

Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **December**

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



Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



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 A205. 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 or visit their website, operationworld.org.



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.6 million towards missions in 2021. 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 God 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



E & J*
M, J, C
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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



B & J*
M, O, P, P
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Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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01

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew & Angie thank God for the way he has been working in the church and in peoples' lives. They have eight people lined up to get baptized on December 3. Please pray for Paola, Ailen, Bruno, Natalia, Benjamin, Pedro, Magdalena, and Nicole (their oldest daughter)—that God will continue to work in the lives of these individuals and will complete the good work he has started.

Hungary (Europe). Population: 9,766,105, Believers: 2.8%. Hungarians have lost contact with the gospel, despite enjoying a rich theological history. They seek answers in many places: materialism, hedonism, alcohol, and increasingly, false religion. Postmodern mentalities predominate. Pray for all falsehoods and empty philosophies to be exposed as such and for Christ to be exalted as the truth in this historically Christian nation. Pray that Hungarians might see the truth of the gospel and the freedom it brings through Jesus.

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02

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Pray for Chris and Leanne as they enter the Christmas holiday season with many opportunities to share who they are in Christ. From simple sharing of different Christmas decorations' symbolism, to sharing the Christmas story, the Lord has given them opportunities in the past to tell others about his sacrificial gift of leaving heaven to come to earth to do for mankind what mankind could not do for itself. Please pray for the different gatherings, both friend-to-friend and larger gatherings, spread out throughout December.

India (Asia). Population: 1,367,224,576, Believers: 2.2%. India has more unreached individuals than any other nation. Christians in India are unequally spread—the south and northeast have a much higher proportion of Christians than the more populated north and west. Thirteen states in North India are less than 1% Christian. Pray that the Church worldwide might rise to this task. Training Christian workers is an important need that is immediately urgent and essential in the long-term. The life and health of the church depend on the proper development of pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries. In churches, poor discipling and lack of teaching and modeling of biblical life and leadership are problems. There is, on average, one trained pastor for every six congregations.

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03

Parkside Green, United States

Please pray for God to use Pastor Adam's Advent series to prepare them to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Pray for the Lord to draw many to himself at their Christmas outreach service on December 18. Finally, ask the Lord to provide a smooth transition back to Uganda for their aviation missionary family who have been on home assignment.

The Islands of Indonesia (Asia). Population: 254,217,770, Believers: 5.6%. A spiritual conflict rages for Indonesia. Ancient and strong occult powers seek to oppose the influence of the gospel, while modern Muslim stratagems seek to eliminate Christianity and remove the presence of the good news. Pray specifically for the binding of these powers and for continued growth of the Church in the midst of intense opposition and growing persecution.

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04

Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Heavy rains totally swamped the retreat center that the ministry uses for the missionary school in Chad. Unfortunately, nothing else suitable could be found at a reasonable price, so they must wait for the water to subside and the sun to dry the land before school can begin. There is also turmoil and demonstrations in N'Djamena, the capital. People have been killed and injured as they demonstrate against the government which has allowed much poverty and suffering. Pray for God's mercy on this nation and for his protection over the students and their 64 workers in the field.

Iran (Asia). Population: 83,740,317, Believers: 0.2%. Young people are particularly responsive to the gospel. With nearly two-thirds of the population under age 30, with disillusionment at an all-time high, and with frustrated desires for freedom, there is a unique window of opportunity to impact this generation with the liberating good news about Jesus. Pray that the unmet longings of their hearts might be fulfilled as they meet Christ. Already, much of the underground church is made up of this younger generation.

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05

Parkside Church Westside, United States

Parkside Church Westside appreciates prayer as they continue to spread the gospel locally and globally. Please pray that they would continue to love and serve their neighbors in Lakewood. As they hold their Christmas Store for Lakewood families in need, pray for opportunities to show these families the love of Jesus and that they would be drawn to hope in Christ. Pray for Garden Christian Academy and the work they are doing to bring the good news of Jesus to their students. Pray for the members of Parkside Westside to boldly proclaim Christ daily in the mission fields the Lord has placed them.

