



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

MARCH

"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 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 at Books by the Park or visit their website, operationworld.org.



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$3,091,762 towards missions in 2022. 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

**Names withheld for security purposes*



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*

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Mike & Joan Ross

Steve, Ben, Aaron

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

Pray for God's grace as Kep and Debbie spend March 1-15 in Mali, West Africa. Kep will teach the book of Romans to church planting students. These 40 students from a Muslim background gathered for seven months and came to faith in Christ. Now, they are committed to making Christ known in the communities they came from—planting churches among their own people. Pray that each one will clearly understand the gospel and experience gospel transformation, making a commitment to be serious students of the Bible for the rest of their lives. Pray they will be effective church planters.

Russia (Europe). Population: 144,444,359 Believers: 1.2%. Russia's increasing predations in other former Soviet states fully manifested in the 2022 invasion of Ukraine. The invasion was followed not only by great destruction, but by reports of horrific abuses and war crimes committed by the Russian military. The staggering costs of a war that did not go according to plan, combined with crippling economic and diplomatic consequences, leaves Russia a shadow of its former self. For the sake of Russia, its neighbors, and the world, pray for peace, transparency, and truth to prevail in a nation where all three have been in short supply.

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02

Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

The first three Sundays in March Mark & Patti will speak at three different supporting churches in Wisconsin. The weeks between include lots of small groups: kids' groups, teens, community Bible studies, and prayer groups. Pray that God will use Mark and Patti to encourage many during this time. In February, their grandson, Jeremiah, had a biopsy, and no cancer cells were detected, meaning the bone marrow transplant was successful! Because their newborn granddaughter's one functioning kidney is not in critical condition, the medical team is giving her body a chance to grow before performing any surgical intervention. Praise the Lord for these answers to prayer.

Rwanda (Africa). Population: 14,094,683 Believers: 26.9%. Rwanda made great progress since the tragic events of 1994, when Hutu extremists seized power and began the genocide of the Tutsi minority and Hutu moderates. 800,000 perished in 100 days. Over 1 million fled, and more violence followed. Political stability since 2000 allows Rwandans a chance to rebuild. Rwanda's economy is now one of the fastest growing in Africa. The government banned ethnic identification. People are called Rwandans, and only Rwandans. Give praise for the people's commitment to reconcile and build peace. Praise God that churches help lead this movement.

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03

Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Bobby and Julie are grateful for our prayers over the past months and are thanking God for the birth of their baby boy, Gilbert, on February 16. He weighed 8lbs, 2oz, and was 21 inches long. Both mom and baby are healthy. Pray that they will adjust well to being a family of seven.

Samoa (Pacific). Population: 225,681 Believers: 18.0%. 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. Pride and politics influence church life too much, and the financial demands on a poorer population are heavy. **San Marino (Europe).**

Population: 33,642 Believers: <0.1%. 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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04

Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the work in Mexico and how to use the tools that God has provided to reach the lost. Pray that Mike and Joan's extended family would love the Lord with all their hearts.

Praise God for the love shown to the community of San Miguel through the Parkside dental team. Pray that the gospel seeds sown there will bear much fruit. Pray for another pilot to help Amos fly in Mexico. Pray for Gregorio as he continues flight training. Pray that God will open the door for Juan and Amy to serve in a closed country. Pray that God will bless the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) around the world and bring much fruit for the Kingdom.

São Tomé & Príncipe (Africa). Population: 231,856 Believers: 4.2%. Evangelicals are free to minister and do see significant growth. Pray for the development of locally led, culturally relevant congregations with effectively trained Christian leaders.

Pray also for local support of national workers and for the launching of an interdenominational training center. **Seychelles (Africa).** Population: 107,660 Believers: 5.9%. The vast majority of Seychellois claim to be Christian, but evidence of true spiritual transformation seems outweighed by superstition and nominalism. Pray that the Holy Spirit may bring new life evidenced by repentance and sustained fruit.

