

# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **May**

"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](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 \$2.8 million towards missions in 2019. 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



**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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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Kep returned from a fruitful time in Africa with Brother Philip and has been developing the curriculum that ministry will use to prepare church planters for ministry across North Africa. This new plan of study will train the students how to study the Bible on their own. Pray that God will use this commitment to study Romans, John, Acts, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Hebrews to draw them closer to Jesus and transform their lives through the power of the gospel. Kep plans to return to Senegal, Chad, South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Egypt in November to instruct the trainers in this Bible study material.

**Japan (Asia).** Population: 123,664,363 Believers: 0.5%. Pray for the specific challenges facing the Church: Christianity is still regarded as an outside Western religion and often churches look more like the introduced Western culture than 21<sup>st</sup>-century Japan; Christians are a tiny minority in a society where consensus and conformity is important; unity is lacking among the churches; traditions and forms of worship have been elevated to be as important as the Bible itself; church attendance is low; too few viable and active congregations; and the lack of men in the churches.

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**E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States**

Ramadan, a month-long religious holiday, has begun for their North African friends. Pray that as many seek to know God, that they would find him in the face of our Rescuer. E and J recently had to quarantine when their teammate tested positive, which meant language lessons online and a shift in childcare without a babysitter. Pray that they will continue to make progress in language learning.

**Jordan (Asia).** Population: 7,518,599 Believers: 0.3%. Religious freedom could be a casualty amid rising religious tensions. This nation is a center for many Christian activities and ministries, and much Christian work in the Middle East would suffer were a setback to occur in Jordan. A number of converts find life difficult—pressure comes from family, work, and society. Emigration is often seen as an obvious and safe option. Pray for the freedom to proclaim the gospel and for followers of Jesus to be able to remain in Jordan.

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03

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

Three teams in Colombia are working April 26-May 7 on translating the *Jesus Film* into their respective languages. Pray for Mark as he assists one of the three teams and checks their translation of the script for faithfulness to God's Word. Continue to pray for Quechua speaking men and women to open and use the translated Scriptures. Pray for the use of Bible studies newly adapted in other Quechua dialects to help build disciples and strengthen Quechua speaking believers.

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

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### Shoreline Church, United States

Shoreline returned to two services in April. Pray for wisdom as they move forward with plans for summer events including outdoor services. Pray for the Shoreline students who will attend the “One Day Away” event at the Warehouse in Solon on the 15th. Pray that it will be a meaningful event for all who participate and that they will grow in their faith. Finally, please pray for their missionaries in Serbia, Ralé & Dragana Terzic. Pray for wisdom, patience, and diligence as they bring the message of Christ's salvation to their village and surrounding areas.

**Kenya (Africa).** Population: 52,033,545 Believers: 48.9%. Long-term and rapid growth in churches has brought significant challenges for prayer: a) Establishing effective means of discipleship is a huge need as increasing numbers associate themselves with the church, yet with no true spiritual growth in their lives; b) The recent explosion of independent churches. Pray for their integration into biblical faith and church networks; c) Tribalism, “kingdom building”, and multiplied denominations cause divisions; d) The need for trained leaders for the more than 80,000 congregations gives cause for concern.

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

Pray for the 2,200 ESI participants in 175 groups meeting in 15 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 the gospel at the center.

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

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

The national Bridges team Emily is a part of, as well as the one Blake is on, will spend time in May evaluating the school year, praying, and planning for the fall. Pray for them as they reflect on this past year and plan for the best ways to engage with students this summer, leading into the fall. Pray for Muslim international students who are participating in Ramadan (a Muslim month of fasting and holiness.) Pray that God would give them a spiritual openness in this season and show them the true light of Christ.

**North Korea (Asia).** Population: 24,802,254 Believers: 1.0%. The Church in North Korea was the birthplace of Korean revival, but most Christians fled to the south during the Korean War or were martyred and their churches destroyed. There are four propaganda “show” churches in the capital, but up to 100,000 Christians are interned in labor camps. Possessing a Bible, saying “God” or “Jesus” and meeting as believers are all punishable by death. Pray for North Korean believers to persevere in what is probably the most difficult country in which to be a Christian.

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

Please pray for safety for Mike and that he will be an encouragement to their team in Oaxaca, Mexico as he visits the first half of May. Please continue to pray that God will provide for the many people in Oaxaca with limited access to medical care during the pandemic as cases continue to increase. Thank God that critical medical flights are still happening in Mexico. Pray for opportunities for their team to share the gospel with those they serve.