Iraq (Asia). Population: 40,227,611, Believers: 0.2%. Leadership for the churches is an increasingly desperate need. Many good leaders have fled the country; many others are dead, specifically targeted by Islamists. Much of the pastoring and discipling is handled by Christian widows of slain leaders; pray for their equipping and enabling. Pray for the return of leaders who have fled, for the development of new leaders, and for protection of all who shepherd God's people in Iraq.

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06

Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand

Praise the Lord for two short-term workers, Elizabeth and Simone, who will be helping with the many Christmas outreaches this year.

Pray that God will give them a vision for their part in the Great

Commission. Amy and her team are grateful for our prayers each Christmas season. Please pray that the gospel message will be clearly presented to those with open hearts. Pray also for strength, energy, and enthusiasm at each event.

Ireland (Europe). Population: 5,145,254, Believers: 1.5%. Evangelicals are experiencing sustained growth. The immigration surge contributed to this, with around one-third of evangelicals coming from non-Irish ethnicities. Pray for unity amid the new diversity, continued growth, good Bible-trained leadership to be raised up, and for the further development of holistic ministry by evangelicals.

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07

Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Pray for them as they expand their nursery and kids' classrooms to make room for growth. Pray for both physical and spiritual protection for several young families who are facing some very tough circumstances.

Pray for their Christmas Store outreach. Pray that the gospel will be made plain and that families who participate will have hearts opened to God's love. Praise God for the testimonies that are being shared in their neighborhood Bible study on Tuesday mornings. The picture of Jesus' redeeming work in the lives of people is spectacular. Pray for their friends and neighbors without housing as the temperature drops.

Israel (Asia). Population: 8,306,679, Believers: 0.4%. The Jewish mindset toward Christianity, often characterized by animosity and part of a long and painful history, is a barrier to be overcome. "Christian" nations are seen to be destroyers of the Jewish nation whether by persecution or by proselytization. Pray that the gospel may be understood as a fulfillment of their Jewish heritage and pray that a widespread turning to their Messiah might come. Those who oppose the gospel are more active than ever; pray also that all attempts to restrict religious freedom and to deny the Jewish identity of Messianic believers may ultimately cause even more Jews to come to faith.

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08

Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

The weather is warm in South Africa. The children have completed writing their final exams, and they are enjoying summer with a lot of rain.

Johannes is working on the possibility of starting a church service for

students and youth in the university. Some of the university management are excited about the idea, but there has been no decision from the whole team yet. Pray for favor for the proposal. The whole month of December, their church is planning to have a crusade reminding people about the birth of our Lord Jesus. Please pray for the success of this project. Pray for their ministry in the New Year.

Italy (Europe). Population: 60,408,428, Believers: 1.1%. The challenge of Christian leadership in Italy remains urgent, since lack of mature, qualified, and gifted leaders persists. Academic and pastoral training are needs, but finance, time, and lack of vision limit opportunities. Pray that the various means of training would bolster pastoral leadership across the nation and, in turn, uplift and disciple the whole Church to entirely new levels of maturity.

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09

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

While turkeys and Christmas trees are currently on the minds of many throughout the U.S., visions of soccer balls and World Cup victories are dancing in the heads of millions worldwide. FIFA predicts that 1 million people will attend a live match of the World Cup tournament and that more than 3 billion people will tune in for televised matches. In anticipation of the festivities, Ambassadors Football created a fun line-up of World Cup resources that can be used in football and children's ministries around the world. Please pray that as they share these resources with connections around the globe, they are used throughout the World Cup to direct people to Christ. Pray also that interest in their new curriculum, *Toward the Goal*, will grow as they seek to use it to help children and their families develop a biblical worldview.

