



# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **June**

"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).



## 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

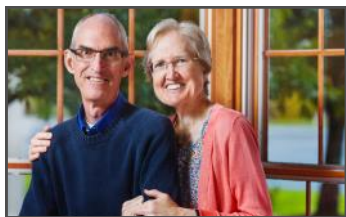
Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.8 million towards missions in 2018. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting Him for the capacity to do so.



## Go

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

# Parkside Church Missionaries



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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01

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

During the continued COVID-19 lockdown in Bolivia, please pray for Kep and Debbie as they meet with many people by internet. They meet regularly with ESI leaders and groups in the 15 countries where they currently have groups. About half the 180 ESI groups continue meeting by internet; the other half who do not have internet access decided to wait to resume meeting until after things open back up in their countries. Please continue to pray that the Lord will transform lives as pastors and church leaders study Romans. Pray that men and women will become gospel-centered in their thinking, passionate about Jesus in their living, and faithful in their service with the commitment that no one should live or die without having the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.

**Turkey (Asia).** A Church amongst Turks has at last become a visible reality, but it still only constitutes 0.005% of the population. Pray for renewed church growth. The increases of the 1990s and early 2000s slowed in the face of spiritual, legal, and cultural opposition. While this has caused an increase of prayer and focus on discipleship, the evangelism and church planting impetus of the past generation must be kept alive.

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02

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

Pray for pilots to be called to serve on mission fields around the world. Pray for Mike and Joan as they seek ways to disciple Christians in Latin America who desire to serve in worldwide missions. Praise God that Juan Carlos continues to get some of the critical hours of flight experience he needs to become an MAF pilot. Continue to pray for the people of San Jose de Las Flores who were impacted by the gospel as they experienced the love shown by the Parkside Dental Team. Pray for Pastor Pedro as he does follow-up Bible studies in homes, producing fruit for the Kingdom. Pray for patience, discernment, and wisdom as postponed events are rescheduled. Pray that God will provide for those with limited access to medical care. Continue to pray that the Ross's three sons along with their families will serve God with their whole hearts.

**Turkmenistan (Asia).** Ethnic Turkmen Christians are few but have increased since independence, from one or two people to as many as 1,000. Persecution has brought growth, greater unity and a strong spirituality, and the Church continues to grow despite the constant threats. Pray for these believers to stand firm in their faith and to win others to Christ.



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03

### **Mike & Cindy, Macedonia, United States**

Pray for Cindy's mom who is recovering after seizures and a fall. Pray for God's Spirit to visit her and give peace, as visiting restrictions in the hospital make this a very difficult time.

**Turks & Caicos Islands (Caribbean).** There is an inflow of immigrants – most are illegal and from Haiti. They are poised to outnumber natives, or “Belongers”. Pray that believers might meet these newcomers with biblical love and share with them the gospel. **Tuvalu (Pacific).** 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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04

### **Shoreline Church, United States**

Shoreline is praising God for all that he has done and continues to do in the life of their church. They are so thankful for their church family and are looking forward with excitement to seeing everyone when they start meeting again on June 14! Please pray for wisdom for their church leadership as they make decisions about how that will look. Pray also for patience for their church family as they figure out what their new 'normal' will be in their building for the remainder of 2020. Pray for wisdom regarding how best to minister to vulnerable populations, especially this summer.

**Uganda (Africa).** The Church has seen both wonderful breakthroughs and immense obstacles. Pray for: 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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### **Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Their church has been giving out food packages to families who have lost jobs, and they have found this to be a good way to develop relationships and share the love of Christ. Please pray that God would give them wisdom, boldness, and grace to share Christ during this time and that God would continue to open doors for the gospel.

**Ukraine (Europe).** 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 also funding for student scholarships.

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**Parkside Green, United States**

Join Parkside Green in thanking the Lord for keeping so many healthy and employed over the past few months. As they begin to meet in person again, please ask the Lord to grant them safety, unity, and joy in the Lord. Please also pray for God to use Pastor Adam's messages from the Sermon on the Mount to fashion them into faithful followers of King Jesus. Additionally, join them in thanking the Lord for the safe birth of a baby boy to the missionaries they support in Nairobi, Kenya.

