

# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **October**

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

# Introduction

## “Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



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To see unbelieving people become  
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

# What You Can Do



## Pray

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

Join us Sunday evenings for Missions Prayer Time, online or in-person from 5:00-5:45pm in Room A207. For an online invitation, email Cliff at [cjjbandrews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cjjbandrews@sbcglobal.net).



## Learn

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



## Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.4 million towards missions in 2020. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting Him for the capacity to do so.



## Go

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

# Parkside Church Missionaries



**E & J\***  
M, J  
*\*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



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

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**E & J, North Africa**

E & J are thankful for God's kindness toward them through many answered prayers and unexpected blessings. After five canceled flights, they were able to get a flight into their country! Seats were rearranged so that E & J got to sit next to their kids for the first two flights. Their bags were slightly overweight, but no one gave them any trouble. They made it to a connecting flight even though it began boarding as they landed in a different terminal! The Barcelona Airport had a COVID testing center that got results back to them in time to have them printed and board a new flight the next morning. They had no problems getting into the country. Their teammates graciously hosted them for a week and have been helping them get set up. They have a good apartment in a good neighborhood with a good landlord. They had help in getting an AC unit installed just before a 104-degree sandstorm hit the city. Continue to pray for them as they settle into life in North Africa.

**Costa Rica (Latin America).** Population: 5,249,816 Believers: 14.8%. Pray for the pastors who are under-resourced, surviving on low incomes, and without strong teams to help them in their work. This generally leads to a failure to provide solid pastoral care for struggling believers, which in turn leads to members drifting away.

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02

**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray for Kep as he spends the first week and a half of October in Morocco and Senegal visiting ministry training centers. Pray for these students who are preparing to plant churches in North Africa. Pray that God will use the time Kep spends with them to encourage them to make a commitment to study God's Word every day—to learn it, to live it, and to teach it faithfully (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

**Côte d'Ivoire (Africa).** Population: 26,954,068 Believers: 10.5%. Pray for evangelicals and their ministry in Côte d'Ivoire. Partnerships and teamwork are on the rise, but more progress needs to be made if the growth enjoyed in the 1990s is to be repeated, if the country is to be effectively evangelized, and if the Church is to be disciplined.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

As they enter the fall season in Japan, they are reminded of how God's creation was made for change. They see it in the leaves, and they hope to see it in the lives of the people of Shichigahama. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move amongst the people there, bringing changes in their hearts. They thank the Lord for what they have seen in the life of Ms. K. who visited them in America while they were on home assignment. Wanting to learn more about God, she recently began a Bible study. The Lord has surrounded her with Christians over these last couple of years who have displayed God's love and grace, giving her the desire to learn more. Pray K will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and come into the fold.

**Croatia (Europe).** Population: 4,317,710 Believers: 0.4%. The profound impact of historic and recent hatred among Croat, Serb, and Bosnian could continue to hamper the affected nations for generations to come. The iron bond shackling ethnicity to religion also hampers progress and stifles spiritual breakthrough. Pray for true reconciliation and for the religious and ethnic bondages to be broken—these can only happen through the power of Christ.

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

Please pray for the 31 offices of Ambassadors Football around the world. They are thankful for the virtual event held throughout September called Global Connect. Over 110 people from 31 countries gathered on Zoom to hear what the Lord is doing in and through Ambassadors. In breakout rooms, they were able to reflect on what was shared, ask questions, and pray for one another. They are grateful to have so many tremendous people as a part of this organization. Please pray for them as they seek to minister in these challenging times.

**Cuba (Caribbean).** Population: 11,193,470 Believers: 8.8%. Evangelical churches were devastated by waves of emigration to the USA as well as by persecution. Recovery has taken a long time, but the Church is now a force to be reckoned with. Many new believers are young people. Pray that this dynamic faith community would be a light to the nation and have a powerful transforming effect on Cuba; the potential for positive impact is great.

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**Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa**

Johannes is thankful for the amazing partnership he has with Parkside, which makes his ministry easier because of our support and prayers. Even though COVID-19 is still a big problem in their province, causing many to avoid church services because they are living in fear, their ministry continues. They are reaching many and sharing the hope they have in Jesus in open air evangelism using a truck as a platform while people listen sitting in their yards. Pray for God to soften their hearts and for many to come to a relationship with Christ. Please pray for God's protection over the Thaele family as they deal with illness.