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05

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

This month many of the ministry activities that were on hold during the summer months of December-February resume. Please pray that the youth and small group ministry, and the ESI (Equipping Servants International) ministry would get off to a good start and that they would be a blessing to those who participate during the year.

Saudi Arabia (Asia). Population: 36,947,025 Believers: 0.3%. Saudi Arabia is the birthplace and stronghold of Islam. From Mecca, Islam holds influence over billions, and touches many cultures worldwide. Billions of oil dollars go towards promotion of Islam around the world every year. A spiritual breakthrough for Jesus Christ here would transform Islam and all who follow it! All Muslims must pray toward Mecca five times daily, and over two million Muslims make the pilgrimage (Haji) to Mecca every year. Pray that many who seek God might encounter the living Christ.

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06

Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Pray for their team as they move through an exciting season of changes and growth. They have new counselors and residents as well as staff positions changing. Recently they gathered for their annual team retreat and were reminded of the Lord's faithfulness in bringing counselors and counselees to Fieldstone at exactly the right time. They are humbled to continue this ministry, bringing lasting hope to those facing life's hardships. Continue to pray for their counseling team as they offer Christ-centered care to those who are struggling and pray for encouragement and growth empowered by the Holy Spirit for their counselees.

Senegal (Africa). Population: 17,763,163 Believers: 0.2%. Spiritually, Senegal is both open and closed. The nation enjoys religious freedom and is remarkably tolerant toward other faiths—a point of pride for Senegalese, perhaps because so few Muslims have ever come to Christ. Despite a longstanding Christian presence and outreach, a spiritual heaviness covers the land. Allegiance to religious leaders renewed in each generation prevents any significant people movement to Christ. Pray for the spiritual breakthrough for which so many wait.

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07

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Their two oldest kids will be attending a spring youth camp as they did last year. Please pray the Lord will use this camp to draw them closer to him and they will continue to be encouraged to make their relationships with the Lord theirs personally. Their church is undergoing many changes, with three missionary families returning to America this year, including the Harringtons. The other two families are leaving on good terms but transitioning out of missions. Please pray God's blessing on these two families as this chapter of their lives comes to an end. Pray for wisdom during these complex changes and that others within the church will follow the Lord's leading to step out in faith and join the ministry in new ways.

Serbia (Europe). Population: 7,149,077 Believers: 0.6%. Evangelicals in Serbia face many difficulties. The recent religion law creates difficulty for all new religious groups, including many new evangelical groups. Protestants have a long history among Hungarians and Slovak minorities, but little impact among Serbs and Albanians. Many do not live out their faith. Pray for revival. For groups where ethnic identity determines religious identity, evangelicals can appear to be traitors and part of a religious sect. But through all these challenges, newer churches do grow and minister Christ to others!

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Blake and Emily are thankful for our prayers for their daughter, Adeline. She is doing well. Her one good kidney is functioning, but they will be monitoring it. Pray for protection from urinary tract infections. Pray for all the new international students they met during the welcome week at the University of Sydney. They are starting small group Bible studies and inviting these students to explore Christ. Pray for God to draw many to himself. Pray for their Easter outreach as they match students with local families for dinner. Pray these hosts will faithfully share the hope they have in Christ.

Kosovo (Europe). Population: 1,663,594 Believers: 0.1%. The evangelical Church is very small but growing. From around 80 believers at the outbreak of war in 1998, there are now over 2,000, mostly young men and teens (often, girls are forced to keep their faith secret). The formation of an evangelical alliance (Evangelical Movement of Kosovo) and the recognition of evangelicals as one of Kosovo's five faith communities are both answers to prayer. Pray for unity among believers and continued growth in numbers and spiritual maturity.

