

Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **August**

"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 Cliff at cjjbandrews@sbcglobal.net.



Learn

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



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.4 million towards missions in 2020. 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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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Pray for God's protection over South Africa as many people are facing poverty and losing their lives due to the COVID virus. The situation at their church was good with many people coming and giving their lives to God and committing to serving him, but now churches are prohibited from meeting because of the COVID Delta variant. Pray that their government will be able to speed up the vaccination program and that their economy will stay strong. Amid these challenges, they continue to see the goodness of God as some people are still committing their lives to Christ. Pray for these new believers to be strong in the Lord. Johannes and Mathapelo's son, Bokang has not been feeling well, and they were told that he is suffering from asthma. Pray for the health of their family and that Bokang's asthma will be brought under control.

Turks & Caicos Islands (Caribbean). Population: 36,416 Believers: 32.4%. Christian values in society are challenged by offshore finance with its frequent money laundering, by tourism with its increasing licentiousness, and by illegal drug trafficking. Pray that churches might address these through holy living and genuine faith. **Tuvalu (Pacific).** Population: 10,432 Believers: 17.8%. Tuvalu was first evangelized by Cook Island missionaries, but decline has set in on the back of nominalism. Pray for renewal and biblical faith for all who identify themselves as Christians.

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02

Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Even though Mark had been vaccinated against shingles, he broke out with a doozy of a case over a month ago—probably due to his lymphoma. Pray for the shingles to completely disappear with no residual nerve damage. Continue to pray for the recording of the Old Testament for Huamalies-Dos de Mayo Quechua. Pray for their middle son and his family (known as E & J) as they fly to North Africa this month. Mark and Patti are thankful for the getting to have their family stay with them as they sort, pack, and say goodbyes!

Uganda (Africa). Population: 46,319,320 Believers: 37.0%. The Church has seen both wonderful breakthroughs and immense obstacles. Pray for/about: a) Unity. There are numerous divisions in the Church, and the proliferation of independent and single-congregation denominations makes true unity a massive challenge. b) Superficial Christianity. For many, being "Christian" simply means not being Muslim. c) Syncretistic practices and false teachings are multiplying even as the Church grows. d) Training leaders for the Church. Solid biblical formation for pastors is a key issue—training that is affordable, relevant, and empowering.

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03

Shoreline Church, United States

Continue to pray for the full schedule of events planned for this summer at Shoreline. Extending through the month of August, their Sunday morning services are being held outdoors with fun opportunities to connect after the services. Pray that the events of July—Children’s Summer Mini Camps and Ambassadors Soccer Camp—would continue to have a powerful impact in the hearts of those who were involved.

Ukraine (Europe). Population: 42,945,414 Believers: 3.8%. Leadership training is probably the primary church need in Ukraine. Twenty years of sustained growth created thousands of new congregations requiring leadership formation. There are dozens of seminaries, Bible schools and institutes, the capacities of which must grow to meet current and future demands. Pray for them to serve professionally and humbly. Ask for God’s provision for good academic resources and textbooks, for building projects, and funding for student scholarships.

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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 1,740 ESI (Equipping Servants International) participants in 162 groups meeting in 15 countries. Pray that these men and women will grow in their love for God and commitment to honor Christ by being true to his scriptures with the gospel at the center.

United Arab Emirates (Asia). Population: 5,659,742 Believers: 1.3%. The religious freedom enjoyed by all major faith groups is notable. Increased numbers of people [are] coming to Christ from other backgrounds. This is shifting from a trickle to a flow as more and more Arabs, South Asians, East Asians, and others meet Jesus in a personal way. Some ministers are overwhelmed by responses to the gospel—praise God for such a challenge!

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05

Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Praise God for an awesome Ambassadors soccer camp week. Pray for the 84 kids who heard the gospel each day. Also pray for upcoming baptism class participants and new baptisms at the beginning of August. Continue to pray for young leaders to be raised up and for the new elder(s) to be installed this month. Pray for their Koinonia Group leaders as they prepare for a new season of groups in the fall.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Europe). Population: 65,321,580 Believers: 8.8%. A national awakening is needed. There has been one in virtually every century of the last 800 years—the last was in 1859-69. The steep decline of organized Christianity in the UK is almost unparalleled in Europe. Pray that Christians might grow passionate for God’s honor, burdened to pray for revival, and free from deadening negativism and materialism that pervade the churches.