Jamaica (Caribbean). Population: 2,834,321, Believers: 28.0%. The country finds itself in the midst of moral and social collapse. Powerful South American drug cartels, using Jamaica as a transshipment point for cocaine destined for the USA, wield great influence. As part of an anti-corruption drive, the government has invited greater participation from churches. Pray that government and church leaders may reject compromise. Pray for courage, moral integrity, and determination to turn the country back to God.

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10

E & J, North Africa

Last month, E & J experienced a miscarriage of an early pregnancy. They know that God is good, and he knows best. Pray for healing and comfort for them. Some of J's language tutors went to a local ladies' meeting at their fellowship. One was especially interested and was asking questions. Pray that these ladies would not just have intellectual curiosity, but that the truth they heard would penetrate their hearts. Pray that they will realize their utter need for rescue, and trust in Jesus alone. Pray that J will have good ongoing conversations with them.

Japan (Asia). Population: 123,664,363 Believers: 0.5%. Christianity is still regarded as an outside Western religion rather than a universal faith with the capacity to be truly Japanese. This is despite 500 years of Christian presence in Japan. Christians are a tiny minority in a society where consensus and conformity is important. Too few families come to faith, and too many individuals feel exposed. Pray for the Church to reach the size of critical mass and native character that will give it social credence and acceptability.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Please pray for their language learning. Pray for their language teacher "Miss G" and her daughter Evangeline—that the power of God in the gospel will bring them to salvation. Pray for the students from the countryside to whom their local church has given housing. The students agree to come to church and commit to a weekly meeting where they learn from the Scriptures and memorize verses.

Jordan (Asia). Population: 7,518,599 Believers: 0.3%. Religious freedom could be a casualty amid rising religious tensions. This nation is a center for many Christian activities and ministries, and much Christian work in the Middle East would suffer were a setback to occur in Jordan. Pray for the freedom to proclaim the gospel and for followers of Jesus to be able to remain in Jordan.

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12

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie are scheduled to begin their home assignment on December 21. Please pray for all the arrangements that they must make this month in preparation for their departure, as well as for the leadership team that will be assuming additional responsibilities while they are away. Pray that God will continue to grant them wisdom, boldness, and love as they interact with the people he puts in their path.

Kazakhstan (Asia). Population: 16,726,108 Believers: 0.7%. "To be a Kazakh is to be Muslim"—but theirs is a folk Islam strongly influenced by shamanistic practices. Other Muslim countries (Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan) invest huge amounts of money to send Muslim missionaries. Traditional Islam is on the rise, even trendy in some sectors, despite the government actively opposing radical Islam. Orthodox Christianity is perceived as the religion of Russians, and evangelicals are often regarded as dangerous sects. Pray for this misconception to be broken; pray for freedom from historic spiritual bondages and prejudices.

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Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia

It's summer in Australia. Many international students usually return home, but because of travel restrictions, particularly in China, most students are continuing to stay in the country. Please pray for opportunities to connect with students who might be more available during the summer months. Pray for various Christmas activities for internationals—that many would hear and respond to the good news of Christ. Pray for an Iranian couple Blake and Emily met in their neighborhood. The husband is a PhD student at a nearby campus and is particularly interested in discussing spiritual topics. Pray for opportunities to share not only the gospel, but their lives as well.

Kenya (Africa). Population: 52,033,545 Believers: 48.9%. Long-term and rapid growth in churches has brought significant challenges for prayer. The need for trained leaders for the more than 80,000 congregations gives cause for concern. Pray for grassroots training programs that aim to ground leaders in the Word and to help them lead and plant truly biblical, truly African churches.

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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 for the three ESI groups that Edgar is leading in Oaxaca.

