



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

APRIL

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

MATTHEW 9:37 (ESV)

Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

Utilize this booklet and enter into the work of our missionaries via prayer. You can also receive the daily prayer requests in your inbox by signing up for the daily devotional at parksidechurch.com/subscribe.

Join us Sunday evenings for Missions Prayer Time, online or in-person, from 5:00-5:45pm in Room A205. For an online invitation, email Cliff at cjjbandrews@sbcglobal.net.



Learn

Increase your awareness of what God is doing among the nations by reading *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. The prayer requests for different countries are excerpts from this book. You can pick up a copy 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*
M, O, P, P
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Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie thank God that after a long six-month process, they were finally able to open a bank account for the church which will allow them to purchase the new facility. Please pray for them as they complete all the paperwork and move to the new church building in April.

Trinidad & Tobago (Caribbean). Population: 1,538,200 Believers: 20.2%. Christianity is professed by nearly two-thirds of the population, but true disciples faithful to God's Word are not so common. Greater theological training—for leaders as well as laity—is needed and a discipleship mentality must be fostered. Thank God for the minority who do live to please God, and pray that purity and passion might be restored across all denominations.

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02

Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Byron and the Mam ministry group in Guatemala are very grateful for Parkside's support as they continue their ministry of sharing the Mam Bible with believers. Nancy has a mitral valve prolapse and will need surgery. Pray for wisdom for her medical team and peace for Wes and Nancy as she awaits the procedure.

Tunisia (Africa). Population: 12,564,689 Believers: <0.1%. In the years since 9/11 and subsequent events in the political-religious sphere, many Tunisians have become more fervent in their Islamic faith. Although the government strives against politicized Islam, the general trend in the Arab world at large and locally, and the lack of prospects for the younger generation, are pulling society toward greater Islamization. Pray that a living, growing Christian Church might become a reality again in this land.

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03

Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

They are grateful for the opportunity they enjoyed last month to renew friendships and meet new people in their Wisconsin supporting churches. Thank God for the faithfulness of so many over so many years. Praise God for continued progress towards health and healing for both Jeremiah and Adeline and continue to pray for more of the same. Pray for attention to detail as Mark checks Scripture. Patti returns to Peru this month to take the administrative trip she had to cancel in February due to illness. She was recently asked to visit yet another part of the jungle to meet with some other people. Pray for all the logistics and safety of her travels and that the meetings may be an encouragement to younger missionary families.

Turkey (Asia). Population: 86,260,417 Believers: <0.1%. Give praise for the slow but steady growth of Turkish evangelical Christianity. Pray for the evangelism and church planting of the past generation to carry on! Meanwhile, there is a remarkable turning to Christ of migrants from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, who are refugees in Turkey. While ministry to Turks and Kurds is watched closely, there seems to be greater freedom to minister to these refugees. Many are praying that the shaking of the nation from the 2023 earthquakes would trigger a mass movement of people to find and follow Jesus.

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04

Johannes (& Grace) Thaele, South Africa

Every year, after the celebration of Passover, the children and youth tell the community about what they have learned in the church during Easter. Please pray for the kids and youth to be bold when they share the message of the cross with their community. For some, it will be their first time to share the gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit will put the right words in their mouths and that they will experience the strength of Christ in their weakness.

Turkmenistan (Asia). Population: 6,598, 071 Believers: <0.1%. Ethnic Turkmen Christians are few but have increased since independence, from one or two people to as many as 1,000. Persecution has brought growth, greater unity, and a strong spirituality, and the Church continues to grow despite the constant threats. Pray for these believers to stand firm in their faith and to win others to Christ.

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05

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

Lucasse, the Ambassadors Football national leader in Haiti, said that the situation there remains tense. The prime minister agreed to resign, all the airports are closed, schools, hospitals, banks, and many other institutions are also closed as the gangs keep attacking, looting, and burning government buildings (and others). Lucasse feels fortunate to still be able to run some of their programs. Pray for peace in Haiti and for their leadership.

Turks & Caicos Islands (Caribbean). Population: 46,431 Believers: 32.4%. Christian values in society are challenged by offshore finance with its frequent money laundering, by tourism with its increasing licentiousness, and by illegal drug trafficking. Pray that churches might address these through holy living and genuine faith. **Tuvalu (Pacific).** Population: 11,478 Believers: 17.8%. Tuvalu faces an uncertain future. Very limited resources, possible rising sea levels and modern/global external influences make this traditional culture fragile, both environmentally and socially. Pray that wisdom would prevail in preserving Tuvalu as a nation and culture, and that the long-standing presence of the Church would play a major role in this.

