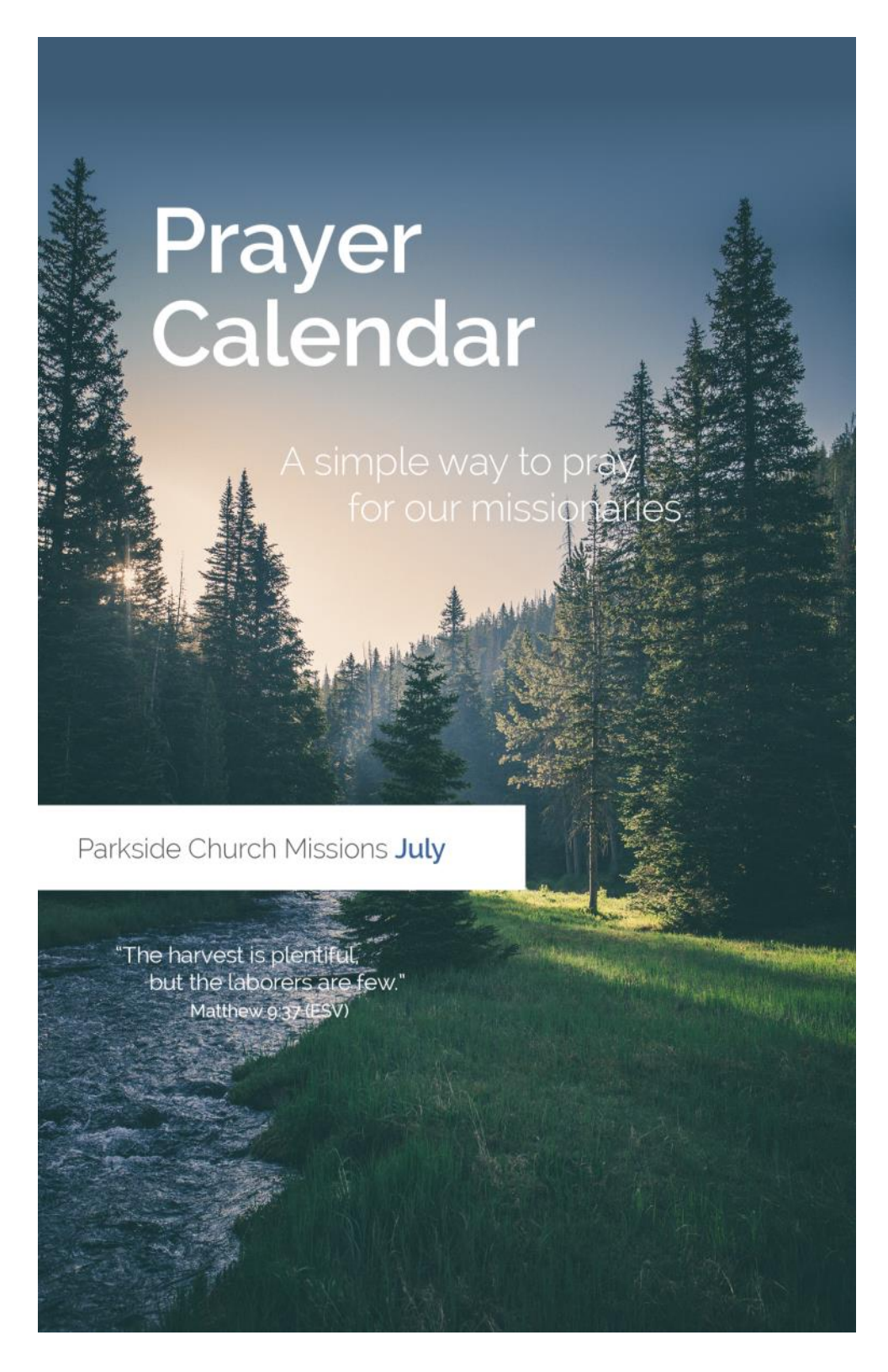




Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **July**



"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.