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06

Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Miriam, Byron's wife has been waiting well over a year for hernia surgery. Pandemic rules in Guatemala have kept her from traveling to the doctor.

Pray for Byron and Miriam as they care for their family, their church

where Byron is pastor, and their radio ministry.

England (Europe). Population: 51,460,000. England is the most secular of the four countries that comprise the UK. Notional Christianity is giving way to atheism as the main barrier to true faith; the trappings of inherited cultural forms of Christianity are being discarded. This presents both a great challenge and a new opportunity for a fresh start to the re-evangelization of England. Pray that the Holy Spirit may break into lives and bring a sense of the reality of God and the truth of the gospel.

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07

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

In July, they started an initiative to equip some of the young men of the church in expository preaching. As they work through Bryan Chapell's

book, *Christ-Centered Preaching*, please pray that God would raise up a

generation of leaders in Uruguay who faithfully proclaim the Word of God. A new Equipping Servants (ESI) group is scheduled to open on August 7th. Please pray for the students—that they will grow in their love for the Lord and in their ability to serve others as they go through this process.

Northern Ireland (Europe). Population: 1,775,000. Segregation and sectarianism remain, despite the prevalent peace. Separate confessions, separate churches, separate schools, separated communities keep Ulster a divided land. Northern Ireland's history has long been used as an example of religion's destructive influence; pray that it may become a testimony of faith's power to heal and restore.

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08

E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

Doors seem to be opening for E & J to proceed to the country where they will be ministering. They are grateful for so many friends and family members who hosted them during their travels and helped them pack

and clean out their apartment in Kansas City. They are also thankful for the sweet sendoff time at Parkside and for all who came to encourage them and lift them up before the Throne. E & J are now in Ohio awaiting details to work out for their departure. Pray for the Lord's timing for things to come together for them and their entire team who would like to be settled in their place of service before the school year starts.

Scotland (Europe). Population: 5,169,000. There is a shortage of clergy; many current clergy are out of touch with the needs of their congregations. Nominalism is widespread, liberal theology still dominant, and Freemasonry influential. Still, there are stirrings of new life through those evangelicals who remain. Pray for the Church of Scotland to return to its biblical roots and to the radical but biblically grounded faith of its early martyrs.

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09

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Chris and Leanne are thankful to be on summer break. It started the last week of July and goes through August. During this time, they will have many opportunities to spend time with people at barbecues, parks, beaches, and kid's camps and events. Please pray for all the seeds being planted this summer. May the Holy Spirit bring the fruit. Ask God to give them opportunities to share the greatest gift ever given.

Wales (Europe). Population: 2,990,999. Wales is known as the land of revivals and the land of song. From early in the 18th Century, Wales experienced a consistent series of revivals, the last of these occurring in 1904. Since then, decline in church attendance and closure of churches in Wales have been higher than in any other part of the UK. In recent years, though, pockets of growth have appeared, especially within evangelical congregations that both proclaim the gospel and demonstrate it through community involvement. Pray that revival may come again and that the entire country will again sing the praises of Jesus.

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The City Mission, United States

The City Mission staff are incredibly grateful for our church and are thankful for our continued prayers and support. This has been a challenging season at The City Mission, but the Lord has been evident throughout. Pray for staff and volunteers as they organize and run three large fundraising events: Thursday, August 12—Back to School Bash; Saturday, August 21—Ride with a Mission; and Saturday, September 18—Running with a Mission.

Isle of Man (Europe). Population: 80,000. Isle of Man has a long Christian tradition, but just as in the UK, nominalism is rife and non-religion is growing. Pray that the Church will continue to strive to bring people back into the fold and that the Isle of Man might see an awakening. **Channel Islands (Europe).** Population: 150,000. The relative prosperity and an emphasis on material wealth have inevitably blunted the spiritual life of the islands; pray for an awakening.

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Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand

Amy has enjoyed her four months in the U.S. connecting with family and friends. Pray for her as she prepares to return to Thailand on August 21. Pray that all the paperwork to re-enter the country will be approved on time and that the process will go smoothly. She will have to quarantine for 15 nights in a Bangkok hotel upon arrival. Please pray that her heart will be prepared to return to the work God has for her in Thailand.