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06

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

Kep and Debbie will be in Senegal April 7-17 teaching Romans to a new group of students at a missions training school, and then in Addis Ababa taking 100 pastors from Ethiopia, Somalia, and Eritrea through the facilitator training to launch Equipping Servants International (ESI) groups. Pray for God's continued blessing on this ministry. Also, pray for Kep's 93-year-old mother as she continues to recover from a bad fall in which she broke a vertebra.

Uganda (Africa). Population: 49,924,252 Believers: 37.0%. Young people's ministry is fundamental to developing the country, given that nearly half of all Ugandans are under 16 years old. Pray for the extensive ministry in schools and for ministries on university campuses. Pray also for effective Sunday school and youth programs in churches. Pray that a nation with such a high proportion of Christians and a high proportion of children might produce a generation that truly knows and loves the Lord!

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Equipping Servants International (ESI), 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.

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 leadership teams across Africa, beginning ESI groups in each country. Pray for Pastor Elias and his Brazil team as they encourage small groups of pastors across Brazil to study the Bible together. Pray that the ESI groups would encourage pastors and church leaders to study Romans and to mutually build up one another as they grow in Christ and his grace.

Ukraine (Europe). Population: 37,937,821 Believers: 3.8%. Pray for God's peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war. Pray for followers of Jesus to arise as messengers of his hope to the hopeless and the oppressed. Pray for repentance, forgiveness, and unity in the Church, across denominations and traditions. Pray Psalm 10:17-18 over Ukraine—that the Lord would hear the desire of the afflicted, encourage them, and listen to their cries. Pray for wisdom from above, and divine fortitude for Ukraine's leaders and its people.

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08

Truth For Life, United States

Pray with gratefulness to God for swift medical attention given to Truth For Life team member Ed Wiles, saving him from a life-threatening heart attack. Please keep Ed in your prayers as he recovers and anticipates additional treatment. Pray for the small group pastor event hosted by Alistair at Truth For Life on April 10. Ask God to use this time to encourage the forty men attending to remain faithful to preaching the gospel and be a help to them as they lead their local congregations. Pray also for the organizational details and that all will go smoothly. Ask God to bring Truth For Life needed team members in Communications and Customer Service. Please pray for these long-time open positions to be filled with qualified candidates quickly.

United Arab Emirates (Asia). Population: 9,591,853 Believers: 1.3%. The religious freedom enjoyed by all major faith groups is notable. Increased numbers of people [are] coming to Christ from other backgrounds. This is shifting from a trickle to a flow as more and more Arabs, South Asians, East Asians, and others meet Jesus in a personal way. Some ministers are overwhelmed by responses to the gospel—praise God for such a challenge!

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09

Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Much has happened and many prayers have been answered in the lives of Bobby and Julie and their family. Julie gave birth to Gilbert Yuri Nikodemus on February 16. They connected with their families and church families and made many new friends. They had safe travels back to the country where they serve, and the kids started back to school. Pray for their youngest daughter as she goes to preschool. When they returned to their country of service, they were glad to meet Sasha and his family, who recently joined their team. Pray that they will adjust well to their new country and the team.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Europe).

Population: 67,961,439 Believers: 8.8%. A national awakening is needed. The steep decline of organized Christianity in the UK is almost unparalleled in Europe. Pray that Christians might grow passionate for God's honor, burdened to pray for revival, and free from deadening negativism and materialism that pervade the churches.

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10

Parkside Green, United States

Join Parkside Green in praising God for the baptisms and gospel outreach at the Easter worship gathering. Please ask the Lord to equip his people for ministry through their new adult classes on evangelism and encounters with Jesus. Also, ask the Lord to sustain and strengthen the hard-working missionaries they support in Dubai, UAE, and Arua, Uganda, as well as prepare and provide for a Parkside Green church family that is pursuing a full-time missionary opportunity in Mazatlán, Mexico.

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

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of their 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. Praise God for a good trip to visit Neri and Karina Rivera in Tapachula. 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.