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



Go

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



Learn

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



Give

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

Parkside Church Missionaries



Mark & Patti Bean
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Wes & Nancy Collins
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



Chris & Leanne Harrington
Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham



Andrew & Angie James
Nicole, Camille, Zack



Kep & Debbie James
Heather, Katie, Andrew



Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson
Ben, Emily



Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron



Mike & Cindy
Hannah, Rachel, Luke, Elizabeth

JUL

01

B & J, United States

Join B & J in giving thanks to the Lord for His help resettling in St. Paul, Minnesota. B is thankful for his many coworkers who do not know Christ yet. Please pray that he will have opportunities to share the Gospel.

New Zealand (Pacific). The increasing presence of other religious and spiritual options presents a challenge for Christians. The influx of immigrants from other faith backgrounds is an opportunity for Kiwis to share the gospel cross-culturally. More pressing, though, is the permeation of society with New Age spirituality. Its individualistic, non-structural, nature attuned character appeals to many who are disillusioned with Christianity. Pray for ways for the gospel to be shared in an engaging and relevant manner.

JUL

02

Parkside Green, United States

Praise the Lord for the great start of summer camps held in June. Please pray God's blessing on all the volunteers for the various camps and that the meaningful connections and the sharing of the Gospel would bear fruit in these tender hearts and in the families who heard the message as it was carried home. As women's and men's Bible studies and other gatherings scheduled throughout the summer take place, please pray that friendships would be fostered and bonds strengthened, resulting in encouragement and edification from the study of God's Word. Thank God for his abundant gifts and unsurpassable goodness!

Nicaragua (Latin America). Young people have grown up in a country ravaged by war and disaster and distorted by political ideologies. Stable families are rare. Not many churches are equipped or committed to meet their needs, despite the fact that 30% of the population is under age 30. Pray for a redemptive and transforming impact on society.

JUL

03

Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

They are pleased to be able to share that Juan Carlos Rivera has been able to do some solo flights this last month. This is an important step towards his being able to qualify as an MAF pilot. Please continue to pray for his training and his English proficiency. Please pray for Mike as he travels to Oaxaca for two weeks this month. He will be filling in for Amos as Amos receives some recurrence training. Then Mike will be getting his own annual check ride. Please pray that he will be a blessing and an encouragement to the Alas staff as well as their church friends.

Niger (Africa). Christianity is growing, but more slowly than the population overall; the same applies for evangelicals, who remain a tiny minority. Positively, many previously unreached people groups now have their first believers, and pastors, who converted from Islam themselves, lead the majority of congregations. But social and cultural pressure to remain in or revert to Islam prevents many, who would otherwise do so, from following Christ. Pray for a critical mass of open, practicing Christians that begins larger people movements to Christ.

JUL

04

Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

They thank God for all He has done over their years of ministry, which began 40 years ago, when God called Jon into soccer ministry through a short-term missions trip to Haiti. Please pray for greater unity and clarity as 30+ national leaders come together in Cleveland the first week of July for their International Leaders' Conference. Pray that Parkside's Soccer Camp (July 9-13) will be blessed with great weather and that the children who attend will hide God's word in their hearts. Pray that lifelong decisions will be made for Christ. According to Barna Research, decisions made to follow Jesus by children less than 12 years of age are far more likely to be life-long decisions than decisions made by teenagers.

Nigeria (Africa). Christian leaders are under great stress in today's Nigeria, including spiritual opposition, political pressure and financial temptations. Those in the north also face very real dangers from Muslim extremists. Pray for: a) Integrity and unity in leadership. There is frequently a gap between what is preached and what is perceived to be practiced by Christian leaders. b) The multiplication of leaders who are Spirit-led, well versed in the Scriptures, skilled in disciple-making and steeped in the knowledge of God and the power of prayer. c) The hundreds of seminaries, colleges, Bible schools and training programs in Nigeria. d) Servant-leaders and mentors to be raised up. One-man ministries, dictatorial leadership, empire-building and unwillingness to entrust responsibility to the upcoming generation are common weaknesses.

JUL

05

E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

Join E & J in praising God that He is blessing them with another baby; and pray that J will have a healthy pregnancy. Praise God for their excellent training in Mexico that finished in June. Join them in prayer for future plans including travel and transitioning. They are thankful to spend time with friends and family back in Ohio this month. Pray that they will be refreshed.