**United Arab Emirates (Asia).** The religious freedom enjoyed by all major faith groups is notable. Increased numbers of people 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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**Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States**

Mark continues to convert Quechua materials so that they can be accessible on people's cell phones in Peru. Building apps for cell phones has not been a smooth process, but Mark is thankful for the great progress that has been made. Pray for the advertising of these apps as Mark will soon begin investigating how to target Quechua speakers via Facebook or someone other venue in order to advertise the fact that all these Quechua materials are (or will soon be) available to download for free. Pray, too, for Mom Bean who lives in a care center. Due to pandemic restrictions, no visitors are allowed in the facility.

**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Europe).** A national awakening is needed. There has been one in virtually every century of the last 800 years – the last was in 1859-69. Pray that Christians might grow passionate for God's honour, burdened to pray for revival and free from deadening negativism and materialism that pervade the churches.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

Pray for God's wisdom and protection as they move towards forming a small cell group ministry with numerous cells encompassing worship music, sermons, and prayer. Pray for confirmation and formation of a new kind of soccer camp this summer. As they deal with ongoing benevolent needs and helping feed many families weekly in conjunction with Youth for Christ's City Life Center, pray for God to grant them wisdom. Continue to pray for the raising up of younger elders and small group leaders.

**England (Europe).** 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.



**Amy Cottle, Thailand**

Praise the Lord that the stay at home restrictions are lifting slowly. The university school year is due to start July 8 but right now they anticipate beginning classes online. This will delay the opening of the student center until at least August! Pray for Amy and her team as they think and pray through what student ministry may look like. During the lockdown, Amy has been able to get to know some of the professors in her neighborhood. Pray especially for Teacher Dang, a devout Buddhist, who is interested in going to church with Amy when the church opens.

**Northern Ireland (Europe).** 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.



**Truth For Life, United States**

Pray with thanksgiving for how God has sustained Truth For Life financially over the past few months. Pray for the many Truthpartners who have remained steadfast and faithful. Additionally, please pray that during the month of June, God will add to the Truthpartner team according to His will and purpose. Pray for Julie Love as she joins the Truth For Life team- that God will give her patience, understanding, and move her swiftly along the learning curve.

**Scotland (Europe).** 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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### **Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa**

They are thankful for the support from Parkside Church. Their church has been reaching out to 120 families every week- handing out food parcels, praying, and sharing the Word of God with those fearful of the virus. This has resulted in many opening their hearts to the gospel. Forty percent of these needy people are elderly, unable to attend church because of distance and health issues. Since many are closer to their mission center, they are thinking of holding an elderly "Good News Club", which has received great interest and support. Please pray for the success of this new program and that many more people give their lives to God. Pray for them as they face many obstacles waiting for things to get back to normal. In their city there are almost 170 confirmed cases of the coronavirus, with many struggling to comply with set rules and regulations such as quarantining and washing hands. The mission has managed to install a community tap for these impoverished people so they can wash their hands.

**Wales (Europe).** Wales is known as the land of revivals and the land of song. From early in the 18<sup>th</sup> 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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### **Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States**

With everything God has been teaching Jon and Ruthie through the pandemic, pray that they will have wisdom to know what they should go back to and what changes they should accept now as permanent. Much good has come out of this challenging situation. Ambassadors Football runs summer soccer camps for children and a club/academy for boys and girls throughout the year which generates revenue accounting for at least 1/3 of the overall budget. With everything having been shut down, they are experiencing a financial impact. Praise the Lord that thus far God has provided more than enough. Pray that he continues to supply all their needs. Although they have been experiencing an increasing spirit of unity in the mission for which they are grateful, the enemy is always sowing seeds, trying to create discord among God's people. Pray for spiritual protection and for continued unity of purpose.

**Isle of Man & Channel Islands (Europe).** The 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. Relative prosperity and an emphasis on material wealth have inevitably blunted the spiritual life of the (Channel) islands; pray for an awakening.



# *A Farewell From* **Mike & Cindy**

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Missionaries in Macedonia

Dear Friends,

In these days when we all are sailing through uncharted waters, we want to update you on the journey we are taking. After much prayer and reflection, Cindy and I have decided to wrap up our time of ministry in Macedonia and permanently relocate to the US.