As Juan and his wife, Amy, prepare for missions in a closed country, pray that God would provide necessary visas. Pray that Edgar would continue healing well from shoulder surgeries after a motorbike accident. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he leads ESI groups in Chiapas. Neri and Karina are attempting to integrate four orphans into their family. The authorities currently have the siblings living together on their own. Pray for wisdom and patience during this time and for a breakthrough in the adoption process. Pray that the church plant will continue to grow, and that God will provide funding for a building. Pray God will continue to bring spiritual fruit as his Word is proclaimed in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

Kiribati (Pacific). Population: 115,185 Believers: 7.2%. The once-strong Congregational Church (Kiribati Protestant) is in slow decline and losing members to other groups. The theological college in Tarawa is not evangelical. Pray for a return to the Bible. Nominalism and syncretism with traditional spiritism practices are all too common. **Liechtenstein (Europe).** Population: 38,940 Believers: 0.5%. Liechtenstein has changed from a feudal backwater in the 1930s into a sophisticated and affluent modern state. Expatriates represent several Christian confessions, but non-religion and Islam are growing rapidly. Few in this country have ever been confronted with the necessity of a personal faith in Christ. Pray encounters with the gospel might likewise multiply.

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Health for Her Cleveland, United States

Pray that their Holiday Connection project continues to move forward and that many donors and families are blessed in the process.

Please pray that donors will continue to give to the baby boutique.

Their greatest need is newborn and size 3 diapers. They have been blessed with opportunities to serve many women recently who said "Yes" to life. Pray for their staff. Several of them are dealing with health issues. Pray for comfort and healing. After Roe was overturned, Ohio enacted a 6-week limit on abortion. That was challenged and is no longer in place. Pray that the Heartbeat bill is brought back and approved with no disruption.

North Korea (Asia). Population: 24,802,254 Believers: 1.0%. The Church in North Korea was the birthplace of Korean revival, but most Christians fled to the south during the Korean War or were martyred and their churches destroyed. Very little is known about today's underground church, only that it has survived and is growing amid great suffering and danger. There are four propaganda "show" churches in the capital, but up to 100,000 Christians are interned in labor camps. Possessing a Bible, saying "God" or "Jesus," and meeting as believers are all punishable by death. Pray for North Korean believers to persevere in what is probably the most difficult country in which to be a Christian.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Pray for the growth and maturity of the local church. May their understanding and love of Jesus increase as they study the Bible.

Please pray for a local brother, Ian, who has had some serious back pain and has been hindered from his work as a pastor.

South Korea (Asia). Population: 49,474,990 Believers: 16.8%. The looming specter of North Korea must not be ignored. With Seoul only 30 miles from the demilitarized zone, any conflict would immediately affect millions. More likely than an invasion is the collapse of North Korea's state structure, bringing with it massive humanitarian needs and a huge challenge to the South. Pray that political and Christian leaders may be ready for a such an occasion and make wise decisions for the healing of all Korea. Mission to the North is almost impossible, but many in the South prepare and pray for reunification and for the opportunity to share the gospel.

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Praise the Lord for the creativity, efforts, and generosity of partner ministries that help make God's word more accessible once it has been produced. Pray that their Quechua partners will get the word out about

how anyone can access the gospel videos and Old Testament recordings.

Praise the Lord for the good PET scan Mark had in November. This means his chemo treatments knocked his lymphoma back for a while. In November, Mark and Patti visited their oldest, Andy, whose son Jeremiah was so sick in the spring.

Praise God that Jeremiah is active and not experiencing any limitations. Their son Ernie finally had hernia surgery. Pray for healing.

Kuwait (Asia). Population: 3,690,110 Believers: 1.5%. Kuwaiti Arabs are increasingly exposed to Christians via travel, business contacts, and studying abroad. This is particularly so for students; Kuwaiti students abroad are being reached so effectively that many families are now sending their children to study in Egypt, UAE, etc. in order to protect them from Christian witness. Pray that Christians might take advantage of these opportunities and that the gospel message might fall on open hearts, prepared by the Holy Spirit. Pray also for those Kuwaitis who hear and want to respond; cultural and familial pressures prevent many from following Christ.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

- Parkside Missionaries
- Regional Missions Agencies

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AN UPDATE FROM Andrew & Angie James Uruguay

Dear Parkside Family,

As we reflect upon our last term here in Uruguay, we thank God for his goodness and grace, realizing that God has truly done more than we could have ever asked or imagined (Ephesians 3:20-21).