United States of America (North America). Population: 346,153,494 Believers: 28.9%. The moral decay in America points to the need for revival—not the slick mass evangelism and theatrics associated with the word, but true revival with conviction of sin, repentance, and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. More often than not, the public face of Christianity turns people away from Jesus rather than drawing them to Him. The gospel is often little more than a self-help philosophy. Thank God for the pockets where revival is happening; pray that it may spread.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

This summer has been such a refreshing season, with increased opportunities for fellowship and togetherness. Recently, they wrapped up their Action Day Camp. They have also had Sunday afternoon picnics, fire pit gatherings, an outdoor movie night—and are looking forward to a “Cornhole & Cookout” event. They are also excited that nine individuals were baptized at a lake baptism service. Pray they those baptized will continue to grow in faith. They are thankful for our prayers and partnership in the gospel!

Uruguay (South America). Population: 3,492,966 Believers: 6.2%. Expatriate workers are still needed, even though the Uruguayan Church has come into its own. Those who would serve and resource the burgeoning local churches would be valued. Church planters from other Latin American countries are having success; pray that they, too, would be sensitive to Uruguay’s unique culture and people.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico

Praise God that their team in Oaxaca has been busy flying despite the pandemic. Pray for wisdom in prioritizing the many requests for flights. Pray for the Mexican government to release funding to continue flying critical patients. Please pray for safety flying during the rainy season.

Uzbekistan (Asia). Population: 31,185,201 Believers: 0.3%. Uzbekistan is an arena of competing value systems. The term Uzbek means “master of himself,” but many seek to enslave the Uzbeks with their ideologies: warmed-over communism, radical Islamism (especially in the fertile Ferghana valley), and occult-tainted folk Islam. Pray that Uzbeks might find freedom by serving the Lord their Creator and true Master.

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14

E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

Their team has had a few disappointments in the past month. E & J’s flights for July 16 were canceled, and two families on their team were denied visas. Please pray that they would remain steadfast and faithful, knowing that God is in control. E & J are thankful that even amid disappointment, God has been so generous to them. He gave them extra time to spend with friends and family, and they now have airline tickets booked for August 16. It appears that God has also provided an apartment for them in North Africa that is in a good location. Pray for safety and no problems as they travel.

Vanuatu (Pacific). Population 307,463 Believers: 45.9%. The Protestant Church is numerically strong. Revival has occurred on some islands and in several denominations, but not in all places; some islands are spiritually stagnant. Pray for the training of future leaders in the seven Bible colleges/schools. Pray that pastors and group leaders would lead with guidance from both the Word and Spirit. **Wallis, and Futuna Islands (Pacific).** Population: 16,516 Believers: 1.0% More Wallisian and Futunans live in New Caledonia than live in their own home islands. Seeking work, many find themselves caught in a spiral of substance abuse instead. Pray for those in New Caledonia to find freedom in Christ and to, in turn, bring blessing back to their homeland.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

Pray that their organization would continue to stand in the gap to help people with food aid, face masks, and exercise God's love. Pray for an end to the virus' spread. Pray for God's healing mercy and that he would graciously bring this pandemic to an end. Pray for healing for all those affected by the virus. Pray that 1 billion souls will be saved during this time of pandemic throughout the world.

Venezuela (Latin America). Population: 33,412,159 Believers: 10.8%. Mission work by evangelicals is difficult. Obtaining visas for religious purposes is often a battle in faith; the government increasingly refuses applications, and the process is slowing. Expats are now all but prohibited from evangelizing Amerindian groups. But there is a great need for more missionaries for urban church planting and Bible teaching ministries. Pray for good relationships between expatriates and national workers and for open doors for those called to serve in Venezuela.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Pray for preservation and wisdom for their counselors as they seek to offer the comfort of God to those who are struggling. Pray for encouragement and growth empowered by the Holy Spirit for their counselees as they receive counseling. Pray for their support group, ReStoried, which serves women who are survivors of abuse. It is now meeting online to serve women everywhere. Pray that this group would be a safe and meaningful space to honor their stories and unpack the truth about who they are, who God is, and how God transforms suffering and sorrows.