We are deeply grateful to Parkside Church for their many years of faithful provision for our spiritual and physical needs while serving in Skopje and Prague. It was 25 years ago on April 17, 1995, that we first departed for Macedonia with our 3.5 children.

One factor that we have weighed while seeking God's guidance for this next phase of life, as I (Mike) anticipate turning 60 this summer, is the wisdom of getting re-established in a teaching career in America before reaching retirement age, at which time I hope to continue teaching at least part time. I am extremely thankful that God has opened the door of ministry to teach math and invest in the lives of young souls in a key stage of life at Westside Christian Academy in Westlake beginning in August. Cindy's plan is to set up a studio from which she can teach piano from our home and online. She will also be able to be of more assistance to her aging mother.

The COVID-19 situation made bringing closure to life and ministry in Macedonia more challenging than we had anticipated. The language center, our key means of connecting with Macedonians, had to close one month before we left. Our goodbyes to most of our Macedonian friends were not face-to-face. But we trust that God has good purposes in it all. After some complicated travel, we recently arrived in Cleveland for a three-month home-service.

These past weeks God has consistently reminded me to practice what I recently preached from Phil. 2:14-18. When tempted to grumble while walking luggage across the Kosovo border in the pouring rain, or facing inconveniences of quarantine and canceled plans, I strive to remember that as believers these

struggles are actually great opportunities to shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Our response to this pandemic should be strikingly different from that of the world. As we are surrounded by people struggling with fear, they should notice that we don't fear death and uncertainty in the same way, and we should be ready for opportunities when some ask us for the reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15).

I strive to remember that as believers these struggles are actually great opportunities to shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

One event that has overshadowed any discouraging circumstances has been the joyous birth of our first grandchildren! The adorable twin daughters Maya and Marie were born to our daughter Hannah and her husband, Joe, on April 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a special blessing that Cindy had finished her quarantine in time to arrive at Hannah's home in Illinois the day before their birth.

Looking ahead, it is a great encouragement that the language center ministry that we established in Macedonia will continue on, Lord willing, as a valuable platform for reaching the lost after the isolation policies have been completed. Our very capable younger teammates with SEND International will continue to teach English and German, and the small fellowship of believers that it feeds into will remain a place of hope in our former community.