When we returned to Uruguay after our last home assignment in February of 2021, we were reaching the worst phase of the COVID pandemic here in the nation. Despite the challenges and restrictions at the time, we found that God provided ways to continue preaching the Word and maintaining fellowship with other believers, and rather than declining during this season, the church continued to grow.

Since opening the church in April of 2019, we had been meeting in a facility owned by a local college ministry which allowed us to use their building on Sunday mornings. Though this facility suited our needs during the first phase of the church plant, it began to be a bit small as the church continued to grow. In addition to this, because the facility was only available to us on Sunday morning, it was difficult to develop other ministries during the week. To meet the growing needs of the church, we began to look for a new rental facility towards the end of 2021. After much searching, we eventually found a new building in January of 2022 which is both central in location and suitable to our current needs.



PHOTOS: (LEFT) Sunday service in the new church building. (RIGHT) First Equipping Servants International (ESI) group meeting.

Simply moving to more of a residential area and having a visible presence during the week led some of the neighbors to start coming on Sundays.

We discovered there was an itinerant market right outside the church on Friday mornings and decided to take advantage of the opportunity by setting up a stand from which we would distribute free coffee, invitations to the church, and try to engage in meaningful conversation with neighbors. As a result of these opportunities and other evangelistic activities during the year, we found that the church continued to grow. Often, it amazed us that people would show up at church without us having done anything to bring them.

Because of the expanding needs in the church, one of our main priorities during this last term has been on leadership development. We started a new Equipping Servants International (ESI) group in March of 2021 with some of the potential leaders we had identified in the church. As we walk with people through this training process, it has been encouraging to see how these individuals continue to grow in their knowledge of the Lord and in their capacity to serve and teach others. This has been a huge blessing to the church, as it has allowed us to delegate responsibilities to other qualified believers, rather than having everything fall on us.

Though I (Andrew) continue to preach most Sundays, I have been working to train a group of about seven other young men who occasionally share the Word on Sundays. These men have also had a significant role in other teaching ministries, such as the junior high ministry, the youth group, and small groups. Though numerical growth definitely comes with its challenges, it has also been encouraging to see God's faithfulness in providing other ministry partners who are able to share the burden with us.

As for the family, we thank God that everyone is doing well. Nicole is finishing up primary school this month and will be transitioning to a new secondary school at the start of next school year (March), while Camille and Zack will continue to attend the same public school they have been attending since the beginning. Nicole turned twelve in October and is excited to get baptized on December 3. It is a great joy to see our children walking with the Lord despite the negative influences which surround them.

We will be returning for home assignment later this month, and as we take a moment to reflect upon the last term, we thank God once again for the many ways he has displayed his goodness and grace.

Thank you for your
partnership in the gospel,

THE JAMES FAMILY

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Truth For Life, United States

Thank the Lord for bringing new graphic design team member Seth Finnegan to Truth For Life. Pray that Seth will come up to speed quickly and actively contribute to the mission of Truth For Life. Also, praise God for his goodness to Matt Yokom, who underwent successful kidney transplant surgery in early November. Ask the Lord to expedite Matt's healing and restore him to full health. Pray that God will use the books offered through Truth For Life in December to lead many to come to know Jesus. Also, ask him to provide for all of Truth For Life's needs as they end 2022 and look forward to 2023.

Kyrgyzstan (Asia). Population: 6,159,279 Believers: 0.7%. Persecution is partly the consequence of church growth and evangelism in a Muslim land. The government is taking a harder line toward any religious expression which it feels may cause social or political instability, and this includes evangelicals. Beyond growing government hostility, resurgent Islamism targets evangelicals with intimidation, property destruction, and physical violence. Pray for believers to stand firm and demonstrate the power and love of Christ.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

Pray that many women would come to their sewing centers and would acquire the skills needed to add income to their families. Pray for wisdom in sharing the Bible with illiterates. Pray for protection as their team travels to different districts to minister through the Word of God. Pray that the church plants of their associates would thrive, and many people would be added to the Kingdom.