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

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**Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia**

COVID-19 figures continue to be very high. Please pray for God’s healing mercy and that he would graciously bring this pandemic to an end. Pray for healing for all those affected by the virus. Amid so much devastation, pray that the ministry staff and students would persevere in the Lord. Pray that there would be no fear or discouragement. Pray that they would continue to serve the Lord faithfully at any cost. This is a very crucial time for the church to stand strong in faith. Pray that they would remember our God is sovereign. Pray for the Lord to use their church communities to bring hope to many.



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



### **Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

Praise the Lord for a great Easter Sunday worship service at SRBC. Pray for their children's ministry as they shift from digital back to in-person classes. Pray for their spring and summer gospel outreach in the neighborhood. As they plan for Ambassador Soccer camp in July, pray for the logistics and for the kids who will attend. Continue to pray for the church leadership as they identify, train, and raise up new elders.

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



### **Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Until March their prefecture had not experienced many cases of COVID-19. Towards the end of March there was a surge of cases and their prefecture was put under a state of emergency. Their church is now doing online church services, with ministries on pause. Please pray God would give them and the church leaders wisdom as they maneuver through these circumstances. Although they would not wish for the spread of COVID-19, the increased number of cases has reduced the stigma of contracting the virus. Until recently, the shame resulting from getting sick has been heavy, leading to a spike in suicides. Please pray that the people of Japan will see that their shame can be replaced by Christ's righteousness.

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



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### Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Please continue to pray for the preservation and encouragement of Fieldstone's counselors and counselees. Pray for their leaders as they host several special events this spring on the topics of marriage, ministry, and caring for survivors of abuse. Their desire for these events is to reach a wide audience and for laypeople and ministry leaders to be equipped with biblical wisdom for service in the local community.

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

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

Their promotion of juniors to the youth department was a wonderful, successful event. Pray for these youth, some who heard the gospel at their Good News Clubs or sports ministry, as they are assigned small tasks to do on Sundays. Pray that they may love the work of the Lord and love to read their Bibles. Also, pray for the leaders as they face the challenges of working with these young people who are growing in the Lord. Their church is saddened by the recent loss of a member to COVID-19. The pandemic has left many with stress, having lost their jobs and without a way to support their families. Pray that God would supply wisdom and resources for a project that Johannes feels can help sustain these families.

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

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### Parkside Green, United States

Please pray for Pastor Adam, now a month into his sabbatical. Pray that the Lord will grant him and his family a time of physical rest, spiritual growth, emotional refreshment, and a godly vision for the years ahead in ministry. Please also ask the Lord to work powerfully in the congregation this summer as they hear God's Word from James, and then put it into practice. Please ask God to use their many upcoming summer camps to draw kids of different ages and different interests closer and closer to Jesus. Lastly, please intercede for God to accomplish his eternal purposes through the missionaries they are privileged to support in Dubai and in Uganda.

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

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#### **Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

With COVID-19 cases spiking in Uruguay after a year of relatively low numbers, the government is taking measures to shut down many businesses and institutions. The James children, who were attending school in person when the school year began in March, are now studying 100% at home. They have also had to stop in-person church services temporarily, as many of the people at church either have COVID-19 or have been in contact with COVID-positive patients. Please pray for them and the church as they navigate these challenging times, that God would give them wisdom and grace to faithfully care for the people he has put under their care, and that they would be light for those who do not yet know Christ.

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

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#### **Parkside Church Westside, United States**

They praise God for the blessing of being able to meet in-person for Good Friday and Easter services this year. They are also thankful that their Sunday morning toddler and preschool ministry classes have been reintroduced. They look forward to opening the remaining age groups in the coming months. Pray that the Lord would continue to guide and direct them through the ongoing reopening process as they gain more flexibility to gather with the threat of COVID-19 decreasing.

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

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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they return to Bolivia May 22. They are thankful that they were able to get vaccinated before leaving. Growing COVID-19 numbers in La Paz mean that many things have closed again, including their church building. Pray for Debbie as she works with the women's ministry team in the ILC church. Pray for gospel impact in many lives as they evangelize and disciple women in La Paz. Pray for Pastor Pepe and the elders of the ILC church, that they will be passionate about Jesus, leading the flock by their example, focused on the gospel in their preaching and teaching, and growing in gospel outreach.