Warmly in Christ,

*Mike and Cindy*



**Left:** Mike and Cindy's grandchildren, born on April 4, 2020.

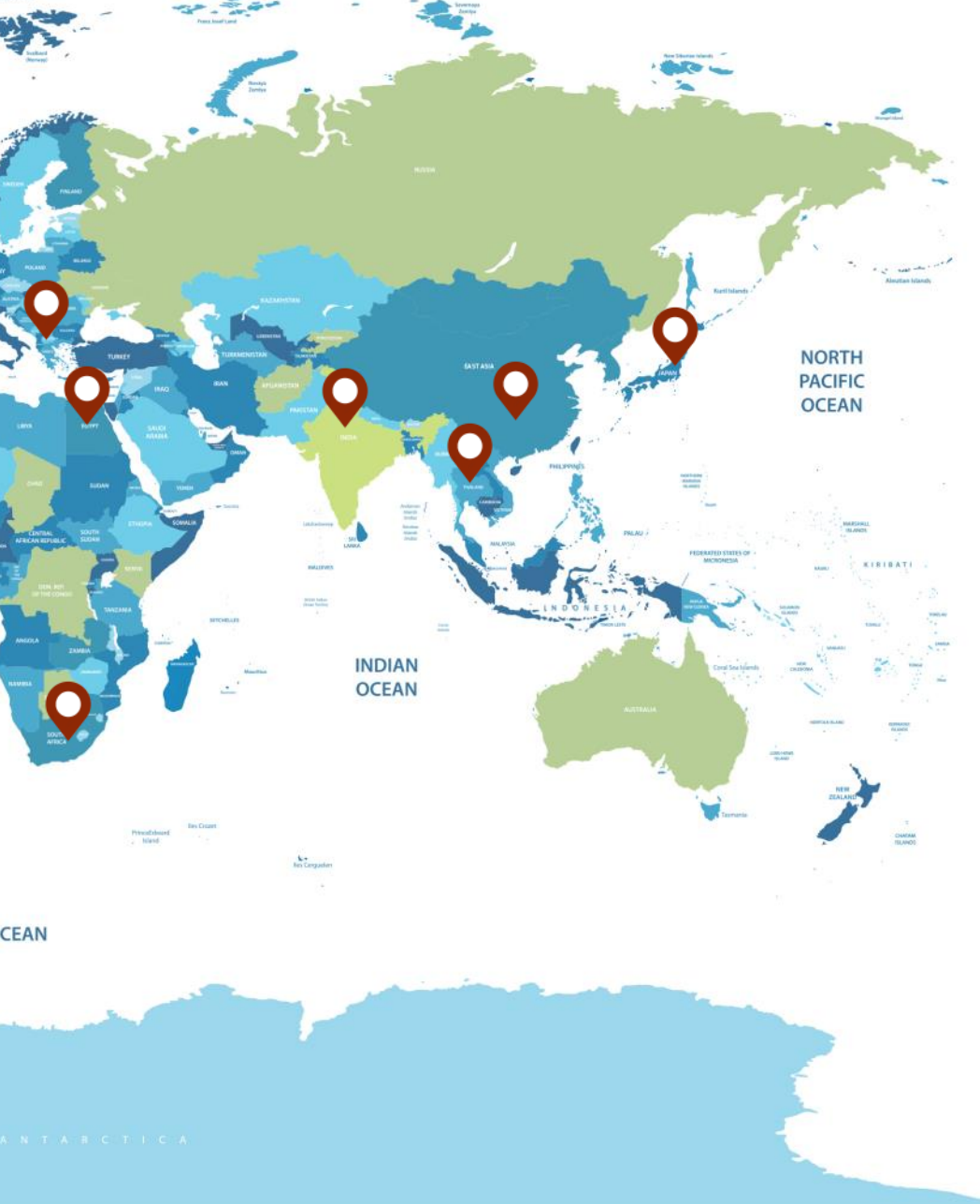


**Right:** Mike's last view of the stone bridge in Skopje during social distancing.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



CEAN



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

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

**United States of America (North America).** 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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**Wes & Nancy Collins, Peru, Guatemala, United States**

Nancy asks for prayer for her mom who has broken both hips over the last four months. She is 91. Pray for godly fellowship in the nursing home in Michigan. Pray also for Wes's sister-in-law, Regina, who has bladder cancer. She lives in Chardon and is recovering from surgery she had June 11.

**Uruguay (South America).** 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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**Parkside Church Westside, United States**

They are excited to share that renovations at their new building are nearly complete and ask that we pray for favor surrounding the final inspections and for continued safety as the finishing work is completed. They are faced with the challenge of opening their doors for the first time under these strange circumstances and ask for prayer for wisdom regarding making decisions and preparations for a safe place to worship together. They are thankful for us and our prayers!



**Uzbekistan (Asia).** 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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#### **Delhi Bible Institute (DBI), India**

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

**Vanuatu, Wallis, and Futuna Islands (Pacific).** The spiritual challenges for Christians: a) Small pockets of traditional ethnic religion remain. b) Pray that ni-Vanuatu believers would be guided rightly in what parts of custom can be redeemed and what parts must be set aside. c) Pray for the truth to be made manifest and for ni-Vanuatu to hold fast to the life they found in Christ. d) Pray for a deeper grasp of the Christian faith in Vanuatu. Most of those drawn into other religions or cults lack an adequate understanding of the Bible, which safeguards them against such false teachings. 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.

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#### **The Women’s Clinic of Cleveland, United States**

Pray that the Lord would grant the staff and counselors at the Women’s Clinic renewed minds and the peace that surpasses all understanding as they meet the challenges of handling virtual calls. Pray that the needs of the clients would be met through any avenue God allows during this time of coronavirus restriction.