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

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Praise God for his provision this year. Through a generous gift, they replaced their 20-year-old church van. Pray that the follow-up for their Easter outreach and Sunday service would be effective. Pray that their missionaries, who are home on furlough, will find good rest and encouragement. Pray that the lives of those who serve at SRBC would be shaped by the words of Christ, "...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

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

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13

E & J, North Africa

Last month, during E's trip to the "C" region, not only did he find an office that would enable them to establish a business in a "C" part of the city, but he also found a great house for a team member and his family. He and his teammate were greatly encouraged by the trip, especially by the positive reactions they received from people when they heard of their plans to live and work there.

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

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Shoreline Church, United States

Join Shoreline in prayer as planning is underway to provide gospel teaching to students in the public schools. They are partnering with local schools and a few churches in the area, along with Lifewise ministry, to help make this happen. Praise the Lord that Cleveland area Youth For Christ presented the gospel message to more than 170 students at a recent event. Thirteen students made a first-time decision to follow Christ, 11 made commitments, and nine asked to talk to someone about Jesus. Pray that as they follow up with these students, they can connect them with local churches and Bible studies.

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

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

They are thankful for our prayers for the Atlanta homestay last month. The preparatory Bible studies with the participating families were rich, and they are grateful that these kids and parents were able to spend extended time with Christian families. Pray that they would desire to learn more about God and his Word. During Leanne's final few Baby English classes with the moms from the Buddhist kindergarten, they shared Scripture and discussed it. It has been encouraging to watch these moms grow more open to the things of God. The group will disband due to members moving and the Harrington's return to the States, but they know God is not finished revealing himself to these ladies. Pray for God to bring Christians into their lives to continue to share the gospel with them.

United States of America (North America). Population: 341,814,420
Believers: 28.9%. America's Christian values shaped modern democracy, human rights, and economic development. Generosity, evangelistic work, and big visions help the gospel progress. Pray that these may continue! Pray for Christ-like attitudes and conduct in all conversations and actions with other Christians and even with those who attack them. How Christians live and speak matters as much as what they say. Pray for the evangelical Church in the USA to celebrate its multicultural reality, and for believers to love and esteem one another amidst the cultural differences.

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Human Coalition Cleveland (Health for Her), United States

Praise God for a new partnership with Everylife.com. They will be supplying diaper and wipes through a monthly donorship program for the babies of the women who choose life. A lot of the women they serve have very challenging situations. Pray that the Lord would give their nurses wisdom as they take these challenging calls. Pray that God will provide an additional nurse who is the right fit for their ministry and mission.