Norway (Europe). Church planting is a real need in a society where church membership is high but actual belief and attendance are low. Even missions traditionally focused on foreign fields see the need on the home front. Between 1996 and 2005, more than 250 new congregations were planted. The challenge is two-fold: to disciple the many nominal Christians and to reach the increasing numbers of non-Christians in Norway. Pray for many new groups of committed believers to be formed.

JUL

06

Parkside Church Student Summer Missions Trip, United States

Pray for the 70 middle and high school students and 15 adults who will be serving in various ministry outlets in Louisville, Kentucky July 8-12.

They will be joining other students from around the country to minister in children's games and recreation, international, social, and manual labor contexts. Pray for unity, safety, and opportunities to share the gospel.

Oman (Asia). Pray for spiritual openness, that the gospel might have a powerful impact on all levels and peoples in Oman. The entire Muslim majority remains a big challenge. Proselytism of Muslims is illegal, and the few Omanis who have come to faith face huge pressure to return to Islam. There are no known churches among the semi-nomadic Mahra or Jibbali of Dhofar, the Baluch of the eastern coasts, the rural population or the Swahili speakers.

JUL

07

Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

They report that both the Amos Farming Ministry and Parkside Ministry are growing well in South Africa. The main focus for them, at this moment, is God at work in their personal lives as they continue the challenge for personal growth they gave one another at the beginning of the year. Pray for the Lord to change them, prune and trim them, and fill them with the Holy Spirit. Pray for the work that Johannes Thaele, Marieta van Aswegen, Peter Holman and Frans Sekhoto are doing in Bloemfontein communities.

Pakistan (Asia). Believers from a Muslim background are in a unique and challenging situation. Islam has grave or deadly punishments for apostates. Yet increasing numbers of Muslims are coming to faith in Jesus, often through media as well as dreams and visions and the witness of Pakistani Christians. Some are ex-militants. Churches, comprised mostly of Hindu-background and lower caste believers, do not know how to integrate and disciple these people, and so the large majority of them revert to Islam, turn to atheism, or retreat to private faith. Some networks of Muslim-background believers are emerging for mutual spiritual support and discipleship. Pray for such networks to spread for these believers so that they do not easily fall away. Ask the Lord to raise-up leaders.

JUL

08

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan, United States

The Harrington's are thankful to spend time with family, which has been a blessing. They thank the Lord for this time in America to have a chance to reconnect with family and friends. In the month of July they will be helping lead a Japan themed VBS in Indiana which will be a great opportunity to share about Japanese culture and need for the gospel. Pray for young hearts to be burdened for the Japanese people. Pray that the children will feel the call of the Lord to share their faith with others in their community and around the world.

Palestine (Asia). Arab evangelicals number several thousand in 30 churches, most on the West Bank. They feel isolated and rejected by Jews, Arabs, traditional Christians and even Western evangelicals. Pray for courage, endurance and a spirit of love for evangelicals in Palestine. Pray especially for believers from a Muslim background to stay strong and to grow in their new faith.



Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

With summer outreach programs at hand, Pastor Joe Abraham asks for prayer for both VBS and soccer camp. Pray for the assurance of the soccer field for Ambassadors Soccer camp taking place July 16-20. Pray for the helpers, hosts families, and Ambassadors team members as all labor for spiritual fruit in the many lives that will be touched by these summer programs. Continue to pray for additional church staff members needed: a children's/family pastor and a part-time student director. They also ask for prayer for successful transitions amongst the pastoral team. And finally, rejoice and give thanks with Pastor Joe Abraham for the marriage of his son, Jeremy to Claire Frame.

Panama (Latin America). Evangelicals face major obstacles and challenges: a) Spiritual unity and vision. Pray for the churches to grow in unity. b) Traditional morality is under siege. Divorce, illegitimate children, domestic violence, immorality and drug use are common. Pray for the conviction of sin and for solid discipleship that shows people how to live. c) Effective ministry to young people. For many, local church structures and ministry do not connect with them. d) Theological training that encourages holiness of life and spirituality. Pray for more Panamanians to be called into full-time service.



Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they spend time this month in Ohio with family. Pray that it will be a time of rest and relaxation. Pray that Pastor Pepe Rocha's passion for Christ would grow as he ministers in the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia. Pray for the ILC Church women's ministry team in Debbie's absence. Pray that as the team seeks to make Christ known and disciple the women in their commitment to Jesus, they will see much fruit this month and, that the fruit would remain and multiply.