**Venezuela (Latin America).** 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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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Please pray for the James children as they are expected to gradually resume classes in June/July. Pray for wisdom to know when and how to resume church services/meetings after having had to do everything remotely because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Vietnam (Asia).** 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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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Pray for the counseling staff and counselees as they meet remotely. Pray especially for those who are struggling with symptoms amplified by this crisis— those struggling with anxiety, depression, OCD, relationship issues, and more. Pray for Fieldstone Counseling Director, Jonathan Holmes, and for their entire team as they consider steps to reopening their physical locations.

**Virgin Islands of the USA (Caribbean).** 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.

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

They now have 22 students being trained as cross-cultural missionaries at their school in Egypt. Ten of those who have finished this training will soon be heading out for long-term work in different countries. Please pray for them. They expect a new training school to open in Ethiopia this July. A couple, who are pharmacists and mature believers, have recently sold their pharmacy to head up this new school. They will be joined by a young godly man who has IT experience and has just completed his training at their school in Egypt. This is an answer to prayer and an open door to reaching many of the unreached people groups in that region.

**Yeman (Asia).** Openly believing in Jesus is dangerous for Yemenis – shari’s 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. Pray for the heartbreaking humanitarian crisis currently taking place in Yeman caused by years of civil war. Pray that other nations around the world will come to the aid of the Yemenese people before a wide scale famine begins.

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**Mike & Cindy, Macedonia, United States**

Praise God for the safe arrival of granddaughters Maya and Marie and pray for the joyful but challenging adjustment of Hannah and Joe to the world of parenting twins. Pray for our colleagues in Macedonia to continue to hold forth the word of truth despite the limitations of isolation policies. Pray for God to continue to water the seeds planted in the hearts of our Macedonian students and friends. Pray for guidance as we seek to purchase a home in the community where God has plans to use us. Pray for both of us as we begin this new experience of teaching in America, that we would be equipped as teachers and our lives would be used to impact students academically and spiritually.

**Zambia (Africa).** 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 more colleges and Bible schools, representing every major denominational expression. Pray for spiritually and educationally qualified leaders to be prepared through these institutions. In-service and modular trainings for both the ordained and laity are essential, especially since most church planting is actually done by lay workers.

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

Praise the Lord that the City Life Center was able to increase their meal giveaway program from 60 a day to over 200. It has been a real blessing to urban families amidst this shutdown. They estimate over 8,000 meals have been served with the goal of building relationships to point the lost to Christ. Three young men from the state lock-up who are now out have contacted the JJM staff and started a Bible study. Pray for these young men. Grace Haven, a successful outreach ministry of YFC to sex-trafficked individuals in Columbus, has expanded to Cleveland. Pray for the new staff, victims, and ministry as there has been a significant caseload for some time in Northeast Ohio. Pray for their Campus Life/ Suburban ministry and thank God for the new openness with kids contacting their staff despite communication barriers.

**Zimbabwe (Africa).** As the Church has grown, so have the challenges. Pray for: *The relationship with the government.* 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. *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. *Spiritual unity:* Divisions and splits still occur.

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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

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

**Afghanistan (Asia).** Afghanistan is one of the least reached countries in the world. There are 48,000 mosques but not a single church building. Pray for the 70 unreached peoples of this land, especially for the following groups: Pashtuns, Tajiks, Hazaras, Uzbeks and Turkmen, the six Aimaq tribes of the west, the nine Nuristani tribal groups in the mountains north and east of Kabul, the five Ismaili Muslim Pamir people groups and the Kyrgyz living in the far northeast of Afghanistan, the numerous Dardic people groups near the volatile border region with Pakistan, the nomadic Gujar and Jugi/Kuchi/Ghorbat people groups.

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

There are many colleges and universities across the country with international students and little to no campus ministries reaching out to them. Blake will be working with a small team of other Bridges staff over the summer in search of churches interested in reaching international students at a campus near them. Pray that God would put Blake and the team in touch with churches who are already seeking ways to engage international students. Pray that this summer would be a time to creatively think through ways to meet the needs of international students this fall and engage them with the gospel!