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09

**Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Goran (& Beth) Tomic,
Ambassadors Football, United States**

The model of ministry used by Ambassadors in Rwanda continues to expand. Their partnership with a large denomination with over 5,000 boys and girls being discipled in the Word of God every Saturday has expanded to the request of the Presbyterian church, the Anglican church, and the Baptist church. In January, Jon spent two weeks in Rwanda, where he met with the leader of the Presbyterian church who told Jon he has been praying for 20 years for a sports ministry like Ambassadors Football to partner with. The Anglican Bishop in the North of Rwanda wants Ambassadors to launch the program through the denomination. Praise God for these developments and pray for more resources to make little children disciples in many more countries.

Sierra Leone (Africa). Population: 8,791,092 Believers: 3.9%. Thank God for the end of 11 years of chaos that claimed up to 100,000 lives, crippled many thousands, and harmed most of the population in some way. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped former fighters return to their communities and start again. The Ebola crisis of 2014-2015 setback nation-building progress significantly. Pray for the Christian agencies working to rebuild the country and ministering to spiritual, physical, and psychological needs.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Pray for Johannes and his church as they reflect on the death of Jesus and celebrate the wonderful work he did at the cross. It is a great opportunity for them to tell everyone about God's love and his plan for the lost.

Their church members will be reaching out to their community by collecting old clothes for the needy. Pray that this project will result in many starting a relationship with Jesus. They thank God that many in the ESI groups are starting to love Bible study. Pray that as the Word is rooted in their lives, they will become the salt of the world.

Singapore (Asia). Population: 6,014,723 Believers: 7.8%. 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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Truth For Life, United States

Pray that God will use the national dialogue of the past few months to teach all of us within his Church to extend Christ-like compassion.

Pray that God will use this narrative for his glory and to build his Kingdom.

Also, please keep Truth For Life radio station partners, listeners, and donors in your prayers, asking God to keep them centered firmly in the gospel. In anticipation of an April 10 small gathering of pastors at Truth For Life, please pray that God will help the TFL team attend to all the logistical details and that the event will strengthen, encourage, and inform the men in attendance.

Slovakia (Europe). Population: 5,795,199 Believers: 1.2%. Evangelical congregations are few and small. The growth of recent years has slowed, but there is a new desire to reach out and be more active in church planting. To recapture vitality, each congregation must understand what being the Church actually means. Pray for the quality of spiritual life and for fervor in evangelical churches.

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Pray for the students in Senegal as they grieve the loss of a fellow student.

Pray for the outreach in Cameroon, that God's Kingdom will continue to grow, that God would meet their needs for transportation and medicine,

and that he would protect them from Satan's wiles. Please pray for their students in Kenya to soak in God's Word. Pray also for Brother Philip to be able to maximize his time and have wisdom to prioritize his administrative work and travel demands.

Slovenia (Europe). Population: 2,119,675 Believers: 0.1%. Slovenia has had a Protestant witness since the Reformation, but still has very few evangelical churches and needs church-planting teams. The very small evangelical population is divided by ethnic group. Pray for unity and for an Evangelical Alliance to unite the churches. Most congregations lack a full-time pastor and need outside financial assistance. Pray for Slovene believers to evangelize their country, to support their pastors, and even to send missionaries!

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E & J, North Africa

Join E & J in praying for our governing authorities, asking that God would bless and help them, so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives, marked by godliness and dignity (1 Timothy 2:2). Please pray for "Andrew" and his wife, "Grace." E & J have been able to talk about the good news extensively with him. His wife has been suffering with an illness for a couple months now and they are at a loss on how to help her. Pray for healing for "Grace" and that our Father would grant them the gift of faith.

Solomon Islands (Pacific). Population: 740,424 Believers: 33.3%. Ethnic diversity and fragmentation as well as geography render the Solomons a patchwork of tribes and political groups rather than a unified nation. This hinders not just national identity but also Christian ministry. Pray that God might knit these many islands and tribes together in the gospel. **St Barthélemy (Caribbean).** Population: 9,300 Believers: 2.3%. This island caters to the uber-rich, trading on its sophistication and isolation for its exclusivity. There is little interest in spiritual things. Pray that amid the boutiques, cafés, and villas there might awaken a hunger for spiritual reality and the opportunity to know God. Pray also that the few churches on the island might minister meaningfully into this unique context.