Laos (Asia). Population: 7,650,708 Believers: 2.6%. Much of Laos remains unevangelized. The remarkable growth of the church is still dwarfed by the size of the task remaining. Most people remain unreached, and the gospel has not easily crossed ethnic barriers. Pray for the gospel light to shine throughout Laos and to draw many to Christ.

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Kep & Debbie James, Latin America, Africa, United States

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they follow up with the contacts they made with African pastors and church planters in Tanzania in April. Pray that the Lord will show them where to focus their ministry attention in 2023. Pray for them as they help the African pastors and church leaders to become students of the Bible, understanding what it says and living what it says, so they can faithfully teach what it says, resulting in a Church across Africa that is true to Christ and that honors Jesus by being true to his Scriptures. Pray that the pastors and leaders back in Bolivia will be people of the Book so they can lead the congregation in a way that exalts Jesus.

Latvia (Europe). Population: 2,152,631 Believers: 7.0%. Ministry to young people is strategic—this includes campus, youth, and children’s ministries, as well as summer camps. Pray for more workers with the vision to reach young people. Pray that this generation might be reached before they lapse into the irreligion or atheism of their forebears.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Praise the Lord for all he has done in and through Fieldstone in 2022. Please continue to pray that those in need would connect with them for care and be encouraged through the good news of the gospel. Pray that their counselors would be encouraged and strengthened in Christ as they meet with their counselees.

Lebanon (Asia). Population: 4,586,655 Believers: 0.5%. Trained leadership in evangelical churches is a precious resource. The decline in foreign missionaries and the emigration of national leaders has left many congregations without effective pastoral care. Despite this, Lebanon has a good number of evangelical Bible schools. Pray for staff members, the supply of needs, and for more students. Pray that increasing cooperation among these colleges would result in significant advances for the Kingdom.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Praise God that the Mam Indians, among whom the Collins’s work, are helping to fund some of their own pastors and ministries. This is an important step forward for the local Church. Pray for Wes and his family as they grieve the unexpected death of his older brother, Francis, in November.

Lesotho (Africa). Population: 2,244,475 Believers: 12.1%. The mountain population of 600,000 are among the poorest and most vulnerable. Nominally Christian, they have little contact with the life-giving gospel. Lesotho’s churches are beginning to wake up to this challenge. Many villages are only accessible on horseback, others by MAF plane. Pray for fruitful and sustainable ministry that yields thriving churches.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Pray that Shoreline’s Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be an encouragement, especially to those walking through a season of pain and difficulty. Pray that Pastor Scott Kennedy’s upcoming sabbatical in early 2023 will be a time of rest and renewal. Pray for Rale and Dragana Terzic in Serbia, a missionary family Shoreline supports. The Lord has blessed them with their first child, Vuk. Thank God for the land gifted to Rale for free to be used for his soccer outreach for the next ten years.

Liberia (Africa). Population: 5,252,580 Believers: 14.6%. The task of evangelization and mission must fall to Liberians and other Africans. Foreign missionaries had a long, hard, uphill struggle to plant churches in the interior; but disease, language diversity, entrenched fetishism, and the disruption of war all hampered the work and eventually drove out all expat workers. Pray for those with a burden to return; pray for wisdom to know how they can best serve in rebuilding the nation, and best help the Liberian Church complete the evangelization of every people.

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E & J, North Africa

Thank God for giving E & J all things that pertain to life and godliness by his divine power (2 Peter 1:3). They have been praying that God would provide a local friend for J, and a neighbor upstairs has been regularly inviting her to spend the evenings together. Please pray that this friendship would develop, and that God would bless this kind neighbor. Recently, E and a teammate submitted an application (a formidable stack of documents) that moves them another step closer to attaining residency. Pray that the applications would be accepted, and that God would provide them with a stable, long-term presence there for his name's sake.