**Albania (Europe).** The Albanian Church is maturing from the infancy stages of the 1990s 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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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

They are thankful that they have been able to meet in person to worship the Lord and fellowship with one another. Please pray for everyone in their church family to rightfully remain cautious amongst the reopening happening in Japan. Pray that God will lead them in how to minister to the communities surrounding each of the house churches. Schools reopened at the beginning of June. Pray for their children as they attend school, as it is a critical re-entry point into Japan for them. Please pray for them as they navigate many varying emotions. Thank God for some new friends they have already made. Pray that the Lord will draw their children to himself. Pray that Chris and Leanne will have and take advantage of gospel opportunities.

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

Matt and Laura are thankful for all our prayers during this challenging time. They have seen boys' teams in Mexico, Colombia, and Cleveland get on Zoom for workouts, to encourage one another and go through a devotional together. They would never have thought to do anything like this prior to COVID-19. On the girls' side, each of the teams connected on Zoom with Division 1 and professional players who have participated in Ambassadors tours to Peru, Mexico, and Rwanda over the past couple of years. The women shared their testimonies and encouraged the girls. The staff continues to organize similar opportunities around the world in addition to providing for physical needs like food and medical supplies. They are grateful for the Lord's provision during this time as they come alongside others.

**American Samoa (Pacific).** 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. Pray for awakening and renewal in these rapidly declining churches. **Anguilla (Caribbean).** 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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### **The City Mission, United States**

Laura's Home has several new children with severe special needs in desperate need of services. Pray that the many obstacles to helping them obtain these essential resources will be removed, allowing these needs to be met. Ask God to bring peace and understanding to the staff and clients as they deal with the issues they face due to COVID-19. Pray that clients at Crossroads will be better able to reach their personal goals as they relaunch their program. As Crossroads begins to reengage volunteers and support group leaders through virtual recovery group meetings, pray that God would bless them with patience and success as they impact lives with the gospel. Continue to pray for the New Horizons Housing Program as they move through the final steps in receiving the donation of a home for a needy family. Pray for the staff, the five new summer interns, and the need for safety & security staff at Laura's Home.

**Andorra (Europe).** 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.

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

E & J found out that their final pre-field orientation that was cancelled will take place virtually this month. Praise God for the opportunity to fulfill this final requirement. Pray that it will prove to be beneficial and encouraging. Pray for patience and peace as they wait on God's timing as to when they can move to their country of service and pray that God will provide visas for their teammates. Please pray for their future friends and neighbors, that God will work in their hearts and prepare them to hear the good news and respond in faith.

**Angola (Africa).** Pray for Christ-like, holy living by followers of the Lord Jesus that commends the gospel to unbelievers and passionately reaches out to their disillusioned, apathetic neighbors. Christian leadership is still the most critical challenge before the Church. Only a fraction of congregations has trained pastors. The increase in Bible schools and seminaries is still not keeping pace with the needs.

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### **Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia**

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



**Antigua, Barbuda & Aruba (Caribbean).** Antiguan 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. Pray that righteous authorities and the prayers of the saints may break down these structures of sin; pray for wisdom and discernment for the government in handling these difficult issues. 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 prosperity preachers. Praise God for increased fellowship and cooperation among pastors, enabling evangelicals to present a united front for the gospel.



### **B & J, United States**

Thank God with B and J that they have had work during this time of pandemic when so many others are losing jobs. Please pray for B as he daily interacts with other tradesmen. Pray for Matt, Samer, and Jeff's salvation. Please pray for direction for B and J as they continue to seek God's will for the future.

**Argentina (Latin America).** Spiritual hunger led to growth. Pray that the Spirit will continue to draw many to himself and to do a deep work in believers. But spiritual openness is also seeing many drawn into cults, including Umbanda occultism from Brazil as well as to churches with some questionable teachings. Pray that those enslaved to sin will find freedom 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

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

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

# Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia**

- 14 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
  - Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live biblically. ESI has 2,200 graduates since 2002 and 2,100 active participants in 200 groups in 15 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church 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

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# English Language Volunteers Needed

Make a difference in  
the lives of others  
from your home  
this summer!



Volunteers are needed to conduct 40-minute conversation sessions with 2-5 students, helping them practice what they learn in class. Guidance will be provided. If you are available in the mornings and are comfortable using Zoom, we would love to hear from you!

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