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Shoreline Church, United States

On March 16, Shoreline is hosting a Lydia Brownback seminar for women. Pray that God guides those who attend to find true contentment in him as they realize afresh that God knows and loves them. Pray that their church members will share the gospel with friends and family during their upcoming Easter celebrations. Please pray for the Youth for Christ ministry as they seek to fill positions on their support team, as well as in their City Urban Life Ministry and Suburban Public and Private School Ministry.

Somalia (Africa). Population: 18,143,378 Believers: <0.1%. The work of missions, always dangerous and hedged with restrictions, was forced to cease in 1972 when their institutions were nationalized by the new Marxist regime. The work of different missions between 1897 and 1974 saw several hundred [people] turn to the Lord. Pray for workers to the Somalis to be called, committed, and ready for when these defiantly closed doors open.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Bobby and Julie are thanking God for time at Parkside and the encouragement they have received. Please pray for them as they prepare to return to central Asia before the end of March. Pray that God will bless this phase of language learning and give them clarity and vision for the ministry there. Pray for their four older children as they deal with a lot of change in a short amount of time.

South Africa (Africa). Population: 60,414,495 Believers: 21.1%. Immigrants, legal and illegal, have streamed over South Africa's borders, especially from Zimbabwe, Congo-DRC, Mozambique, Angola, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi, and Nigeria. Their peak numbers are estimated at five million (although some claim it is as high as 18 million), but many of these use South Africa only as a jumping-off point to other destinations. Pray for ministries of compassion to those from other lands seeking food, jobs, or simply safety. Pray for the evangelism and discipleship of these millions.

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in assembling a Mexican Board for the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for the three ESI groups that he is leading in Oaxaca. Pray that their ministry in a local church would bear fruit. Pray for continued rehab for Edgar's shoulder. Pray that God would provide open doors as their son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, prepare for missions in a closed country. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he leads ESI groups in Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. Neri's lymphoma has not responded well to chemotherapy. Pray for healing and for the whole family during this difficult time.

Spain (Europe). Population: 47,519,628 Believers: 1.0%. Few churches can afford to pay for a full-time pastor, let alone a team of them. As a result, churches must use bi-vocational pastors or be entrusted to full-time foreign missionaries, who end up pastoring instead of church planting. There are at least 15 seminaries and Bible schools. Some newer, larger churches provide in-house leadership and theological training. Pray that these schools would be filled with young Spanish future leaders, shaped by solid instruction in the Word of God.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as they spread the gospel locally and globally. Please pray that they continue to love and serve their neighbors in Lakewood. Pray for the members of Parkside Westside to boldly proclaim Christ in the daily mission fields into which the Lord has placed them. Pray for a church family abroad who is working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Continue to pray for the health and safety of Nathanael Wiles and the work he is doing at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. Pray also for their youth leaders and high school students as they plan a mission trip to Serbia this summer. They are thankful for our continued support and prayers.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



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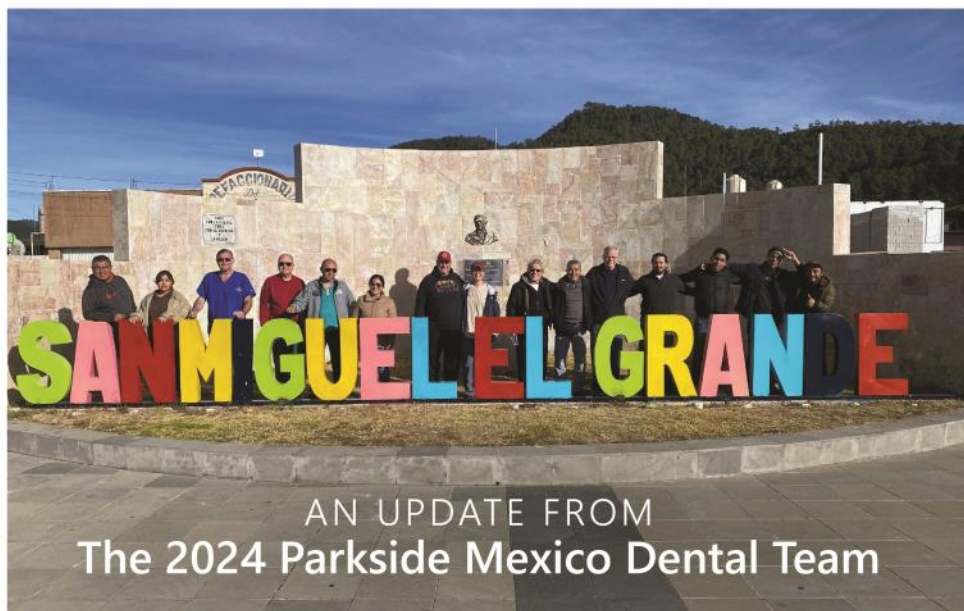