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

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**Truth For Life, United States**

TFL is thankful for its many partners who faithfully give and pray for the ministry. Pray that God will bless them, draw them closer to himself, and give them comfort and peace in the assurance of the resurrection. Please continue to pray for the right people to fill positions in customer service, information technology, and digital communications.

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

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**Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Praise the Lord that a student named Honey has come to saving faith! God used many people over the last four years to draw her to him. Pray that she will continue to learn more about Jesus and that her faith will grow as Amy's team disciples her. Pray also for Teacher Dang, Amy's neighbor. She has gone to church with Amy and is interested in knowing more about Jesus. Praise the Lord that some of the Thai women at church made a good connection with her. Pray that the church will follow-up with her while Amy is in the U.S. until the end of August.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



## Our Focus in Global Missions

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- Regional Missions Agencies

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# AN UPDATE FROM SHORELINE CHURCH



**It has been a privilege to see all the ways God has been at work in and through Shoreline Church during this past year.**

After a refreshing time of outdoor services in the summer, we returned to worship indoors in the fall. Our children's and student ministries started up again in the winter, as well as our Men's and Women's Bible studies. In April, we celebrated our first Good Friday and Easter services in our church building, which was a joy after having to do online Easter services last year. Starting on Easter, we also resumed holding two worship services at 9:30am and 11am in our church building.

By God's grace, we have seen our church leadership grow this year. We are in the process of adding a third elder to our team, and we were able to bring Tammy Johannes on staff as our Children's Ministry Director. Along with that, we have also continued to welcome new members to the church.

Another highlight from this year was the addition of Brian and Maria Walls as supported missionaries. Brian is the Director of Operations



for Youth For Christ in Greater Cleveland, and we are excited to partner with Brian and Maria in this ministry. You can pray specifically for YFC's ministry in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center, which is a 180-bed facility. Bible studies and other outreach ministries have recently resumed in the center and more are coming soon.

In addition, please pray for Shoreline Student's "One Day Away" retreat on May 15, and for our Ambassadors Soccer Camp in July. We are also planning several opportunities for people from Shoreline to reconnect and engage with the church this summer. We are excited to see what other opportunities God will bring this summer.

As a church we are thankful for God's faithfulness this past year and for his continued grace as we move forward. We are also thankful for the partnership we have with Parkside both in prayer and in ministry.

IN CHRIST,  
SHORELINE CHURCH



*Opposite Page:* Shoreline Church building. *Above:* Ambassadors Soccer Camp at Shoreline.  
*Above Left:* Outdoor communion service. *Above Right:* Pastor Scott Kennedy performing a baptism in 2020.



**Macedonia (Europe).** Population: 2,045,824 Believers: 0.2%. The evangelical world is small but growing. Even so, there are fewer than 100 evangelical congregations. Pray for the many challenges of and opportunities for the Church: a) Opposition. The label of "cult" persists but is slowly fading for evangelicals; b) Unity; c) Church planting, evangelism, and mission. Pray for a grassroots movement that sees the numbers of Macedonian believers rapidly multiply; and d) Training and discipleship.

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

Pray for their ministry partner, Byron in Guatemala who is putting together an outreach to families using a series of BIG BOOKS in the Mam language. The books are big enough for everyone in a large room to see.

Although people cannot get around because of pandemic complications, families and neighbors can still meet with a local pastor or leader for teaching and prayer. Ask God for creativity, wisdom, and health for all involved. This is family-by-family evangelism. Thank God for the good recovery that Wes has had from his ankle surgery. He is back on his bike, and Wes and Nancy have taken some good walks with no swelling.

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

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**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 that new opportunities brought about by COVID-19 will result in people understanding the gospel. Pray

for Edgar's son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as Juan begins training to be a missionary pilot. 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 bless his Word as it is proclaimed in Tapachula.

**Malawi (Africa).** Population: 20,536,979 Religion: 76% Believers: 19.6%. The increasing activity of Islam is a significant issue in Malawi. Malawi has a great influx of funds via the Africa Muslim Agency. These extend Islam's influence through primary education, scholarships for tertiary students to go to Muslim nations, aid distribution, drilling wells, medical aid, mosque building and many other means. Although the impact of these has thus far been quite limited, pray for awareness and training for the equipping of Christians to meet this challenge. Pray also for a persistent, loving witness to Muslims throughout Malawi.