Libya (Africa). Population: 7,698,742 Believers: 0.3%. The spiritual climate in Libya has changed significantly. God is doing a new work in this land. There is notable spiritual hunger among Libyans, but not enough Bibles for those seeking them. Increasing numbers of Libyans are coming to Christ (though still only a few), and expatriate Christians now enjoy greater spiritual liberty than in the past. Praise God for these developments and pray that they would continue.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Praise God that the Parkside Missions Dental Team was able to serve in Pueblo Viejo last month and for a positive response to the gospel as it was shared. Pray for Pedro and Roberto as they do follow up visits to the community. Pray specifically for a pilot to help Amos fly in Mexico. Pray for Juan Carlos and Gregorio as they do pilot training to prepare to fly with MAF. Pray for the safe flight of their airplane from Ohio to Mexico this month. Pray for Mike as he travels to Haiti to help their team for a couple of weeks. Please pray for healing and good rehab as Joan recovers from rotator cuff surgery.

Lithuania (Europe). Population: 3,058,404 Believers: 1.1%. Freedom has brought progress. Doors for the gospel remain open, and evangelical positions can have a hearing in society. However, with freedom came many dangers—increased materialism, hedonism, and nihilism. Substance abuse, suicide, and most sinister, trafficking women for prostitution in the West, all disintegrate the nation's foundations. Economic growth must be paired with real social and spiritual transformation; pray that God would bring massive societal change through his people.

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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

There are two PA groups meeting in La Paz under the leadership of Pastor Juan Cardenas and one group in Santa Cruz under the leadership of Pastor Javier Soliz. Pray for the eight Pastoral Assistant volunteers in Santa Cruz: Daniel Cabrera, Liliana Cronenbold, Claudia Herrera, Karen Hurtado, Miguel Olivera, Paolo Paris, Rolando Ruiz, and Aldruin Tapia; and for the 12 in La Paz: Juan Carlos Valdivia Arce, Grover Cantuta, Arturo Chávez, Pedro Garcia, Miguel Angel Guerra, Carlos Eduardo Soruco Michel, Fernando Moscoso, Miguel Angel Ayala Quiroga, Luis Eduardo Quiroz Rivero, Erick Rocabado, Alvaro Linares Salinas, and Rafael Oscar Lizarraga Yaravi. Pray for these pastors as they study through Romans, Hebrews, and Ephesians, preparing expository messages, and meeting weekly to preach and evaluate their messages.

Luxembourg (Europe). Population: 549,839 Believers: 0.5%. The growth of other faiths presents a challenge to traditional faith. Pray that believers in the Lord Jesus might seek and make use of chances to share the gospel and help shape the nation according to biblical principles. **Maldives (Asia).** Population: 361,689 Believers: 0.1%. Persecution of believers is intense. Any Maldivian practicing Christianity can expect mockery, ostracism, incarceration, and even torture. Pray for those who believe—for their protection, their courage in the face of great trials, and for opportunities to grow in and spread their faith.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

Pray for Jon and the senior leadership of Ambassadors Football around the world in 32 countries. Pray that each leader will desire a closer walk with Jesus. (Leaders who have been in ministry for a long time often plateau). Pray Jon and Ruthie will “finish strong” in the Lord. Ambassadors Football has never had a staff member dedicated to raising funds for the organization. With that now becoming a possibility, pray for wisdom. Pray that God will make his direction clear to both the individual and to the leaders of Ambassadors Football. Jon is thankful to God for bringing Rahel from Germany to be his assistant. Her help is already a blessing to him and the mission around the world. Pray that her adjustment to life in the USA goes smoothly and that God gives her wisdom in everything she does.