Vietnam (Asia). Population: 98,011,415 Believers: 1.8%. The country is increasingly opening up as economic progress continues. Most of the population was born after the Vietnam War and are more interested in capital gain and the outside world than Communist propaganda. They are proving responsive to the gospel—for reasons good and bad. At the same time, newfound prosperity has opened the door to rampant materialism and other competing ideologies. Pray that the Truth might be clearly and effectively proclaimed, particularly among the growing masses of young professionals.

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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

Pray for the Pastoral Assistant volunteers 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. Due to the pandemic, the PA program has not been running. Pray for the safety of these men and that God will use them to encourage others in their communities during this difficult time. Pray that the PA program will be able to resume soon.

Virgin Islands of the USA (Caribbean). Population: 105,751 Believers: 23.8%. Tourism and the influx of wealth affect society profoundly, corroding its moral fabric. Pray that the gospel might impact society, personal lifestyles, and family life. Pray that local churches and their leaders may work together in evangelism and in vision for the future. **American Samoa (Pacific).** Population: 79,811 Believers: 21.3%. American Samoa enjoys a higher economic status than Samoa to its west, but suffers the concomitant materialism. Pray that the indigenous people (and their relatives in diaspora) may find their destiny in wholehearted commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Praise God for finalizing the adoption of their son Nathaniel Noah Ackerson on July 14. It was such an amazing and long anticipated day. Thank you for praying for them in this journey! Pray for the Houston Bridges team as they plan and prepare for an in-person welcome picnic for the new international students on August 21. Many local church volunteers will be there as well. Pray for rich connections and friendships to be formed between these volunteers and students. Pray for open doors to the gospel to form.

Yeman (Asia). Population: 31,634,843 Believers: <0.1%. Openly believing in Jesus is dangerous for Yemenis—shari'a law, culture, and family expectations are all factors in this. Pray for greater freedom for believers to encourage others to follow Christ and to be agents of cultural transformation. Pray for the transformation of their families, for it is from them that the worst persecution comes.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Please pray for the kids' and family events planned throughout August. Many of these gatherings have changed due to COVID concerns, but nonetheless, pray the Lord will allow for further relational connections and for many opportunities to share his love with the people of Japan.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

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LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT OUR MISSIONARIES IN MEXICO



Edgar and Lety Rivera

Edgar and Lety are very thankful for all the loving care and prayer support they receive from the members of Parkside Church which encourages them in the ministry.

Edgar leads three Equipping Servants International (ESI) groups in Oaxaca, Mexico. He makes regular trips to encourage the indigenous pastors in Amoltepec, whose first language is Mixteco, through the study of God's Word using the ESI material. Edgar spends most days at the Missions Aviation Fellowship (MAF) office providing pastoral leadership to the ministry team along with managing a constant stream of paperwork to keep our MAF airplanes flying.

Lety keeps busy as a wife and mother and also enjoys doing women's prison ministry. Edgar and Lety have three children: Ana Gracia (25), Juan Antonio (23), and Esther (13). They are involved in a local church where Edgar is responsible to teach the Word on a regular basis. Ana is working on a master's degree in Public Health. Juan is training as a missionary pilot. Esther is going into ninth grade.





Neri and Karina Rivera

Neri and Karina live in the city of Tapachula in the State of Chiapas, Mexico, near the border with Guatemala. Chiapas is the Mexican state with the fastest church growth but with the least access to pastoral training.

Neri is leading a new church plant in the city of Tapachula. Despite the pandemic, they are experiencing good growth and are busy with evangelistic Bible studies and discipleship training. He continues leading Equipping Servants (ESI) groups in the city and makes regular ten-hour trips to lead four ESI groups in remote towns in the mountains of Chiapas. Indigenous groups suspicious of outsiders make the trip especially challenging.

Neri's cancer continues to be in remission and Karina is cancer free. She is a busy mother and is actively engaged alongside Neri in ministry. Neri and Karina have five girls and a boy: Areli (30) works as a nurse, Zuri (26) teaches English in a local university, Angie (21) and Carol (20) are in college, Ester (10) is finishing fifth grade, and Juan Pablo (5) is ready to start first grade. They are very thankful for our prayers and support.