**Czech Republic (Europe).** Population: 10,568,487 Believers: 0.7%. Christian leadership is a key to growth. For many years, little training was permitted, especially in biblical theology. But now the nation enjoys several excellent theological training facilities in the best Protestant traditions. Pray for all forms of theological education to shape knowledgeable, relevant, Christ-like leaders. Pray also that leadership formation, extending beyond the academic classroom, many create authentic spiritual communities where such learning is applied in the lives of the Czech people.

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

Blake and Emily are currently trusting God in a support raising season in preparation for moving to Sydney, Australia with Bridges International to reach international students there. Pray for their hearts to be set on God and his provision. The first weekend in October, international students across campuses in Texas joined together for a Bridges Fall Retreat, where students heard what it means to follow Jesus and processed the talks in small groups. Praise God for the students who attended. Pray that many would be drawn to Jesus as a result!

**Denmark (Europe).** Population: 5,556,556 Believers: 3.5%. Old non-missional theologies are devastating for the Church, since they fail to equip the Church in effective discipleship and mission in a secular realm. Pray for theological and missional renewal in all seminaries and Bible schools that will encourage a vibrant missions vision. Pray also for leaders to be raised up who can communicate Christ with the Danish postmodern youth culture.

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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Andrew and Angie are thankful for God's goodness and grace, both at a personal and ministry level. At a personal level, the family is doing well. They are encouraged to see evidence of God's grace in the lives of their children as they continue to grow and develop a personal relationship with Christ. Pray that God would continue to draw them closer to himself as they grow into maturity. They are also thankful for the way God is working in so many ways in the lives of his people as the church plant continues to grow and mature.

**Djibouti (Africa).** Population: 1,027,401 Believers: 0.1%. Mission work is a challenge in this hot, dry, but often humid land, and working conditions are extreme. Physical and spiritual oppression, economic disparity, ethnic tensions, and a paucity of believers lead easily to discouragement and worker attrition. Pray for the present ministries in education, public health, literature, Bible translation, literacy, and youth work—opportunities to witness abound in these. Pray that contacts lead to disciples for Jesus. Pray for God to send long-term workers, especially from nearby countries and people groups.

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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Pray for wisdom for the counselors as they seek to offer the comfort of God to those who are struggling. Pray for encouragement and growth empowered by the Holy Spirit for the counselees as they receive counseling. Pray for counselors who will be speaking at upcoming conferences and hosting several upcoming equipping events. Also, pray for upcoming support groups and for the Pastor Appreciation Luncheon at Parkside Green. They praise the Lord for these opportunities to help God's shepherds be cared for, equipped, and encouraged.



**Dominica (Caribbean).** Population: 67,107 Believers: 16.8%. The Carib Indians live on an isolated reservation on the northeast coast of Dominica. They are among the last indigenous peoples in the Caribbean to survive the arrival of colonialism and subsequent waves of immigrants. Most are nominally Christian, but only a small number actively follow Christ. Pray that these socially deprived people may find their true identity and fulfillment in Him. **Equatorial Guinea (Africa).** Population: 875,242 Believers: 4.4%. Training leaders and discipling believers are strategic and growing ministries. Pray that graduates of training institutions may be used of the Spirit to evangelize the nation and disciple believers. Pray for greater opportunities for laity to grow in their faith; the move from a nominal Catholic/animist worldview to a biblical one is a significant transition.

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

Pray for Mike as he is in Oaxaca, Mexico until October 19 giving their only pilot there some needed vacation time. Praise God that their team in Oaxaca has been healthy and busy flying despite the worsening pandemic. Pray for wisdom in prioritizing the many requests for flights. Pray for the Mexican government to release funding to continue flying critical patients.

**Dominican Republic (Caribbean).** Population: 11,450,700 Believers: 9.1%. Pray for endurance, provision, and faithfulness for those called to minister, especially those serving in the poorer, rural areas. Pray that the 15 or so Bible schools and the National Evangelical University may provide spiritual, mature, and stable leaders for the future.

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**Shoreline Church, United States**

Please pray for the ministries, studies, and classes that have launched this fall at Shoreline Church. By God's grace they have been able to reopen all their Shoreline Kids classrooms on Sunday mornings and resume weekly Shoreline Students meetings. They have also launched a class in the Gospel of John on Sunday mornings and Community Teams, women's studies, and men's studies have resumed. Please pray for the Word of God to take root in the hearts of people through these ministries. They are thankful for their partnership with Brian Walls and Youth for Christ. Recently through the ministry of YFC, 48 young, incarcerated youth at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center have made a first-time decision to follow Christ. Many more inmates are requesting Bibles and reading them.