Papua New Guinea (Pacific). A land with a rich legacy of missionary success and sacrifice, PNG's large missionary presence is mostly focused on health, education, development, translation, teaching, discipling, leadership training and support work. Pray for the gospel to take a more New Guinean shape. Christianity must become more relevant to nationals if it is to have the leavening effect society desperately needs. Pray for those building up the existing church. Discipleship and leadership training are crucial tasks and the main challenges.

News from Mexico

Edgar & Lety Rivera

Edgar and Lety are very thankful for all the loving care and prayer support they receive from the members of Parkside Church which encourages them in the ministry. They have three children: Ana Gracia (23), Juan Antonio (21) and Esther (11).



Edgar leads Equipping Servants (ESI) groups in Oaxaca, Mexico. He makes regular trips to encourage the indigenous pastors in Amoltepec, whose first language is Mixteco, through the study of God's Word using the ESI material. Edgar spends most days at the MAF office providing pastoral leadership to the ministry team.

Lety keeps busy as a wife and mother and also enjoys doing women's prison ministry. Edgar & Lety have accepted a pastoral role in a children's home and minister to 60 children and staff. Ana has finished her undergraduate work in nutrition and hopes to start working on a Masters degree. Juan is preparing to train as a missionary pilot. Esther is finishing elementary school and will start middle school this fall.



Neri & Karina Rivera

Neri and Karina live in the city of Tapachula in the State of Chiapas, Mexico near the border with Guatemala. Chiapas is the Mexican state with the fastest church growth but with the least access to pastoral training. They have 5 girls and a boy: Areli (28) working as a nurse, Zuri (24) teaching English, Angie (19) starting college, Carol (18) finishing high school,

Ester (8) finishing 3rd grade and Juan Pablo (3).

Neri recently left his full-time pastoral responsibilities and is being sent, along with several church members, to start a new church plant on the other side of the city. He continues leading ESI groups in the city and makes regular 10 hour trips to lead three ESI groups in remote towns in the mountains of Chiapas. Indigenous groups suspicious of outsiders make the trip especially challenging.

Neri's cancer continues in remission. Karina is a busy mother and is actively engaged alongside Neri in ministry. They are very thankful for our prayers & support.

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

Pray that the various camps happening at their urban teen center would help kids discover Biblical truth through these creative outreaches: Fresh (Music) Camp - July 1-19 and Horse Camp - July 29-31. Pray that the 100+ students attending YFC camps would hear the Lord speak to them through nature and gospel presentations. Pray that the Lord would use the Christian bands at the Alive Festival, July 19-21, to communicate the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to the students who attend with Brian. Pray that tours of their Jail Ministry Outreach, July 10, and City Life Outreach, July 30, would help many to see what solid outreaches these ministries are for the Kingdom.

Bougainville (Solomon Islands). The spiritual need of Bougainville is much greater than in Papua New Guinea, as the evangelical presence is quite small. Pray for revival throughout the Bougainville Church, and for leaders to develop vision and initiatives reflective of Christ's mission. Pray for sound teaching and discipleship that matures believers and for effective outreach across denominations that bears lasting fruit. Genuine faith in Christ needs reviving.

JUL

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Pray for Nancy's mom who is moving to Michigan to an assisted living apartment after being near them in North Carolina for six years. Pray for good friendships, and that she would draw near to Christ. Pray for Byron and his team as they prepare for the Literacy Olympics to be held September 1 in Guatemala in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Mam New Testament.

Paraguay (Latin America). The Roman Catholic Church has long dominated the spiritual and political life of Paraguay. Although it opposes corruption and immorality, there is also much superstitious traditionalism, strong devotion to Mary and occult-related bondage to many pre-Christian deities and customs. These practices keep millions from liberty in the Lord Jesus. Paraguay has never had a true spiritual awakening, and few of the Catholic Spanish-Guarani majority have a living relationship with Christ. Missionaries are still very much needed for church planting, leadership training, holistic mission and education.