This Page: Top: Neri and Karina Rivera Family **Bottom:** The ESI group meeting in Limar, Chiapas Mexico **Opposite page: Top:** Edgar & Lety Rivera Family (taken at Juan's wedding) **Bottom:** Edgar Rivera and team with COVID-19 supplies

Zambia (Africa). Population: 16,915,933 Believers: 25.7%. Leadership training is an urgent need, the natural outworking of sustained church growth. This is a massive priority in a land where nominalism and syncretism are common. There are many colleges and Bible schools, representing every major denominational expression. Pray for spiritually and educationally qualified leaders to be prepared through these institutions.

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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 for Edgar's son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as Juan begins training to be a missionary pilot this month in Michigan. 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. Pray for effective follow-up and strength for Karina as she heals from surgery. Pray that God would continue to bring fruit as his Word is proclaimed in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

Zimbabwe (Africa). Population: 15,571,017 Believers: 30.9%. As the Church has grown, so have the challenges. Pray for: a) *The relationship with the government.* b) *Social action.* With much of the country in decay, it is increasingly falling to churches to feed the hungry, care for orphans, protect the vulnerable, and heal the sick. c) *Theological training and education*—crucial as the church grows but threatened by widespread instability and want. Pray for effective teaching and discipling of those called to serve the Lord. d) *Spiritual unity.* Divisions and splits still occur. e) *The purity of the Church* is often compromised by traditional African practices that are incompatible with the gospel, often by outright witchcraft and occult activities.

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Truth For Life, United States

Pray for Matt, on the Truth For Life team, who is awaiting kidney transplant surgery. Pray that God will provide a donor before the end of summer. Ask God to give the doctors wisdom, for Matt's surgery to be a success, and for him to be restored to full health. Continue to pray for God to bring the right candidates to Truth For Life to fill key positions in content, communications, and information technology.

Afghanistan (Asia). Population: 39,584,751 Believers: <0.05%. The Church in Afghanistan remains almost entirely underground, despite a slight improvement in the situation since the fall of the Taliban. Expat believers, who have increased greatly in number, must be very circumspect in their faith and witness. Pray for Afghan believers. They can never meet publicly, and even their secret meetings must change times and locations to prevent detection. Pray for protection of these precious believers, and for the clarity and consistency of their witness.

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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Bolivia is experiencing a third wave of COVID, and Kep and Debbie know many people who are sick and dying. Please pray for people in the ILC church in La Paz who are suffering. Pray that their church will continue to help and encourage in practical ways, and that they will be faithful and effective in pointing people to Jesus. There is an unusual openness to talking about Jesus. Pray for their ministry of teaching the Bible, that the Lord will give people a clear understanding of his truth and move the gospel forward in many lives. Thank God that Debbie continues to see good fruit in her ministry with the ILC Church women.

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

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Bobby & Julie, United States

Bobby has taken a part-time summer job at their local church, which has been understaffed, to coordinate the children's ministry. Pray that God will empower him to help the older generation to commend God's works and declare his mighty acts to the next generation. Bobby and Julie sense greater clarity that God is leading them to return overseas and use their language skills to share God's word and train gospel workers. Doors continue to open in their target city and multiple team members received their visas or are expecting to get them soon. Bobby and Julie have learned that in addition to their previous training in Slavic languages, their Mandarin training will most likely come in handy as well. Please pray for the families waiting for visas—that God will grant them and that the entire team will have patience and daily perseverance as many of them have been in a holding pattern for some time. Please pray that God will give Bobby and Julie clarity about the timing of their exit and return to overseas ministry and strength for the next steps.

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

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico

Please pray for pastors Pedro, Gavino, and Gaudencio as they decide on communities to host the next Parkside dental teams in Amoltepec.

Please pray that the pandemic will continue to open gospel opportunities in Oaxaca.

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

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Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

Pray for the needs of Ambassadors Football around the world: In Australia, pray for wisdom as they engage with the final two candidates for the National Director position for Ambassadors Football. Thank God that 29 coaches from all over India just completed a ten-week virtual discipleship making course. Pray for wisdom for a potential facility development partnership in Singapore. Pray for Rahel Hagererer, a German who is traveling to Rwanda to do a study on the AF partnership with ADERPR, the largest protestant denomination in that country.