**Ecuador (Latin America).** Population: 15,375,550 Believers: 8.5%. Evangelical numbers are large enough to significantly impact society. The potential is great, but many in-house issues need resolution. Pray for: vision and growth to continue, unity within the great variety of churches, cultural sensitivity and integration of Quichua and Lowland Indians into the national Church scene, improved availability and quality of pastoral training, and effective and appropriate ministry to children and young people.



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**Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Online Bible discussion groups with students started in September. Praise the Lord that they are going well. Pray that the student center can open soon, as the COVID-19 cases are beginning to decrease. Continue to pray for new believers, Honey and P.O., who are both attending Bible studies. Pray also for new believer, BB as he is searching for a job after his graduation last year. Pray that he will grow in faith and find a mature Christian to disciple him. Pray for Amy as she tries to help him from afar.

**Egypt (Africa).** Population: 98,637,781 Believers: 3.9%. Persecution of Christians has steadily intensified in the last 20 years. Harassment, discrimination on individual and communal levels, and financial incentives for Christians to adopt Islam are all used to break the morale of Christians. Pray for Christians to stand firm in their faith and live exemplary lives before their oppressors and in the face of police mistreatment.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

Pray for wisdom to raise up new elders and identify those who have a special heart for the community. Pray for another lead preschool teacher to step forward for Junior Church. Thank God and pray for six young men and women who were baptized over the last month. Pray that they will continue to grow in the Lord. Pray for turkeys! As they prepare for their November Thanksgiving outreach, they are finding that there is a shortage of turkeys for bulk orders.

**El Salvador (Latin America).** Population: 6,617,741 Believers: 31.6%. The growth of Evangelicals in the midst of travail has been a modern-day miracle, but now the need is for consolidation of the work. Pray for effective discipling and motivation of believers for service, witness, and missions. Pray also for increased unity and vision for outreach so that this nation might belong to Jesus—*El Salvador* is Spanish for the Savior.'

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**Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia**

Pray for the Pastoral Assistant volunteers in Santa Cruz: Daniel Cabrera, Yorch Cronenbold, Miguel Ortiz, Paolo Paris, Rolando Ruiz, and Aldruin Tapia; and in La Paz: Jonathan Ascarraga, Gerson Calderon, Albaro Cruz, Roberto Garcia, Juan Lopez, Pando Melendez, Miguel Perez, Edwin Quisberth, Gabriel Rodriguez, Miguel Rueda, Freddy Soliz, and Luis Velasquez. Due to the pandemic, the PA program is on hold. Pray for the safety of these men and that God will use them to encourage others in their communities during this difficult time. Pray that the PA program will be able to resume soon.

**Eritrea (Africa).** Population: 6,718,974 Believers: 2.1%. The Christian Church faces terrible ongoing persecution, both outside the recognized churches and, to some degree, within. Many leaders and lay members are in prison, and more are under house arrest; the government has seized many church assets. Pray that Christians may remain fervent for Jesus amid hardship and make a significant impact on their nation and beyond.

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### **The City Mission, United States**

Several new people joined the Crossroads team making it complete, and they are experiencing great team cohesion. Seven men are working on their GED preparation through a public library program and two are enrolled in a logistics certification course through Tri-C's Educational Opportunity Center. Please pray for these gentlemen as God continues his work in their lives. Construction continues in their programming spaces and former staff offices. This phase of construction should conclude in mid-October, when the new Resource Center and Caseworker Suite will open, and contractors will then begin focusing on improvements in the residential spaces. Pray that the project will stay on track.

**Estonia (Europe).** Population: 1,332,507 Believers: 4.9%. Despite a Protestant heritage, genuine faith in Estonia is rare. Many have limited Christian belief, but very few follow Jesus in any meaningful way. Most of the population need to be re-evangelized. Pray for a new vision for evangelism and revival to reawaken the nominal majority.