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

Praise God for drawing Xing to Himself. He was baptized at the end of June, before returning to China. Pray that God would provide him with good connections in China so that his faith will continue to grow. Praise God for a great finish to the semester. Through their Easter outreaches, the Houston team had opportunities to share the Gospel with over 100 internationals! Pray that many would step into Bible studies and community activities this summer. Emily is making a good recovery from her thyroid surgery and is thankful for our prayers. Pray that this summer she and Blake would be renewed spiritually and find joy in the change of pace.

Peru (Latin America). The Quechua and Aymara peoples, descendants of the Incas, are emerging from centuries of oppression, cultural deprivation, grinding poverty and isolation. The Quechua Church is flourishing as Christianity at last becomes indigenized in Scriptures, structures, worship and music. Whole villages are turning to Christ. Pray for: a) Millions of mountain Quechua and Aymara still bound by superstitions of pagan and "Christian" origin. b) Bible translation has been a major factor in the Quechuan renaissance and church growth. Pray for the translation teams at work and for widespread use of these new resources. c) The full reconciliation between Quechua- and Spanish-speakers at the foot of the cross, and the full integration of all ethnic groups into national Christian life.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie are encouraged by the way the new church plant continues to move along. Pray that God would give them courage, wisdom, and grace as they continue to share the Gospel with nonbelievers. Pray that God would bring to faith young men in whom Andrew can invest time and teaching to become godly future leaders in the church. In June, they held training for pastors/leaders interested in opening ESI (Equipping Servants) groups in northern Uruguay. Please pray for fruit from this event as churches consider opening ESI groups in that region of the country.

Philippines (Asia). Spiritual vitality does not always equate to biblical truth. Philippines is awash with sects and cults that blend Christian ideas with all manner of false teachings. Pray for all lies to be exposed, and pray for effective Christian apologetics and ministry to the millions caught within these groups.

JUL

15

Shoreline Church, United States

Praise the Lord for the anticipated completion this month of the renovations to their new church building! Pray for God's abundant blessing on their first service in their new building, to be held July 28th, and for following services as they work out any details that need fine-tuned. Pray also for their Ambassadors Soccer Camp, being held the end of July. Pray that the children who attend will sense Christ's love for them displayed in everyone they come in contact with, and that Gospel seeds will be planted in their young hearts. As Shoreline Church sends their gratitude for our prayers, let us return thanks to God for the opportunity to partner with them in the spreading of the Gospel.

Poland (Europe). There is a great need for witness in Poland, with 90% of municipalities having no evangelical church. Most Poles are resistant to the gospel due to either their cultural faith or their spiritual apathy. There is certainly a need and an open door for missionaries to come and serve alongside the national church. Pray for evangelicals to rise to this great challenge.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



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Ministry in Spain

Equipping Servants International (ESI) Facilitator Training in Valencia, Spain
April 19-20, 2019



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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

Pray for the 14 Pastoral Assistant volunteers in La Paz studying 16 hours each week preparing messages and preaching through the book of Romans. God is using these men to impact increasing numbers of churches in La Paz and Santa Cruz. Pray for Pastor Edgar Mamani, pastoring the IBM church, training PA volunteers, and developing ESI among Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabaque region of Bolivia.

Portugal (Europe). Religious and political freedoms gained in 1975 have transformed the nation, but high religious affiliation and freedom does not translate into genuine faith. The religious freedom gained is taken advantage of by Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and New Age philosophies. Pray for the truth about Jesus to be made known by wise Christian leaders of all confessions.

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The City Mission, United States

Pray that the Lord will bless the relationships made at the *Stand In* event, held the end of June and that these hurting children will be helped by loving Christians. Ask God for healthy relationships to grow between children and staff & volunteers at Pathways and childcare. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide clinicians and case managers as they walk men struggling with drug and alcohol abuse through the IOP (Intensive Outpatient Program) at Crossroads. Please continue to pray for the summer interns: Rachel, Josh, Jasmine, Claire, Maggie, Chris, Caroline and Jessica. The City Mission continues to have staffing needs. Pray that God will provide qualified, loving candidates to fill the open positions.

Puerto Rico (Caribbean). Pray for their recovery from the recent hurricane that devastated the island. Some are still without electricity. Pray that God will bring good from a difficult situation. Discipleship ministry is much needed. Pray for effective grassroots movements that will meaningfully transform the lives of ordinary believers. Missions vision is on the rise, but still needs nurture after decades of noninvolvement. Pray for effective training and support of new mission ventures. Student ministry is proving both fruitful and vital. Pray for ministries to reach all remaining campuses and to continue shaping future leaders.