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AN UPDATE FROM The 2024 Parkside Mexico Dental Team

Short-term dental/medical mission trips provide a helping hand to the missionaries Parkside supports. By offering services, we purpose to enhance the missionaries' local presence where God has placed them.

In January, our team, (Dr. Dave Cameron, Dr. Gus Komar, Joan Komar, Melvin Steedly, and Lon Miller), went for a week to a town called San Miguel El Grande in the mountains of the State of Oaxaca, Mexico. We also visited an addiction rehabilitation center called Doulos Casada Restauracion de Adicciones.

This trip was a bit different from past dental mission trips because instead of flying into the mountains and driving to a remote village, we drove five hours on decent roads to a more developed town located at approximately 8,000



feet elevation. The weather during the days was temperate (70's) but the nights brought much cooler temperatures (upper 30's/low 40's)! Sleeping bags and warm blankets with hoodies and sweats were a must! Flexibility was also a must, but God always provided and sustained.

There was a Jehovah's Witness literature tower placed outside our clinic location, and we were glad that we could supply a tangible reason to believe in the one true God with our service. We were able to provide dental/medical service to approximately 150 people. The people of San Miguel El Grande and those at Doulos were extremely thankful and want us to return.



As a team, we were grateful for good health; some of us had issues but with the help of local physician, Dr. Josias Luna, we got by. Good weather, uneventful travels, equipment that worked well for the most part, Mexican team members willing to serve alongside us, and fantastic hospitality were also great blessings.

Most importantly, we were thankful for the opportunity to wish our patients, "Via con Dios" (Go with God) as they departed from our dental lawn chairs. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will use our service to open hearts, minds, souls, and doors for the missionaries to follow-up with God's Word and enable relationships to be built that will fan into flame salvation in Jesus and commitments to follow only him.

-Joan Komar

Photos: Opposite page top: The dental team plus everyone involved in San Miguel. **Bottom left:** Casa de la Cultura, where the clinic was held. **Bottom right:** Dental team with Mike Ross. **Above left:** Dental clinic at Doulos. **Above center:** Gus Komar with a patient. **Above right:** Dave Cameron and Lon Miller with a patient at Doulos.

Sri Lanka (Asia). Population: 21,893,579 Believers: 1.2%. Tolerance and non-violence have historically been watchwords of Sri Lanka. For centuries, it was a Buddhist kingdom that welcomed refugees from India fleeing persecution—Hindus, Muslims, and Christians. However, this multi-religious, multi-ethnic country now sees religious extremism and persecution rising. Persecution against Christians comes in waves, and at least 250 churches were destroyed or damaged in recent years. Beneath the layers of Buddhism and Hinduism the ancient spirits, gods, and demons still hold power. Pray for the power of Christ to break these strongholds.