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

A few of the countries in Asia are beginning to return to some form of face-to-face ministry. In the past month, dozens of coaches have been trained in creative-access countries to use soccer as a part of the

Disciple-Making Movement to reach others with the gospel. Please pray for their staff as they follow-up with these newly trained coaches to help them reach their communities and countries. Pray that this would just be the beginning of envisioning and training the church throughout the region to raise up workers to reach the next generation for Christ.

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

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

Pray for wisdom for the leaders of the new missionary training school in Senegal and for the students to fully comprehend all they are learning and to deepen their understanding of God. Pray for their Egyptian workers who are spread throughout the world as they reach out with the love of Jesus to Arabic speakers. Thank God that the container full of donated Bibles arrived safely in port. Pray as they travel overland to South Sudan.

**Malta (Europe).** Population: 422,300 Believers: 1.3%. The most religious nation in Europe, Malta has deeply Catholic sensibilities. The majority regularly attend mass and over 80% feel that their religion is important to them. However, not many Maltese enjoy a personal walk with the living Lord Jesus. Pray that their strong religious tradition may serve as a door into and not a barrier against greater commitment to the Kingdom. **Martinique (Caribbean).** Population: 415,147 Believers: 6.1%. Many Christians come from dysfunctional or single-parent families and from a background of immorality and drug abuse. Pray for churches to be grounded in the Word, and for young people to be called into full-time service.

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### Health For Her Cleveland, United States

Pray for additional staff and for the safety of all involved in this ministry as they are faced with an increasing number COVID-19 variants.

Continue to pray that the hearts and minds of the women they serve will be transformed from a culture of death to a culture of life. Pray that the light of Christ will reveal truth to the workers in abortion clinics, causing them to walk away from their jobs.

**Mayotte (Africa).** Population: 250,252 Believers: 0.1%. Pray for more laborers to be called to Mayotte for long-term ministry. Those already there do a great job in a difficult field. Pray for encouragement and unity and for an increase in their number and fruitfulness. **Federated States of Micronesia (Pacific).** Population: 117,533 Believers: 24.3%. Pray for Bible translation and distribution. Pray for the development of reading programs and oral resources based on Scripture that would dynamically impact the population.

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### Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

Pray for the Pastoral Assistant volunteers studying 16 hours each week preparing messages and preaching through the book of Romans 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. God is using these men to impact increasing numbers of churches. Pray for their health as they minister amid the pandemic.

**Mauritania (Africa).** Population: 4,091,379 Believers: 0.1%. All Mauritanian peoples remain essentially unreached, and the vast majority have yet to hear the good news of God's grace through faith in Jesus. Believers in Mauritania have at times been imprisoned, beaten for their faith, or have endured ostracism by family or tribe. Pray for godly indigenous leadership to develop. Pray for increasing freedom of religion, both socially and legally. Pray for seekers to encounter Jesus, and that any who follow him might be courageous in the faith. Also pray that God might minister to believers despite the lack of fellowship.

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**B & J, United States**

Thank God for his help in conversations and prayer with both former teammates and Parkside's leadership. Pray that if it is God's plan, they will be able to go to Kazakhstan to share the gospel among the Uyigur. Pray for continued confirmation and pray that their whole family will have spiritual unity and a vision for returning overseas—from their youngest to oldest. Pray for B as he shepherds his family through this potential change and for God's help in putting their affairs in order so that they are ready for what he has for them. Pray that God will strengthen their sense of vision and calling. Thank God for opening a door for business visas for the team waiting to go to Kazakhstan and pray that all their teammates will be approved and receive their visas.

**Mauritius (Africa).** Population: 1,369,990 Believers: 10.1%. This complex multi-ethnic and multi-religious society makes evangelism a challenge; pray for great wisdom and discernment among Christians. The Hinduization of government and culture, as well as strong ancestral and ethnic ties, make it difficult for Indians to become believers.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

KIZUNA House was built by a Buddhist NPO. It was a small, stand-alone building that was a safe place for kids in Chris and Leanne's community to "hang out," and offered meals to lower income children once a month. It closed at the end of March. Its absence is greatly felt. Some influential people in the community have encouraged them (the church plant) to pursue taking it over! Please pray for God's clear guidance as they explore this idea.

**Mexico (Latin America).** Population: 119,682,457 Believers: 8.3%. Foreign missionaries' roles have changed significantly. Their presence is still needed in facilitating Bible translations, mobilizing Mexicans for mission, children and youth work, theological education, and leadership development. Pray that their ministries may assist the Church to be what God desires.