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization

Mark is their most recent missionary to the field, who moved last December after graduating from their missionary school in Egypt. Mark has a great passion to see Muslims come to know Christ as their Savior.

When he began his ministry he stayed with a fellow brother in Christ. He was amazed by the vibrant church in the area. Mark also spent a month with another missionary team leading Bible studies three times a week. He has now settled in a challenging area that is hostile to Christians. Pray for wisdom and grace for him as he seeks opportunities to share his faith. He also asks prayer for learning challenging languages, for friends to come alongside him to help alleviate his loneliness, for the finances required to live there and furnish his apartment and for comfort and peace for his parents. They are thankful for our prayers!

Qatar (Asia). Qatari believers number but a few. From Arab, Persian and Bantu (former slaves) extraction, Qataris are almost without exception Muslim. Pray that a Qatari church would be birthed and that Qataris at home and abroad would hear about Jesus.

JUL

19

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

Matt asks for prayer for some unique soccer camps taking place this summer. Ambassadors Football is partnering with churches and organizations on Cleveland's Westside and Eastside, Akron, Pittsburgh, and Seattle to put on camps for refugee and immigrant communities. Also, they will be a part of a soccer camp planned specifically for foster children in southern California. They are thankful for these opportunities to come alongside those that are in need, providing a place for them to enjoy the game, hear the Gospel, and connect to the Church. Pray that all these camps will open doors for on-going ministry throughout the year.

Reunion (Africa). The dark legacy of slavery, abolished in 1848, still overshadows the present. The Creole population are descendants of those slaves. A deep work of healing and laying to rest the legacy of the past is far from complete. Pray for the entire population to come to terms with the past, possible only through faith in Christ.

JUL

20

Mike & Cindy, Macedonia

Praise God for wonderful opportunities that were opened through the Parkside missions team, who held an English camp there in June. Pray for good follow-up with those with whom they connected.

Romania (Europe). Church planting is still a vital ministry. Over 100 new churches are planted each year, but many more are needed. A consortium of mission agencies works across evangelical denominational boundaries to facilitate reaching the 19 cities and 9,500 villages (43% of all villages) without a single evangelical church. Pray for this vision to become a widespread movement, owned by the national church and effective at planting churches in every city, town and village.

JUL
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Truth For Life, United States

Praise the Lord that Truth For Life continues in a season of growth, which leads to a need for additional candidates to fill key positions essential to the ministry. Pray that the Lord will provide people with the right skills, experience, and theological alignment in a timely manner. The staff at TFL has a desire to share their faith with employees of vendors who service them. Pray that by God's grace these interactions would spark the curiosity of those who have never considered the truth of the Bible, and that their eyes would be opened, leading them to saving faith in the Lord Jesus.

Russia (Europe). The current religious climate of Russia is mixed, both spiritually open and closed at the same time. Orthodoxy is culturally strong yet spiritually weak in the lives of most of its followers. Pray that the Russian peoples' hearts will be hungry for and open to promptings of the Holy Spirit and the gospel of Christ.

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

Pray for the ever expanding ESI ministry. Pray that God will use the study of Romans to develop in the 2170 participants a commitment to honor Christ by being true to the Scriptures- thinking, living and serving biblically. These people are a part of 176 groups meeting in Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela, Sweden and Spain. Pray for unity under the banner of the Gospel as these pastors and church leaders build biblical friendships instead of walking alone. Pray that the churches in each of these countries will be strengthened and mobilized to disciple believers and share the Gospel of Christ with the least reached so that no one would live or die without hearing the Good News of Jesus. Praise the Lord for the ESI Facilitator Trainings that were held in June in Paysandu, Uruguay. In the next couple months these 30 trained pastors will be forming new ESI groups in Argentina and Uruguay. Pray for the Lord to direct their paths. Continue to pray for the eight ESI groups meeting in Venezuela, who, despite the many challenges they face every week such as no electricity and transportation difficulties, report that God is transforming many of them as they learn to depend on Jesus.