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) work in Mexico. Pray for Edgar's son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as Juan begins training to be a missionary pilot in Michigan. Please continue to pray for healing for Edgar's back. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he encourages several Equipping Servants (ESI) groups through this time of social restriction. Pray that the church plant will continue to grow and that many opportunities would arise to share the Good News. Pray for effective follow-up and strength for Karina as she heals from surgery. Pray that God would continue to bring fruit as his Word is proclaimed in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

**Ethiopia (Africa).** Population: 107,964,331 Believers: 19.6%. Bible translation remains a major challenge. Up to 88% of congregations use local languages in their meetings, so Bible translation is a must. There are 35 translation projects in progress; this represents nearly half of all living languages. Another 17 languages have translation needs that are currently unaddressed. Pray for wisdom in knowing which projects are priorities and pray for more nationals to become involved in them.

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**Truth For Life, United States**

Pray for Brenda Perkinson as she starts in her new position as Content Coordinator at Truth For Life. Pray that she will quickly assimilate to the team and that God will use her skills to contribute to the mission of Truth For Life in a significant way. Pray that God will provide the needed new staff members in Communications, IT, and on the digital team soon.

**Faeroe Islands (Europe).** Population: 53,293 Believers: 28.8%. The Faeroese need revival. Pray for the Spirit to continue impacting the Church in the Faeroe Islands; pray that Christians will be wise in engaging the postmodern and secular attitudes that increasingly challenge the primacy of the Bible and Christian tradition. Pray for the Spirit to make the Faeroes truly Christian—and not just in name only. **Falkland Islands (Latin America).** Population: 3,100, Believers: 10.8%. Most of the population is very nominal in what faith they may have. Pray for a renewal of faith. Pray for believers in their witness to fellow Islanders and to fishermen, oilmen, and tourists of different nationalities who stop off in the islands.

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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**



As the church plant continues to grow and mature, pray that God will provide a new facility. They will soon outgrow their current facility, and they are only able to meet there on Sundays. Andrew has been training several young men in expository preaching and will be giving them opportunities to put their learning into practice by preaching over the course of the next few months. Please pray that God will continue to equip and develop these local leaders, particularly, Markus, Álvaro, Julio, and Eduardo. Pray that God will continue to give Andrew and Angie grace to serve others with love, wisdom, and courage.

**Fiji (Pacific).** Population: 887,759 Believers: 25.2%. There are many claims of great revival in Fiji, and there is undeniable fruit of God at work in remarkable ways, as individuals, communities, and even the environment see transformation. Some specific areas that warrant prayer: unity, leadership training for the many churches, and mission vision. Pray for existing missions and for a greater future of Fijian missionary investment. **French Guiana (Latin America).** Population: 291,714, Believers: 4.5%. The most responsive peoples [to the gospel] are Haitians, Antilleans, Hmong, Amerindian tribal people, Brazilians, and the interior bush tribes (Maroon). Pray for a cooperative spirit among evangelicals and for continued unifying influence, especially among ministers.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



## Our Focus in Global Missions

-  Parkside Missionaries
-  Regional Missions Agencies

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# AN UPDATE FROM MARK & PATTI BEAN

## ALMOST THERE



**As we have mentioned in past letters, Mark is now working as a translation consultant. That means that he checks over what others have translated to make sure that it is faithful and communicates well.**

Since June, Mark has been checking the Old Testament translation for Pano Quechua, spoken in the Peruvian highlands. Their current goal is to have the books of Job and Exodus checked by the end of September.

It is mid-September as I write this, so I can't report yet that Mark and the Pano Quechua team have met their goal. The book of Job is finished but they are still plugging away on the book of Exodus. Right now they are reading each paragraph in the book to someone who didn't work on the translation to be sure that it is understood. Thank you for keeping them all in your prayers.

*This Page:* Mark and Patti Bean.

*Opposite page:* Mark and Patti's son and daughter-in-law at the airport with their children.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Since he just started in June, Mark has been spending extra time to help the Panoa team get everything done. Starting October there will be new translation goals, and the new pace should be more reasonable. Looking ahead, Mark also expects the residual stabs of pain from shingles to disappear. Practically, they aren't a big deal anymore, but they are still noticeable.

## TAKING A SMALL ROLE

This month I (Patti) have officially taken up a small role as a language program manager. That's a fancy title for bringing encouragement and administrative support to a new missionary. He's due to arrive in Peru soon to help bring the Old Testament to a people group in the Peruvian jungle.

## THEY MADE IT!

As we mentioned in our previous letter, in July our middle son and family were about to leave for the country where they plan to work. Plans change! Those flights and several more all got cancelled. After seven more weeks of living out of suitcases, they finally got flights that actually made it. Here's a photo of them with all their luggage on their way to the airport. Although we were happy for the extra time with them, we are even happier that they've arrived and are settling into their new life.