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**E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States**

Pray for their teammates in North Africa who are facing potential threats of their company being reported to the authorities. Pray that this person would believe the Truth, that she would be convicted of any ill motives, that she would be distracted by the cares of life, that any attempts that she might make would be fruitless, and that their teammates would have favor with the community and with officials. Continue to pray for opportunities for E & J to share the gospel with their North African friends.

**Monaco (Europe).** Population: 33,806 Believers: 1.2%. Monaco is culturally Catholic, but the real culture is one of materialistic hedonism. It is very difficult to foster interest in spiritual things in such an environment. Pray that many would see the ultimate emptiness of such a lifestyle and seek the fullness of life Christ offers. **Montenegro (Europe).** Population: 631,002 Believers: <0.1%. The evangelical community is tiny but multiplying. Evangelical congregations, while only a handful, have a vision for sharing the gospel; pray for continued church growth. Pray for steadfast witness in the face of opposition, for unity among denominations and for fruitful ministry.

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### **Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Andrew and Angie had hoped to begin a new ESI group in March; however, due to challenges with COVID-19 and other issues, they were unable to do so. Pray that they can start the group by June or July.

Pray also that God will continue to give them wisdom, courage, and love as they serve the people God brings their way.

**Moldova (Europe)** Population: 3,378,426 Believers: 3.7%. Evangelical Christians have multiplied greatly in spite of many challenges. Materially lacking, their spiritual vitality and determination yield much fruit. Pray that God might provide the Church's material needs—employment, buildings, discipleship materials, training resources. Praise God that unity among denominations is increasing.

MAY

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

Please pray for peace in the hearts of the women and children at Laura's Home. Some children have returned to in-person schooling while others are continuing remote learning, with challenging

academic adjustments for all. The men at Crossroads now have access to mental health and substance abuse services through Ohio Guidestone. Pray that these men will find help to overcome the struggles that brought them to Crossroads. Pray for permits so construction can proceed in the relocation of program spaces and sleeping quarters.

**Mongolia (Asia).** Population: 3,002,051 Believers: 1.2%. Developing Mongolian church leaders is a strategic need and the key to strengthening the Church. Good training is central to this—most churches, especially rural ones, desperately need biblically astute leaders and teachers. Pray for the right models of leadership and appropriate support structures to develop, from high-level academic study to informal training of laity.

MAY

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

Pray for Mike and Joan as they seek ways to disciple Christians in Latin America who desire to serve in worldwide missions. Pray that God will open doors for Juan Carlos to finish training to fly with MAF in Mexico.

Pray for wisdom as they start planning for a Parkside dental team to visit Oaxaca, Mexico later this year.

**Montserrat (Caribbean).** Population: 6,441 Believers: 23.4%. The massive devastation caused by the volcanic eruptions in the late 1990s nearly destroyed Montserrat as a habitable island. It will never completely recover. Pray for a new start, with Christ placed at the center of island life rather than the nominal Christianity which largely prevailed in the past. **Nauru (Pacific).** Population: 10,812 Believers: 12.1%. Spiritual awareness grows as the economy shrinks. Materialism's decline is faith's gain. Church life is reawakening, and evangelical numbers are growing.

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

God has given Ambassadors Football an incredible opportunity to reach immigrant youth in Akron with the gospel. Pray for them as they reach out to youth from around the world who live here in Northeast

Ohio. Pray for the global leadership team to remain close to God in everything they do, say, and think. Continue to pray for the team of people who are working on new Bible curriculum for children.

**Morocco (Africa).** Population: 36,784,700 Believers: <0.01%. Islam was introduced by invading Arab armies in the 7th Century. The once strong North African, and largely Berber, Church was erased. Pride in Morocco's glorious past as a center of Islamic civilization and learning and deeply rooted prejudice against Christianity remain barriers to the acceptance of the gospel. Only a small percentage of the population has been clearly presented with the gospel. Pray that this nation may become open for the good news.

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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>Japan</b>	Chris & Leanne Harrington
<b>Uruguay</b>	Andrew & Angie James
<b>Bolivia</b>	Kep & Debbie James
<b>United States</b>	E & J, Missionary Couple in Training

## 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 2,200 graduates since 2002 and 2,050 active participants in 175 groups in 15 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church has and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**
- 2 Mexican Pastoral Assistants, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live Biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca, 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 (formerly Alternaterrm)

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 2019: \$2.8 million**



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