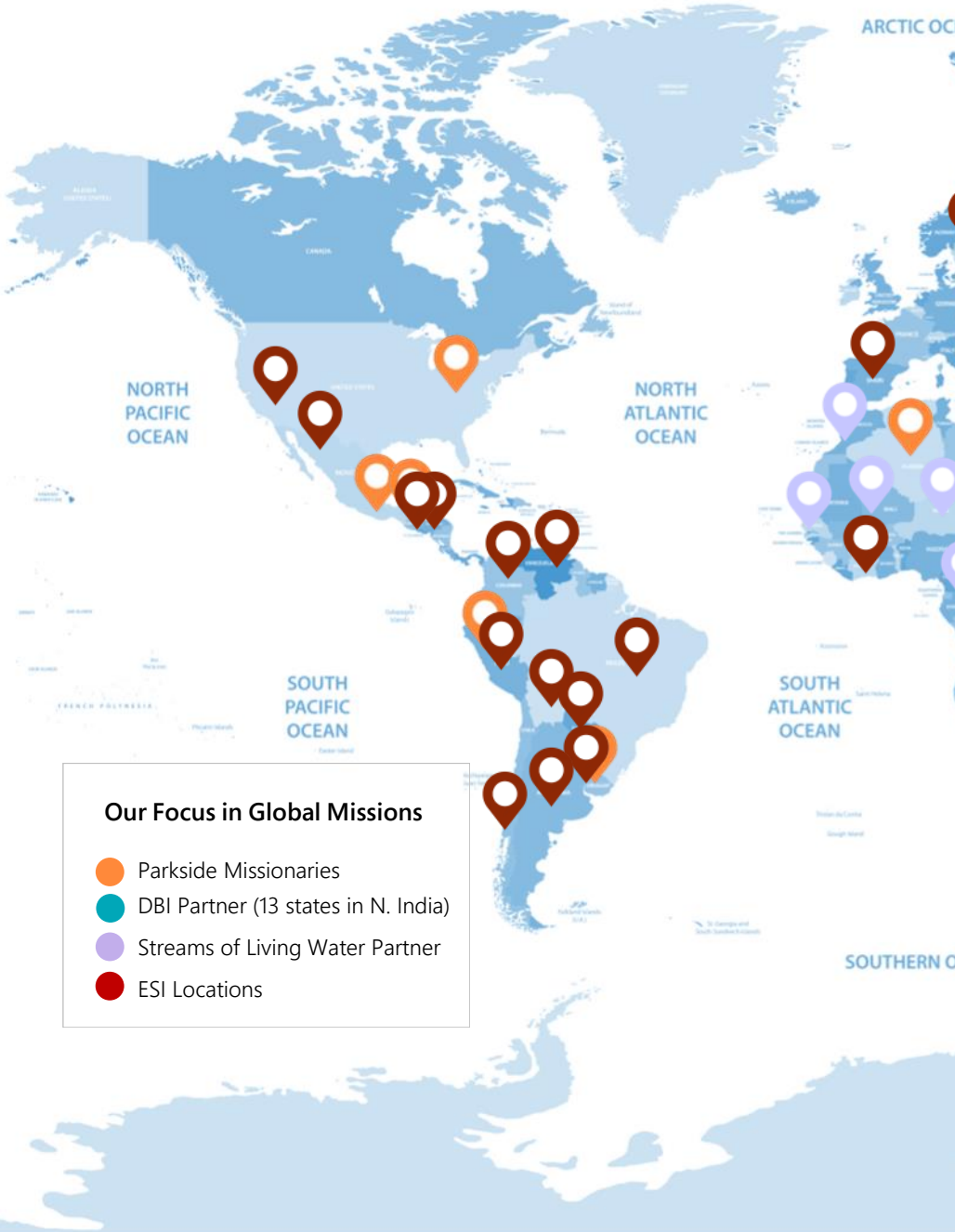
Uruguay (South America). Population: 3,423,316 Believers: 6.2%. Expatriate workers are still needed, even though the Uruguayan Church has come into its own. Those who would serve and resource the burgeoning local churches would be valued. Church planters from other Latin American countries are having success; pray that they, too, would be sensitive to Uruguay's unique culture and people.

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17

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

Praise God for the international students who were matched with local Christian families over the Easter weekend for a meal. Pray that God would use those relationships to bring students into God's Kingdom. There is a growing Christian community among the international students on campus. Pray that the Spirit would transform lives and equip students to be a light to their friends. Pray for open doors to the gospel among seekers in Bible studies. Baby Adeline's one working kidney is doing its job. Continue to pray as they monitor her through regular ultrasounds. In Thailand, the university term break begins in April and most of the students leave town. Amy Cottle has been studying the Bible with two students. Please pray for Pack as he graduates and for Jo, who is a freshman. Pray that they will see the importance of knowing God's Word and holding fast to their faith in a Buddhist society.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth





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Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

HEBREWS 12:14 (ESV)

AN UPDATE FROM Our Indigenous Church Planting Partner

Parkside Church partners with missions organizations in Africa and the Middle East. To help keep the pastors and church planters safe, we don't name the organizations. Every year, this mission partner hosts a prayer conference. During this multi-day conference, attendees meet, listen to speakers, fast, pray, and worship together. This mission partner writes:

What happens when the glorious Christ visits a humble congregation and stretches his healing hand gracefully to touch our hearts and minds? By his grace, in an inexplicable way, healing poured out on us as we prayed before the Lord. His presence was felt as we met for our annual Prayer Conference at the end of February in Egypt.

More than 260 gathered with the theme verse of Hebrews 12:14. Through his immaculate presence during all spiritual parts of the conference and in all the details of leadership, he



covered us with his grace. The Lord visited us, met people, and changed their lives. He revived people to be in fellowship with him and to make it our life's priority to be holy and prepared for work. To him alone be all the glory and dominion over our lives.

There were inspiring speakers, field worker testimonies, worship, a 24-hour prayer room, prayer teams, breakout prayer sessions and fasting along with the daily prayer that began every morning at 5 a.m. As a result of the conference, 10 new prayer groups have been formed across Egypt to pray for the ministry. Plus, some of the youth will be joining our next training session as well as going on a short-term mission trip in Egypt. We can now set up a memorial stone and say, "Until now, the Lord has helped us."