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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Africa and Latin America, Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Spain,

South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Pray for the 2,850 ESI participants, in 250 groups, in 30 countries, with 3,200 total graduates since beginning in 2002. Pray for Paulo as he works with local ESI leadership teams across Africa who are beginning ESI groups in each country. Pray for the cities that have begun ESI groups to encourage pastors and church leaders to study Romans and to mutually build up one another as they grow in Christ and his grace. Pray for Pastor Elias and his ESI Brazil team as they encourage small ESI groups of pastors across Brazil. Pray that as they study the Bible together, it will result in real gospel change.

St Helena (Africa). Population: 4,408 Believers: 8.8%. The Christian heritage of St Helena is strong, but islanders committed to faith are decreasing. Most Christians are nominal, and church attendance continues to decline. A critical mass of evangelicals on the islands is needed to generate spiritual momentum.

St Kitts & Nevis (Caribbean). Population: 58,676 Believers: 21.7%. There is no lack of churches or other ministries on these islands, but their impact is limited. Pray for the Holy Spirit to revive, empower, and embolden believers for Kingdom effectiveness. Pray especially for ministries that draw together the diverse denominations.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Pray that SRBC Easter outreach events are fruitful as they engage students and their families in the neighborhood. Continue to pray that the Lord would raise up new leaders within the church. Pray for Pastor Pratt as he preaches, and members as they read through the Bible together as a church this year. Praise the Lord that their men's ministry has completed an intense discipleship study over the last year. Pray that these men will continue to grow in their walk with the Lord. As their small groups begin for the spring semester, pray for their leaders and teachers to have clarity and wisdom as they lead.

St Lucia (Caribbean). Population: 190,333 Believers: 14.5%. The majority of St Lucians speak French Creole. The NT, recently translated into Creole, is being used for literacy projects. Pray for the Word of God to be acquired, read, and applied in the lives of St Lucians. **St Martin (Caribbean).** Population: 38,250 Believers: 2.5%. The tropical location and French liberality combine to make this a playground for the most wealthy. Exclusive hotels, clothing-optional beaches, designer-clothing boutiques, and cafés typify the island's culture. There is little room for or interest in a life of service to Christ. Pray that in the midst of this elegant but hedonistic paradise, people might gain a hunger for an eternal heaven.

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Pray for Amy and the Mahasarakham team as they minister in their new student center. The center will hold activities for students, worship services for the church plant, and housing for the Thai couple working with the team. Pray that the community will be blessed by the center and that more people will be drawn to Jesus through the activities there.

St Pierre & Miquelon (North America). Population: 6,046 Believers: <0.1%. These isolated islands and their people have long been Catholic. Traditions are strong and change has come slowly, despite the economic downturn when the fishing industry all but disappeared. Pray for people to find hope in a living relationship with Christ.

St Vincent (Caribbean). Population: 110,278 Believers: 39.1%. St Vincent is a religious country, but most are not related to God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ. There is a crisis of holiness, lack of spiritual fruit, and growing apathy, especially regarding missions. Pray for revival and for restoration of a biblically based, Spirit-led Church.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Pray for their partner, Byron, who is working on details for finishing the publication of the Mam Bible in Guatemala. Pray for Wes as he finishes a project aimed at promoting the reading and promotion of the Mam Bible in Mam. Pray that it is fully understandable and encouraging to the Church and the community.

Sudan (Africa). Population: 48,109,006 Believers: 14.7%. The gospel spread through these many years of upheaval. Although the conflicts created terrible suffering, they made the Church more mature. The wars scattered Christian refugees throughout the country, so even through suffering the good news spread. Churches formed in places and among peoples that previously had no Christians! Praise God that this growth occurs across many denominations. Pray for them to find unity through Christ.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

At the end of this month, 11 people will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, for a homestay. Six non-Christian kids who have been a part of their church's English class outreach and one of their moms will be traveling with their pastor and others from the church. The group has been preparing for the trip by having a Bible study. Pray for God's Word to penetrate their hearts. Pray for safe travel and for good relationships between the kids and their Christian homestay families, and that the Lord would use this trip for his glory and their blessing.