Thanking God for His goodness,

*Mark + Patti*



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**Parkside Green, United States**

Pray for God's word to go forth powerfully through Pastor Adam's preaching, through their fall Bible study on Solomon, and through their adult classes on contentment and church history. Please also pray for God to accomplish his purposes in the lives of their children and teenagers. Lastly, please ask the Lord to bear eternal fruit through the missionaries they are privileged to support in Dubai and in Uganda.

**Finland (Europe).** Population: 5,495,753, Believers: 12.1%. Humanism, secularism, and materialism have strangleholds on most Finns. While the majority look favorably upon the Church's social work, only 8% of Finns attend any kind of religious service monthly or more. Spirituality has more or less become privatized. The last revival occurred during the 1960s. Interest in spiritual things offers some hope, but Islam and fringe religious movements are currently the fastest growing. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough that will cause people to seek the Lord.

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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray that Pastor Pepe and the elders of the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia will be passionate about Jesus as they lead their flock by example and with a gospel-focus in their preaching and teaching. Pray that members of the ILC church will faithfully share Christ with people around them and that the Lord will bring much spiritual fruit. Pray for continuing gospel impact through Debbie's ministry as she teaches the Bible and disciples the women in La Paz, and as they endeavor to make Christ known to many. Pray for Debbie and her team as they coordinate an important women's retreat October 21-23 for 100 women.

**France (Europe).** Population: 64,930,944, Believers: 1.0%. Most French have a profound ignorance of, or indifference to, the gospel—many having never meaningfully encountered it. Yet, the relativism of postmodernity has generated acute emptiness and existential angst; as many have noted, this in turn has created a spiritual hunger that has grown rapidly in recent years. Pray that such hunger might overcome the suspicion toward religion. Pray that Christians would be prepared to patiently and relationally share Jesus with those who seek.

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**Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States**

The Mam church in Guatemala is grateful for the completion of a Mam hymn book. Hymns are played on local radio programs and are useful for worship and theological content. Pray that these hymns would be heard and sung by many people. Pray for Wes as he continues to write a book on the history of the Mam language and looks for a publisher for it.

**French Polynesia (Pacific).** Population: 304,378 Believers: 7.2%. Those with a vital personal faith are now rare. As a result, there is a reversion to the bondage of pagan occultism and a multiplication of syncretistic and foreign sects, especially two forms of Mormonism. Pray for a spiritual revolution to take place. **Gibraltar (Europe).** Population: 31,582, Believers: 2.9%. There is a need for unity among believers in different and diverse small groups of churches, most of which came into being out of the mainline denominations. Pray for further evangelical growth and for revival among the mainline majority churches.

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### **Health for Her Cleveland, United States**

They are thankful that God has provided a nurse to successfully fill a position. Pray for Yolanda Murray, a new staff member, and for the protection of all staff from COVID-19. Especially pray for Nurse Joanna who has health concerns. Above all, pray for all the staff as they engage in conversations with clients—that they will be led by the Holy Spirit and that the hearts of many clients will be softened to choose life for their unborn children and eternal life through Christ.

**Gabon (Africa).** Population: 1,779,155, Believers: 12.7%. Prosperity teaching is a foreign element that has made rapid inroads into the Gabonese Church. In a poverty-stricken country, such promises of health and wealth are met with great hope, but generally only the pastor sees any prosperity. Pray for responsible teaching that gives Gabonese believers true hope and enables them to find responsible and biblical ways out of poverty.

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### **E & J, North Africa**

E & J started up language lessons and have been enjoying their lesson times. They are especially thankful for kind and patient tutors. They are also thankful for their time in Kansas City and the foundation that was laid in learning Arabic. Their region is experiencing a drought and water in the city comes on occasionally and sporadically. Please pray for God's blessing on the land that the water reservoirs might be refilled. Pray also for them to joyfully accept from his hand the increased complexity of not having running water, knowing he works all things for their good.

**The Gambia (Africa).** Population: 2,227,413, Believers: 0.8%. Young people have flocked to Banjul (the capital) and are increasingly subject to Western culture at the expense of their traditional values. Pray that God would raise up a new generation of Christian young people who will lead their peers into a lifestyle of godliness.

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**Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa**

Pray for the 30 fatherless boys dealing with loneliness and anger issues. Johannes holds a weekly Bible study with them, believing the love of God can change the way they feel and fill their hearts with his peace.