HOUSE CHURCHES IN CHAD



We have now had four missionary school groups graduate in Chad. These 85 graduates are now evangelizing, and 41 house churches have been established. Thousands have seen *The Jesus Film*, and many Muslims have asked for copies of it for their phones. As Muslims come to faith (72 were even baptized), the fear of persecution is great.

Many were affected when one child, after proclaiming his faith, was then tortured to death by his family members.

Our field workers have many challenges here, including poor water quality, flooding, poor transportation, illiteracy, poverty, difficulty in communicating due to local dialects, and lack of teaching materials, flash drives, and Arabic Bibles. But despite the challenges, they are pressing on and will continue the race!

PARTNER WITH US Our Ministry is Powered by Prayer

- Please pray for the provision of water filters and supplies for field workers and converts.
- Pray for our upcoming USA conference, that the manifest presence of God would be felt and that all will see Christ more clearly.
- Pray that the healing that took place during our Prayer Conference would continue and that those who attended will continue to stay focused on Christ.
- Pray for our workers in Chad to stay focused on Christ, for God to supply all their needs and for doors to open to the Fulani and prisoners.
- Pray for our workers in Mauritania. Of the 24 who were imprisoned last fall, many have lost their jobs. Four of the men's wives and children have left them. Pray for God to move in the hearts of neighbors and wives to come to know Christ.

Uzbekistan (Asia). Population: 35,673,804 Believers: 0.3%. Uzbek believers continue to increase despite great opposition. The prospect of retribution from three sides—the government, local Muslim leaders, and the community (family and neighbours)—has not halted growth. There are now probably more than 10,000 Uzbek believers, where there were possibly none only a generation ago. But much prayer is still needed for the discipling and mentoring of new believers and for indigenous leadership to be raised up.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Parkside Church Westside is committed to spreading the gospel locally and globally. Locally, pray for them as they continue to love and serve their neighbors, boldly proclaiming Christ in the daily mission fields in which the Lord has placed them. Pray for those who were recently baptized or are making commitments to do so. Globally, pray for a church family abroad who is working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages and 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.

Vanuatu (Pacific). Population 342,325 Believers: 45.9%. The Protestant Church is numerically strong. Revival has occurred on some islands and in several denominations, but not in all places. Pray for the training of future leaders in the seven Bible colleges/schools. Pray that pastors and group leaders would lead with guidance from both the Word and Spirit. **Virgin Islands of the USA (Caribbean).** Population: 98,055 Believers: 23.8%. Tourism and the influx of wealth affect society profoundly, corroding its moral fabric. Pray that the gospel might impact society, personal lifestyles, and family life. Pray that local churches and their leaders may work together in evangelism and in vision for the future.

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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 for their son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as they 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 has finished chemotherapy for his lymphoma, but his platelet count is still very low. Pray that God would open the doors for Neri to receive proper medical attention. Pray for healing and for the whole family during this difficult time.

Venezuela (Latin America). Population: 29,395,334 Believers: 10.8%. Spiritual forces battle in Venezuela. Both rich and poor visit witch doctors in the thousands of spiritist and occult shops. Fewer people go to church in Venezuela than in any other Latin American nation. New Age spirituality attracts the educated and rich. Satanists actively try to destroy the Church. Caracas has Latin America's largest mosque. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bind all the powers that blind Venezuelans to Truth, and to reveal Christ to all.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Fieldstone is praising the Lord for their ministry partners. Their partnerships with churches, Christian schools and universities, businesses, and ministry organizations sustain their work. Pray for continued growth in this network of partnerships. Pray for their counselors as they offer counseling services and gospel-centered content to these organizations. They are grateful to come alongside these ministries in the work.

Vietnam (Asia). Population: 99,497,680 Believers: 1.8%. A growing, witnessing Church is emerging from years of persecution. The Vietnamese diaspora is seeing many become believers. These converts then bring the gospel back to Vietnam with them. There is even a fast-growing missionary vision spreading among the churches of Vietnam! Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep fanning these flames of spiritual passion, all for the maturation of the Vietnamese Church and so that Jesus might be known through the entire nation.