Antigua and Barbuda (Caribbean). Population: 97,436 Believers: 19.9%. Antiguans are almost all Christian by background, including many evangelicals, but complacency prevails in the face of serious moral and spiritual challenges. Pray for revival that galvanizes Christians to prayer, and for involvement that impacts their society. **Aruba (Caribbean).** Population: 110,721 Believers: 7.6%. Unity in Christ among believers is a key issue for the diverse churches in Aruba. Division can undermine any numerical growth of believers. The greatest threat to this unity is the importation of alien theology, church culture, and preaching style common among the televangelists and prosperity preachers seen on foreign Christian TV.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

COVID cases reached an all-time high in Uruguay in June—making it the country with the most new cases per capita. Thank God that the situation has dramatically improved since then, and things are starting to go back to normal. Please pray that God would encourage and comfort Anita, a woman at church who recently lost her brother to COVID, whose sister was recently diagnosed with cancer, and who is dealing with many other health issues in her family.

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

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

Please pray for Ambassadors' staff as they meet on a Zoom event they are calling Global Connect on August 30 & 31. Then, each Monday throughout September, they will gather for training and vision to better serve the Lord through Ambassadors. Their hope is that Global Connect will unite staff from around the world for time of prayer, helpful information, and encouragement. It has been a challenging year as many of their staff are still experiencing lockdowns in their countries. Pray that their time together allows them to hear from the Lord and move forward together as they serve the Church and reach many with the gospel in the coming year(s).

Armenia (Asia). Population: 3,175,114 Believers: 8.7%. 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. This church will almost certainly remain the dominant religious force in Armenian life. Therefore, pray that there would be a radical transformation therein that sees Christ glorified and many saved.

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Each of the thirteen latest graduates from the missionary school in South Sudan received the gift of a new bicycle! The Lord provided these young faithful gentlemen with a means of transportation to reach out to the lost in the Nuba Mountains. The bicycles will make outreach to that area much easier and faster. Pray that they will be used mightily for the glory of God.

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

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Parkside Green, United States

Please pray for Pastor Adam as he adjusts to full-time ministry after a four-month sabbatical. Ask the Lord to bring lasting fruit in the lives of the hundreds of kids who participated in their summer camps. Also, pray for God to guide them as they plan and initiate fall ministries in the weeks ahead. Lastly, please intercede for God's special work through the missionaries they support in Dubai and in Uganda. Both areas, particularly Uganda, have restrictions on church gatherings that make it challenging to maintain active fellowship. Pray that they will trust God with it all.

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

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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Kep continues developing training material for the missionary training centers in Egypt and other North African countries. Pray for his time with the training center leaders in Egypt, September 19-26. Continue to pray for Pastor Pepe and the elders of the ILC Church in La Paz, that they will be passionate about Jesus, will lead the flock by example, and will have a gospel focus in their preaching and teaching.

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

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Health for Her Cleveland, United States

Give thanks for the 3,928 babies rescued from abortion this fiscal year—June 2020-July 2021 with Human Coalition, and pray for these babies and their mothers, 150 of whom were reached by the Cleveland ministry. It continues to be their desire to make an impact and difference in the lives of the women they serve. Pray for their new volunteer and community engagement program as they partner and engage with local churches. In July, Lisa Malek started serving as their new nurse. Pray for her as she works with the ladies who come for help.

Bahamas (Caribbean). Population: 384,329 Believers: 35.9%. Christian commitment is low and nominalism widespread, despite nearly all Bahamians claiming to be Christian. Most households own a Bible; few actively read it. Pray for revival and for a missionary vision among believers. **Bahrain (Asia).**

Population: 953,213 Believers: 2.9%. Bahrain enjoys greater freedoms than almost all Gulf countries and therefore is spiritually strategic. With greater freedoms, the accompanying vices are becoming problems. Many Saudis and Kuwaitis visit there to enjoy the more relaxed environment. 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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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 1,740 active participants in 162 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.

Asia

- 20 full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
- 12 students are enrolled in a 9-month full-time preaching training course, fully supported by Parkside Church.

South Africa

- Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African pastor working 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)

Parkside Church Westside
Scranton Road Bible Church
The City Mission

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

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson
Jon (& Ruthie)

Amy Cottle
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2020: \$2.4 million

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

Mexico

Dental Outreach
October 16-24, 2021
January 2022

Informational meeting: August 1, 10:30am, Room A207
No dental experience required.



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