Rwanda (Africa). Thousands of spiritual leaders were murdered or fled and have not been replaced. Those remaining often despair of being able to cope with the desperate physical, social, psychological and spiritual damage done. Less than 10% of evangelical pastors have any formal theological training. Pray that God may raise-up godly men and women fitted for Rwanda's hour of need. Pray also for financial provision for both students and schools.

JUL

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Praise the Lord that they have cleared one of the final hurdles of acquiring a building in Lakewood! They are grateful for God's provision and ask that He would continue to go before them as they approach the end of this process. Pray for unity as they begin to more actively connect with the members of Cross Point Church and move toward their merge date in August. Pray that God would put the hearts of the members of Cross Point at ease and that there would be a spirit of hospitality as they are welcomed to and become a part of Parkside Church Westside. They are excited about all that the Lord is doing and are full of expectation as they continue to watch His plans unfold.

Samoa (Pacific). Samoans have been Christian for over a century, and every village has at least one church. But the traditional class structure and pre-Christian cultural standards were not necessarily transformed by the gospel. Much of the Church suffers from nominalism, and rivalry among denominations does not generate a good spiritual atmosphere.

JUL

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Amy Cottle, Thailand

Please continue to pray that the eight students who received Bibles will have the time and desire to study with Amy's team. So far, they have been too busy. Also, at the end of July as students return to campus, Maha Sarakham University holds a Buddhist ceremony to celebrate the start of a new term. Amy and her team have been given permission to offer a Christian celebration for any Christian students or those interested in Christianity as an alternative. Pray that many Thai students and international students will come to the 180° Student Center to hear about Jesus!

San Marino (Europe). The Sammarinese are Christian by tradition and culture, but most give only lip service to the Church and are very materialistic. Increasing numbers reject their religious heritage altogether. Pray that they may have a life-changing encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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B & J, United States

They have connected with a man they knew from their time in Taiwan at a bilingual school where they have their children enrolled. This man and another brother in Christ are returning for two weeks of linguistic and Gospel work to the area where B & J served. This encounter gives them great encouragement, in light of God's sovereignty, that someday they may return to minister there. Until then, they ask us to pray for that particular part of the world. Although they feel torn as they remember their teammates and life in Asia, they desire to remain steadfast in their willingness to follow wherever they are led to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Sao Tome' & Principe (Africa). Less-reached sections of the population are the Principe islanders, the Angolares (rural fisherfolk) and the Serbian Christian mission agencies find it hard to establish long-term ministry. Pray that openings may increase and long-term workers be called; pray that every part of the country be reached.

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Delhi Bible Institute, India

In the general elections in India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi secured a mandate for five years for the second time in a row. The election represents a subscription to Mr. Modi's ideology of Hindu Majoritarian Nationalism. No Indian Prime Minister in the past 50 years had returned to the office with such a landslide victory. Surpassing their own performance during the last elections, his party - the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won more than 300 seats in the Parliament, well above the required 272 seats for simple majority. The BJP Government is hostile to religious minorities and is also known to subtly promote intolerance for other faiths. The Church in India faces the threat of increased hostility and sporadic mob-attacks backed by the apathy of the governmental mechanism. The past five years witnessed ecumenical unity in finding some legal recourse against such soft-targeting. However, more than being engaged in superficial conflicts, the Indian Church needs a strong strategy and a clear perspective to handle the ideological roots of persecution with preparedness and prayer. Please stand with them in prayer. Pray for the 20 men supported by Parkside as they travel throughout Northern India preaching and teaching the gospel. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Isaac Shaw and the rest of the DBI leadership team as they oversee the ministry.

Saudi Arabia (Asia). Saudis who come to faith in Christ face the death penalty if discovered; executions are definitely known to occur. Despite this, increasing numbers are secretly seeking and finding Jesus, and there are believers in every Saudi city. Pray for believers to persevere and even to multiply. Pray for a miracle – the legalization of Christianity for Saudis; pray that Saudi believers may be able to meet together in safety and have access to God's Word. Also pray that believers might find believing spouses.