Suriname (Latin America). Population: 623,236 Believers: 13.8%. Nearly half the population profess to be Christian, but many have little understanding of their faith, and Christian belief is often mixed with spiritism. Pray for new life and dynamism to replace traditionalism and syncretism practiced by many.

Tonga (Pacific). Population: 108,351 Believers: 15.5%. Tonga's rich Christian heritage is a blessing but has reached the point of oversaturation. The proliferation of denominations generates competition among churches, as newer groups entice believers away. Pray that Tongan Christians would seek Christ rather than seeking the church that benefits them the most.

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The City Mission, United States

In February, The City Mission celebrated the 21st anniversary of the opening of Laura's Home. More than 15,000 women and children have found compassionate care and resources for a better life since Laura's Home opened. Pray that the seeds planted with compassion would bear fruit for the Kingdom.

Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) (Africa). Population: 1,210,822 Believers: 25.1%. For decades, HIV/AIDS has devastated this country's population and health; the working age population was particularly impacted. Many times, the eldest sibling leads a household of orphans. Pray for treatment of the sick. Genuine Christian love, demonstrated in practical and gracious ways, could win many to the Lord.

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Church Plant Training Ministry, South Asia

Pray for the All-Around Development Course students' good health and for them to grow in the Word of God. Pray for the team members to be good stewards and serve God faithfully. Pray for the Lord to add more faithful coworkers and interns to the team. Pray for them to be able to reach the unreached with the love of God in their communities. Pray for the protection of their associates and their families and for their labors to bear fruit for God's glory.

Sweden (Europe). Population: 10,612,086 Believers: 6.9%. The spiritual decline of Sweden is apparent on many levels. Only 23% of people believe in a personal God. Materialism, hedonism, and individualism are among the most cherished of values, and adherence to absolute values or truth is regarded as "intolerance." Pray for a new awakening for this spiritually struggling nation; recent signs are that young people are moving back toward more traditional values.

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Human Coalition (Health for Her Cleveland), United States

Pray that the Lord would provide, through his people, newborn baby items (3-24 months) for their Blessings Boutique to encourage the moms who choose life for their babies. Pray that a church on the east side of Cleveland would be willing to train leaders to start an Embrace Grace group. As their staff serves women with unwanted pregnancies, pray that they would continue to be led by the Spirit.

Switzerland (Europe). Population: 8,796,669 Believers: 4.4%. The great reformers, Calvin, and Zwingli expounded the truths of Scripture in this land, but few today have any interest or understanding of real Christianity. Wealth, comfort, indifference, and a vague religiosity are the norm. The younger generation explores eastern religions and the occult as much as Christianity. Pray that the Swiss may find the true way in Jesus Christ and that the nation might be stirred again by the Holy Spirit.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie thank God for his love, goodness, and grace which daily sustains them. Please pray that they will continue to rely on the Lord and that their children will grow up to love the Lord with all their hearts. To finalize the purchase of the new church facility, they need to open a bank account. Continue to pray for this need.

Syria (Asia). Population: 23,227,014 Believers: 0.1%. Syria was hit hard by the powerful earthquakes of February 2023. The worst-struck regions were already devastated by civil war. The various factions holding different areas and the hostile terrain means that getting aid to places of need is made even more difficult. In the aftermath of the destruction, there are those who spread darkness. Pray that the Lord might constrain lawlessness and wickedness. There are also those who are working in many ways to share the restoration that comes through Jesus. Pray for extraordinary opportunities and fruit for those who seek to be Christ's hands and feet in Syria.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Goran (& Beth) Tomic, Ambassadors Football, United States

Goran is training soccer coaches in Brazil, March 27-April 2. Please pray the coaches will leave with a greater passion for Christ and be better equipped for evangelism and discipleship through the soccer ministry. Over the years, Ambassadors Football teams have traveled to other countries to share the gospel & build up ministry in those countries. Pray for Matt as he makes plans to send teams to South Africa, Mexico, and Ireland.