God has opened a door for Johannes to preach the gospel on a radio station every Tuesday morning. Please pray for him to speak the right words to the hearts of the people listening. Pray that many will come to faith in Jesus.

**Georgia (Asia).** Population: 3,982,461, Believers: 1.5%. The small but deeply divided evangelical community has taken significant steps toward unity and collaboration. Evangelical leaders across several denominations and ministries met in fellowship, committing to defend biblical values and to promote religious freedom within Georgia. Pray for a greater willingness among all churches to put aside their own plans and to work together for the benefit of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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**Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries**

Praise God for the open door into Turkey. Pray that a new missionary training school can open there this November. Pray also for wisdom in

choosing students for this school as well as their placement once they graduate. Pray for new converts among the Dadjo and Zaghaza people groups in Chad. Their three missionaries there have evangelized 23 people and have had five come to Christ. Please pray for their safety, as the people around them are sometimes hostile.

**Germany (Europe).** Population: 80,422, 308, Believers: 2.1%. Theological education was a major cause of decline in the national Protestant Church because the unchallenged monopoly of state-endorsed academic training and the continued influence of higher criticism undermined confidence in God's Word. Pray for more professors who openly proclaim the Truth in universities and pray for greater numbers of evangelical students in what used to be spiritual morgues. Pray also for the many Bible colleges, seminaries, and training institutions that retain a closer adherence to biblical truth; pray that effective and practical ministry training might also occur.

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**Parkside Church Westside, United States**

Pray for the congregation as they grieve the passing of friend and brother, Jon Hockenberger, who was an elder at Parkside Church

Westside. Please pray especially for his wife, Mandy, and for their four children. Pray that the church family would be strengthened and comforted as they press on with fall classes and community groups. Pray also for their children's ministry programs and the need for more faithful teachers for the littlest ones. They are thankful for our prayers!

**Ghana (Africa).** Population: 29,567,415, Believers: 24.2%. Christianity has long been established in the south. About 63% of Ghanaians call themselves Christian, but many have only a tenuous link to a church, and attendance figures rarely top 10%. Pray that the true gospel may shine into the hearts of those who call themselves Christian but who are not born from above. Pray for a decisive break from all fetishism and occult bondages, and that true liberty in Jesus is found.

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

Pray for the 1,740 ESI participants in 162 groups meeting in 14 countries. Pray that these men and women will grow in their love for God and commitment to honor Christ by being true to his scriptures with Jesus and his gospel at the center.

**Greece (Europe).** Population: 11,283,784, Believers: 0.4%. Evangelism and discipleship remain the real needs in reaching Greece. Short-term ministries spread the gospel to many, but to have a lasting impact, a longer-term presence is needed. Pray that national churches might develop in the areas of prayer, outreach, and church planting.

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**Bobby and Julie, United States**

Bobby and Julie have continued to connect with team members who are already overseas and those who are preparing to leave. These conversations continue to make clear an open door for the gospel among the unreached and untrained. Please pray for Bobby and Julie's preparations and timing to join them. Pray for their four children, that God would prepare their hearts for future change and give them faith to follow his call. Pray especially for their oldest, Maudie, who has a stronger aversion to change. Pray that God would make it clear if a vision trip would be best—on which they could bring Maudie to help her have a sense of what God has in store for her. Pray for God's guidance and their open hearts as they deal with property and possessions. In the meantime, Bobby has been leading the KidsLife ministry at their church. Pray for these Twin City kids, that God's word will bear fruit in their lives as they study Acts.

**Greenland (North America).** Population: 57,130, Believers: 4.7%. Indigenous believers and forms of church are growing. With input from faithful Caucasian missionaries and indigenous Christian leaders, the Greenlandic Church is expressing itself in ways that are culturally compelling as well as biblical. Pray that the unique worldview and culture of the Inuit people might be made complete in Christ. **Grenada (Caribbean).** Population: 108,393, Believers: 19.6%. The devastation of hurricanes in 2004 and 2005 is still felt. Although fewer than 40 were killed, 90% of the nation's buildings were destroyed, and the agriculture and tourism sectors were virtually annihilated. Both sectors have been rebuilt, but the nation is deeply in debt as a result. Pray for ways to recover from this debt and to protect from such scale of damage in the future; and above all, pray for dependence on God rather than on material things.