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Church Plant Training Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Pray that the healing that took place during their recent Prayer Conference would continue and that those who attended will continue to stay focused on Christ. Pray for their workers in Mauritania. Of the 24 who were imprisoned last fall, many have lost their jobs. Four of the men's wives and children have left them. Pray for God to move in the hearts of their neighbors and wives to come to know Christ. Pray for perseverance and provision for these workers.

Wallis, and Futuna Islands (Pacific). Population: 11,439 Believers: 1.0% More Wallisian and Futunans live in New Caledonia than live in their own home islands. Seeking work, many find themselves caught in a spiral of substance abuse instead. Pray for those in New Caledonia to find freedom in Christ and to, in turn, bring blessing back to their homeland. **American Samoa (Pacific).** Population: 43,544 Believers: 21.3%. American Samoa enjoys a higher economic status than Samoa to its west, but suffers the concomitant materialism. Pray that the indigenous people (and their relatives in diaspora) may find their destiny in wholehearted commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The City Mission, United States

Pray for the 40 graduates of the men's Crossroads program who now have housing and stable incomes. Eleven women at Laura's Home graduated at the end of February. Pray for these women as they face new challenges. Praise God that the New Horizons program is celebrating 10 years of providing single mothers the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty by becoming homeowners. Pray for the success of The City Mission Gala, on April 26, when graduates will share their powerful stories of transformation.

Yeman (Asia). Population: 35,219,853 Believers: <0.1 Amidst the terrible suffering, Yemenis are finding life in Christ through radio, Bible distribution, careful witness, and dreams and visions from the Lord! Believers meet secretly and only in small groups. They often face dangerous opposition. Praise God for these followers of Jesus. Pray for them as they learn how to honor their culture and family while faithfully serving the Lord.

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23

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie thank God for his love, goodness, and grace, which daily sustains them. Please pray that they continue to rely on the Lord and that their children grow up to love the Lord with all their hearts. Pray that the youth, small group, and ESI ministries would be a blessing in the lives of all involved.

Zambia (Africa). Population: 21,134,695 Believers: 25.7%. Zambians widely accept Christianity, even in public institutions and the media. Former president Chiluba declared Zambia a Christian nation in 1991, and Zambians practice freedom of all religions. But national transformation along biblical lines still has not come. Too few know the Word of God, or how to live a Christian life. Pray for Christians to live pure and holy lives that depend on God alone for spiritual power and blessing. Pray that Zambia will truly be a nation that honors God.

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Indigenous Church Planting Ministry in South Asia

Pray for the students to read and understand the Word and to serve God faithfully. Pray for the protection of their associates and their families and for their labors to bear fruit for God's glory. Pray for the Lord to add new worshippers to their church, and that they will reach the unreached with the love of God in their communities.

Zimbabwe (Africa). Population: 17,020,321 Believers: 30.9%. As the Church has grown, so have the challenges. Pray for: a) *The relationship with the government.* b) *Social action.* With much of the country in decay, it is increasingly falling to churches to feed the hungry, care for orphans, protect the vulnerable, and heal the sick. c) *Theological training and education*—crucial as the church grows but threatened by widespread instability and want. Pray for effective teaching and discipling of those called to serve the Lord.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

The people of Noto Peninsula on the west coast of Japan are still in recovery after the New Year's earthquake. A teammate, Tina Lin, has relocated there for at least two to three months to help a local church's recovery efforts. Please pray that this recovery effort would lead to relationships and opportunities to share Christ. Chris will hand over his SEND leadership responsibilities as they prepare to return to America next month. Pray for a smooth transition and specifically for Paul Suzuki as he leads the mission there.

Afghanistan (Asia). Population: 43,372,950 Believers: <0.05%. The Church in Afghanistan remains almost entirely underground. Pray for Afghan believers. They can never meet publicly, and even their secret meetings must change times and locations to prevent detection. Pray for protection of these precious believers, and for the clarity and consistency of their witness.

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

Ambassadors Football has 24 youth teams locally for children ages 8-18. In February, they had a retreat for the high school players in the club, and the students spent the weekend learning about God. Students from all sorts of backgrounds were exposed to the gospel and given a chance to ask questions and discuss who God is. Several students who come from refugee families in Akron attended, and one young man from Afghanistan said it was the best weekend of his life. Please pray for these students as they continue to think about what was shared at the retreat and during their weekly devotional times at the club.