Macedonia (Europe). Population: 2,045,824 Believers: 0.2%. The evangelical witness is small but growing. Even so, there are fewer than 100 evangelical congregations. Expressions of oneness in Christ are increasing, including pastors’ prayer summits and networks, citywide worship events, and even websites focused on the issue. Pray that believers might press into true unity and that Christians’ love for one another might attract many to Christ.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Chris and Leanne have recently started a community English conversation group. They already have five people who have decided to join them. Pray that, through this group, they will grow deeper in relationship and have gospel focused conversations. It is a wonderful way for them to meet new people in the community and, as the Lord leads, share who they are in Christ through conversations.

Madagascar (Africa). Population: 25,686,510 Believers: 11.5%. The old beliefs still prevail in many ways, despite the growth and spread of Christianity. Compromise with the old beliefs, veneration of ancestral spirits, and witchcraft is widespread among those who claim to be Christian. A Christian veneer often prevails, but many have little understanding of the biblical message of salvation. Revival as well as biblical teaching and leadership are urgently needed. Pray for a new move of the Holy Spirit to reawaken these churches.

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The City Mission, United States

Pray that their residents will seek and find connections with local churches. Praise God for how he has worked in the lives of residents, bringing healing and restoration to relationships. Pray that the women and children at Laura's Home will find in Christ both hope and meaningful solutions for their lives. Pray for a good response to their fundraising for new beds for the men at Crossroads. Also pray for the health and wellbeing of staff and volunteers.

Malawi (Africa). Population: 20,536,979 Believers: 19.6%. The increasing activity of Islam is a significant issue in Malawi. Malawi has a great influx of funds via the Africa Muslim Agency. These extend Islam's influence through primary education, scholarships for tertiary students to go to Muslim nations, aid distribution, drilling wells, medical aid, mosque building, and many other means. Although the impact of these has thus far been quite limited, pray for awareness and training for the equipping of Christians to meet this challenge. Pray also for a persistent, loving witness to Muslims throughout Malawi.

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

Pray for the ESI groups across Latin America, Spain, and Kenya, that God will help the participants see Jesus in Romans as they study it, and experience true gospel transformation in their lives and ministries.

Malaysia (Asia). Population: 32,016,875 Believers: 4.3%. Religious freedom for all faiths is constitutionally guaranteed despite changes that threaten this. Pray especially that the Christian community may continue to possess the liberty to practice, profess, and propagate their faith amid the discrimination and intimidation arising from the process of Islamization currently occurring.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

They are thankful that God has brought college students from CIM, Case Western Reserve University, and John Carroll to their church.

Please pray that these students would be loved into the community of the church and really feel at home. Pray for God to provide office space for Dan and Peter, ideally somewhere near University Circle, so that they can have access to students who are studying and living there.

Mali (Africa). Population: 16,767,115 Believers: 0.7%. Islam in Mali tends to be moderate and uniquely West African. The large majority practice a tolerant brand of Islam that incorporates elements of African traditional religions and superstitious folk practices. Large amounts of aid from Libya and Saudi Arabia keep the population further tied to Islam. Pray for Muslims in Mali to have the opportunity to hear, read about, and experience Jesus and the assurance of salvation he alone offers.

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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

North Africa	E & J
Japan	Chris & Leanne Harrington
Uruguay	Andrew & Angie James
Africa/Latin America/United States	Kep & Debbie James
Central Asia	Bobby & Julie

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**
- 20 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 2,730 graduates since 2002, and 1,825 active participants in 168 groups in 15 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Parkside Church has, and continues to, assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**
- 2 Mexican Pastors, 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

Fieldstone Counseling

Indigenous Church Planting

Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Parkside Green

Scranton Road Bible Church

The City Mission

Health for Her Cleveland

Parkside Church Westside

Parkside Heights Church

Shoreline Church

Truth For Life

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson

Jon (& Ruthie)

Goran (& Beth) Tomic

Amy Cottle

Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2021: \$2.6 million

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

To find out more about joining a future short-term team, please contact the church office at 440.543.1212 or visit www.parksidechurch.com/missions.



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