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### Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

Pray that the current students in the one-year Bible course will be willing to spend time studying and learning the Word of God. Pray that they would be equipped to reach out with the gospel in their own cultural settings. Pray for continued protection of students, church members, team members, and their families from COVID-19. Pray that the right people would benefit from their efforts in helping the poor affected with COVID. Pray for protection of their Task Force as they distribute oxygen concentrators, food aid, and masks.

**Guadeloupe (Caribbean).** Population: 483,814. Believers: 4.3%. Christianity is a cultural veneer for most. The rapid growth of sects and evangelical groups highlights the spiritual emptiness. Occultism and magic are widespread influences. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict of sin and bring many to true repentance. **Guam (Pacific).** Population: 201,438, Believers: 14.2%. The influx of US culture, with all its pros and cons, has irrevocably shaped Guam. There is an increasing presence of wealth and tourism, but also gambling, substance abuse, and prostitution/sex trafficking. With the American military presence increasing on the island, these issues will only intensify in the future. Pray for biblical righteousness to shape Guam's society and public life.

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### Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

Pray for confirmation of a new assistant for Jon. God's timing is perfect, and he is trusting him that this is the right time and the right person. Continue to pray for Ruthie's recovery from foot surgery.

**Guatemala (Latin America).** Population: 18,091,326, Believers: 24.4%. Leadership training is a key issue, but a solid foundation has been laid. Pray especially for effective ways to train leaders of poorer rural churches. Pray also that pastors and leaders would demonstrate Christ-like humility and graciousness and rise above petty divisions, pride, and carnality.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Pray for God's leading as they begin to seek new ministry partnerships in Tohoku, Japan for future missionaries. Currently, their missions agency (SEND) is doing ministry in three of the six states in Tohoku. If it is God's will, they would like to help the Japanese churches in the remaining three states. Pray for SEND to find good gospel partners and situations that could use their help.

**Guinea (Africa).** Population: 13,467,039, Believers: 0.7%. The Church suffered serious numerical setbacks in the late 1990s and 2000s. Some established denominations shrank significantly, and evangelism and church planting slowed—probably largely due to nominal Christians falling away. Pray for believers who will persevere and pray against the enemy who seeks to destroy these young and weak Christians before they can grow.

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**Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States**

Mark, in his role as a translation consultant, along with the Panao Quechua team, are (just barely) on target to meet their current goals of finishing the books of Job and Exodus. This was a big deal and a lot of work since Mark was brought in at the 11th hour when the original consultant couldn't continue. Praise the Lord for his strength and help. Also, thank God that, after several surprise setbacks, the audio recording of the entire Huamalies-Dos de Mayo Quechua Old Testament is finished and in the process of being prepared for distribution.

**Guinea-Bissau (Africa).** Population: 2,064,988, Believers: 1.6%. Church leadership is solid, mature, and indigenous, with increasingly well-organized training programs for general discipleship and for pastoral training. But poorer and more remote rural congregations are much less appealing to workers and are therefore neglected. Those who do minister rurally must often care for several congregations at once. Pray for the vision of the evangelical Church to be fulfilled, and for trained, passionate national workers to go to the remote and unreached parts of Guinea-Bissau and to the entire region.

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# Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

Learn more about our missionaries and locate contact information for them at [www.parksidechurch.com/missions](http://www.parksidechurch.com/missions).

## Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

<b>North Africa</b>	E & J
<b>Japan</b>	Chris & Leanne Harrington
<b>Uruguay</b>	Andrew & Angie James
<b>Bolivia</b>	Kep & Debbie James

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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



# Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia**
  - 18 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
  - Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live biblically. ESI has 2,659 graduates since 2002 and 1,740 active participants in 162 groups in 14 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church has, and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**
  - 2 Mexican Pastors, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live Biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Tapachula.
- Asia**
  - 20 full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
  - 12 students are enrolled in a 9-month full-time preaching training course, fully supported by Parkside Church.
- South Africa**
  - Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African pastor working full-time with children & teens in the farm schools of Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

## Financial Support to Mission Agencies

Christian Counseling Educational Foundation  
Health for Her Cleveland  
  
Parkside Church Westside  
Scranton Road Bible Church  
The City Mission

Fieldstone Counseling  
Indigenous Church-Planting Organization  
Parkside Green  
Shoreline Church  
Truth For Life

## Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson  
Jon (& Ruthie)

Amy Cottle  
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

**Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2020: \$2.4 million**

# Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

## Mexico

Dental Outreach  
January 2022

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