JUL

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

Please pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the MAF work in Mexico. Pray with them as they have accepted pastoral leadership responsibilities in a local Children's Home for about 60 children. Pray for their own children as they study and especially for Juan as he desires to be a missionary pilot. Neri and Karina ask for prayer for their daughter Carol as she graduates and hopes to start college in the fall. Pray for wisdom for Neri as he juggles his many pastoral responsibilities along with several ESI groups in Chiapas and starts a new church plant in Tapachula next month. Praise God for a successful second surgery for Karina's kidney stones.

Senegal (Africa). So many young people: of Senegal's population, 55% are under age 20. Many of these are children in crisis; ministry among them is growing – drop-in centers, vocational training and others. Pray that the God of the Bible could be that source of hope for young people with so much potential.

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Mark & Patti are flying to Peru today. Pray especially for Mark as he will be teaching every weekend in Peru. Some occasions are just one message and other occasions are consecutive days of all-day teaching. Pray for stamina, health and most of all being a tool God uses to build-up his Church among Quechua speakers.

Kosovo (Europe). Ministries in Kosovo find work difficult, but fruitful. Work with children and young adults sees a lot of response. Discipleship and leadership development are crucial works in Kosovo. More male workers are needed. Pray that expatriate groups would retain the freedom to work in this predominantly Muslim land, and that they might use opportunities wisely and well.

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Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States

Praise God for a Spirit-filled Pentecost week of worship, training and encouragement, for adults and children alike, at the Andreas Church in Leipzig. Pray all who gathered will return to their respective cities with renewed strength in Christ as Gospel witnesses. Pray for peace and perseverance in the midst of transition as the Robinsons relocate to Cincinnati, Ohio and for wisdom and guidance as they enter into a new area of ministry and work.

Seychelles (Africa). The vernacular of Seselwa has a translated NT, but the shelves are empty – financial troubles and the inability to exchange local currency means a shortfall of NTs and all Christian literature. There is an OT translation team in place. Pray for a solution that enables Seychellois to have access to Scripture and materials, and that these will have an impact on their spiritual life.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew has been asked by their SIM team leader to teach the expository preaching class at the seminary. Although he was hesitant to add this to their already busy schedule, after praying and thinking about it, they feel it might be a good opportunity to invest in the local church. Please pray that God would lead Andrew as he prepares and teaches these classes. Pray that the students will respond to truth, resulting in a positive impact on the Church in Uruguay which, in many cases, has drifted from the Word.

Sierra Leone (Africa). The lack of spiritual and biblically trained leadership is critical; disruption from the conflict crippled theological education. Many pastors lack even a secondary school education, let alone formalized theological degrees. Beyond theology, pastors need to be equipped in counseling, spiritual warfare and ministry to the poor and disabled. Finances and even educational resources are in short supply. Pray for the provision of staff, students, books, facilities and operation expenses for this most strategic of needs.

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Women's Clinic of Cleveland, United States

Pray that those serving at the clinic will continue to trust that "God's path will never lack God's provision," as they do not know how the newly signed "heartbeat bill" will impact their ministry. They are still in need of a Medical Director (OB/GYN or radiologist) who can sign-off on electronic scans weekly, and a mission-minded Office Manager who loves the Lord. Please pray that God would bring the right people to fill these positions.

Singapore (Asia). Singapore is a strategic center for regional and global Christian mission due to its infrastructure, stability, location and strong Christian population. Pray that Singapore will be a blessing to the least-evangelized nations and peoples around it and a servant leader that facilitates the emerging missions' movement from other Asian nations.

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Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

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

Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

Japan	Chris & Leanne Harrington
Uruguay	Andrew & Angie James
Bolivia	Kep & Debbie James
United States	Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson
Macedonia	Mike & Cindy
United States	B & J
Mexico	E & J, Missionary Couple in Training

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

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Financial Support of Nationals

Bolivia

- 14 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
- Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a 3 year part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. ESI has 2,000 graduates since 2002 and 2,170 active participants in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, 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 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

The Women's Clinic of Cleveland

Christian Counseling Educational Foundation

The City Mission

Indigenous Church Planting Organization

Parkside Green

Parkside Church Westside

Scranton Road Bible Church

Shoreline Church

Truth For Life

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson

Amy Cottle

Jon (& Ruthie)

Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

Brian (& Maria) Walls

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

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

India

Medical/Dental Outreach

January 23-February 2, 2020

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



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