Tajikistan (Asia). Population 10,143,543 Believers: 0.1%. Tajiks number 13 million in Central Asia. For nearly a thousand years, there was no significant outreach to Tajiks. Now, in addition to more than 1,000 believers in Tajikistan, there are a greater number of Tajik believers in Afghanistan as well as some in Pakistan and Uzbekistan. Pray for further growth and pray for the establishment of a truly indigenous Tajik Church—this is beginning to happen as Tajik church leaders emerge. Pray especially for unity in this young expression of Christ's body.

MAR

28

E & J, North Africa

Their oldest child has been doing weekly tutoring sessions to improve his Arabic ability. His tutors are regularly impressed with his ability to remember and put things together. Praise God he has been doing well and making progress! As E & J and their team continue their efforts to develop a business that will give them access to the "C" people, pray that they will be salt and light to those with whom they interact from other businesses and that a door will be opened to introduce them to Jesus.

Tanzania (Africa). Population: 67,438,106 Believers: 17.9%. Tanzania's Christian population, though numerous, needs discipleship. Many see lack of biblical knowledge as the greatest challenge for the Church. As immature Christians are disciplined, lifestyles and worldviews will change, and this in turn will impact the social, economic, and political life of the nation.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

Please pray that many people from the surrounding community and colleges would come to the Good Friday and Easter services at Parkside Heights and hear the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Several college students and others from their church family will be traveling for spring break and/or Easter. Pray for their safe travels and for meaningful conversations with family and friends.

Thailand (Asia). Population: 71,801,279 Believers: 0.5%. Thailand means “Land of the Free” because it successfully retained its freedom when surrounding countries were colonized by Western powers. Yet the land is held captive in a complex web of Buddhism, traditional culture, spirit appeasement, and even occult practices, with a social cohesiveness out of which few have dared to come. For many Thai, their nationality and religious identity are inextricably linked. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough so that, in the Lord Jesus, the Thai may be free indeed.

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30

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

Pray for the pastors and leaders involved in ESI to faithfully study the Bible, understand the Bible, and live the Bible, so that they can faithfully teach and preach the Bible in their churches. Continue to pray for the ILC Church Kep and Debbie started in Bolivia in 1990, that its leadership will honor Christ by staying true to his Scriptures.

Timor Leste (Asia). Population: 1,360,596 Believers: 2.3%. Protestant churches emerged only recently, and their growth is modest. Nominalism and lack of understanding of the gospel characterize the majority. There is great need for biblically trained and spiritually active pastors. Pray that evangelical churches may be planted among every people and in every area of Timor. Pray for true unity among national church leaders.

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Parkside Green, United States

Pray for the Lord to sustain and strengthen the hard-working missionaries they support in the UAE and Uganda, as well as to guide a Parkside Green church family that is preparing for a fulltime missionary opportunity in Mazatlan, Mexico. Also pray for God to work through Pastor Adam’s preaching, their Holy Week and Easter outreach, adult classes on Colossians and spiritual disciplines, and youth and children’s programming.

Togo (Africa). Population: 9,053,799 Believers: 10.7%. The Church in Togo stagnated between 1960 and 1990. Long-established groups grew slowly and remained confined to particular ethnicities. False shepherds and unbalanced prosperity teachings are also increasing as the true Church grows. Pray that strong, indigenous congregations and denominations with solid teaching, biblical worldviews, and visionary leadership will be established.

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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 & Around the World**

- 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 had 3,200 graduates since 2002, and has 2,850 active participants, in 250 groups, meeting in 30 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. 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.
- South 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 fulltime with students in the farm schools, local church, and university in Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

Financial Support to Mission Partners and Local Churches

Fieldstone Counseling	Parkside Church Westside
Hope for Glasgow	Parkside Green
Human Coalition Cleveland	Parkside Heights Church
The City Mission	Scranton Road Bible Church
Truth For Life	Shoreline Church
Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries	

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson	Amy Cottle
Jon (& Ruthie)	Matt (& Laura) Pheneger
Goran (& Beth) Tomic	

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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 parksidechurch.com/missions.



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