Albania (Europe). Population: 2,826,020 Believers: 0.5%. Thank God for his work in this land! For a long time, it was closed to the gospel, but evangelicals grew from nearly zero to several thousand in just a few years. The Church has indigenous leadership, nationwide networks, a vision for discipleship and evangelism, and it sends out workers to other lands! And all this came about during a politically and economically unstable time. Many believe that years of devoted prayer for Albania opened the way for ministry here.

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

Thank God that Kep's two weeks in March teaching students in West Africa went well. Despite the intense Sub-Saharan heat and intermittent electricity, the students were alert every day and several told Kep that they had never understood the Bible the way they see it now. Continue to pray for these students. Many of them committed to studying the Bible as a priority, not just during the seven months of training, but for the rest of their lives. Pray that they increasingly understand that Jesus is the message of the Bible, experience gospel transformation, and teach and preach God's Word faithfully as they go out to plant churches.

Algeria (Africa). Population: 46,278,751 Believers: 0.2%. The growth of the Algerian Church over the past decade is an answer to prayer! Many years of hard work by missionaries and praying people produced beautiful fruit. Persecution of Christians is intensifying as a reaction to unprecedented church growth; the future of the Church in Algeria hangs in the balance. The Algerian Church has grown due to bold witness and evangelism. Pray that they will respond to these pressures with faith and perseverance.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

This month, Parkside Heights will be putting on their first ever youth retreat. Please pray that God will use this time together to bring about meaningful conversations and spiritual growth for all those in attendance. Parkside Heights will also host a chili potluck as an opportunity for their church family to gather. Pray that all who come will be mutually encouraged. Thank God for the start of a small mentoring program with students at John Hay High School. Pray that the volunteers will be salt and light and that the school will be blessed by their involvement.

Principality of Andorra (Europe). Population: 80,341 Believers: 0.4%. Materialism holds Andorra in a tight grip. Formerly a smugglers' refuge, Andorra now attracts well-heeled tourists, financiers and those taking advantage of duty-free goods. Pray that empty materialism would be seen as the ultimately unfulfilling falsehood that it is. Pray for the witness of the handful of churches in this land.

Anguilla (Caribbean). Population: 15,936 Believers: 17.2%. Pray that this small island and its churches may not be bypassed by the Holy Spirit. Pray that religious traditions might be infused with real spiritual life. Pray that Christ's followers may function effectively as a united body.

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E & J, North Africa

Last month, J helped their neighbor cook a couple times a week. Pray for a deepening friendship and that our Father would draw their neighbor and her family to himself. There is much work to be done in terms of the new business and plans for some of their teammates to move down to the "C" region this summer. Pray for wisdom, clarity in communication, humility, and unity as they move forward.

Angola (Africa). Population: 37,804,634 Believers: 22.5%. Biblical Christianity grew, even amidst war and poverty! The first president, a Marxist, vowed to eradicate Christianity in 20 years. He failed! The number of evangelicals grew four times larger from 1990 to 2010, and it continues to grow today. The Church needs much prayer to overcome the wounds of past conflict. Pray for forgiveness and love in action. Only a few congregations have trained pastors. Pray for Christian unity, holy living, and biblical faith.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Pray for Bobby and Julie as they get reoriented to their life overseas and adjust to a schedule for baby Gilbert. As both of them return to studying Russian, pray for a new teacher for Julie. Pray for clarity and direction for their team's business and for future opportunities to learn their country's two native languages. Pray for God's direction and wisdom in determining priorities and focus.

Antigua and Barbuda (Caribbean). Population: 94,816 Believers: 19.9%.

Antiguans are almost all Christian by background, including many evangelicals, but complacency prevails in the face of serious moral and spiritual challenges.

Pray for revival that galvanizes Christians to prayer, and for involvement that impacts their society. **Aruba (Caribbean).** Population: 106,177 Believers: 7.6%.

The evangelical presence has grown, predominantly due to the more recent arrivals. Large numbers have immigrated from Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia, but evangelical growth is not even. There are several English-speaking churches and many congregations using Papiamentu. Pray for a greater impact on the Asian immigrant population.

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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 (& Grace) 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	

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2022: \$3,091,762

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

South Asia

Medical/Dental Outreach

Trip Dates: March 6-16, 2025

Informational Meeting: April 14, 11:45am, Room B212

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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