministers.

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**Mike & Cindy, Macedonia**

Three newly married couples are attending their weekly Sunday gatherings. Please pray that their marriages would grow strong and reflect Christ. Pray for insights through monthly marriage coaching with their teammate.

**French Polynesia (Pacific).** 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.



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

God has opened a door for ministry to youth inmates at Grootvlei Prison. Please pray that through this new chaplaincy God will arouse a hunger for Jesus as Johannes Thaele addresses the spiritual and emotional needs of these young prisoners. Pray that God would bless the school children, especially those writing their matric exams. Most of the children at their preschool will be finishing and going to Grasslands Primary School next year. Pray that these children will testify about Christ when they arrive at the new school. Pray for Marita van Aswegen as she trains a new team of workers for children and youth at their church. They thank God for all the work that has been completed at the Centre especially through answers to prayer and they pray that God would richly bless Parkside.

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

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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray that the Lord will strengthen and mature the Bolivian church leaders in the three existing churches in the Tacana First Nations communities as they press on to fulfill their vision of reaching the remaining 30 unreached villages in this spiritually needy region. Remember Debbie in prayer as she leads the ILC Church women's ministry team.

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

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**Indigenous Church Planting Organization**

God is bringing in a great harvest! More Muslims have become Christians in the last 15 years than in the previous 1,400 years combined. As Egyptian Christians often say, "The Muslims are not the enemy, they are victims of the enemy." Led by accountable nationals who best understand their own people and culture, this organization is playing a strategic role in what God is doing. Their 2019 Mobilization Conference was the largest to date, drawing over 700 Arabic-speaking believers. Praise the Lord that over 60 Egyptian young adults and couples signed up to begin a one-year training process to prepare for cross-cultural work in discipleship and church planting. Please thank God for this growth and pray for the work to continue and flourish, that many more people will learn of the love of Jesus.

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

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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Please keep Fieldstone Counseling in your prayers as they wrap-up a full year of counseling and serving local churches. Please pray for their newest initiative called the “Center for Shepherd Care”. Their desire is to help provide counseling and care for local pastors, their families, and other ministry leaders.

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

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

Please pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for them as they minister to 60 children in a local Children’s Home. Pray for their own children as they study and especially for Juan as he desires to be a missionary pilot. Pray for healing for Edgar’s back. Neri and Karina ask for prayer for their daughter Carol in her first semester of college this fall. Pray for wisdom for Neri as he works with several Equipping Servants (ESI) groups in Chiapas and starts a new church plant in Tapachula. Praise God that the church plant is going well and running ahead of projected numbers. Pray that Neri would regain strength and stamina after undergoing two rounds of chemotherapy in recent years.

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

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

E & J are praising the Lord for blessing them with a sweet little baby girl on Oct. 20. They are thankful that the transition to a family of four has been going smoothly. They are thankful for our prayers. Please pray that they will get baby girl J's passport in a timely manner so that they can then all apply for visas for their upcoming survey trip. They plan to visit a few countries in N. Africa in February. Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment as they go and visit teams and then seek the Lord's direction for where to serve.

**Gibraltar (Europe).** There is a need for unity among believers in different and diverse small groups of churches, most of which came into being out of the mainline denominations. Pray for further evangelical growth and for revival among the mainline majority churches.

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**Delhi Bible Institute, India**

Pray for the Bhopal Anugrah Ashram: For partnership with new churches in every district of Madhya Pradesh to organize Regional Bible Trainings and for recruiting students; For the ongoing renovation work of the Ashram and for the quick connection of electricity; For the ongoing one-year students that they become more mature in the faith. Pray also for the 20 men supported by Parkside as they travel throughout Northern India preaching and teaching the gospel. Pray that God will protect them and provide many opportunities for David, Mani, Amar, Benjamin, Gabriel, Kalap, Suresh, Vinay, Desh, Ram, Anil, Dilip, Kamlesh, Rajendra, James, Shiv, Rajesh, Dinesh, Bhim and Sanjay to share Christ. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Isaac Shaw and the rest of the DBI leadership team of Ramrajh, Namgyal, Abuan, Andrews, Punam, Basant, Samuel and Yogatah as they oversee the ministry.

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

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

Ambassadors Football recently sent a team to Rwanda to train 135 coaches who will work directly with 5,000 primary school aged boys and girls. The Ambassadors program combines the memorizing of scripture for children under 12 with having a lot of fun playing soccer (or football as the world knows it). Many of the 135 who were sent by the churches to be trained were victims of the 1994 genocide in some way. God met with them in a powerful way and many found peace and healing. Please pray for these coaches as they return to coach the 5,000 children.

**Greenland (North America).** 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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# 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>Macedonia</b>	Mike & Cindy
<b>United States</b>	B & J
<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 3 year part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. ESI has 2,200 graduates since 2002 and 1,950 active participants in 173 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  
Indigenous Church Planting Organization  
Parkside Green  
Shoreline Church  
The Women's Clinic of Cleveland

Fieldstone Counseling  
Parkside Church Westside  
Scranton Road Bible Church  
The City Mission  
Truth For Life

### Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson  
Jon (& Ruthie)  
Brian (& Maria) Walls

Amy Cottle  
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

**Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2018: \$2.8 million**



# Get Involved

## in a short-term missions trip

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### India ESL

Teaching English to young Indian Christians  
at the Delhi Bible Institute

July, 2020

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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