

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!



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To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

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

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



Go

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



Learn

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



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.1 million towards missions in 2017. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting Him for the capacity to do so.

Parkside Church Missionaries



Mark & Patti Bean
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Wes & Nancy Collins
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



Chris & Leanne Harrington
Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham



Andrew & Angie James
Nicole, Camille, Zack



Kep & Debbie James
Heather, Katie, Andrew



Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson
Ben, Emily



Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron



Mike & Cindy
Hannah, Rachel, Luke, Elizabeth

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01

Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States

Praise God for Klaus and Katharina, German ministry partners in the village church near Leipzig, who reported a record 28 attendees for a recent 8-week evangelistic outreach to neighbors and friends! Praise God, that despite so many challenges this village church faces daily, they have remained faithful to Christ and His Word. Pray for G. (an Iranian refugee Jeffrey baptized) who is receiving psychiatric care for the trauma he experienced as he fled Iran for Germany. Pray for wholeness and healing in his life and that he will experience the presence and peace of Christ at this time. Pray for Klaus as he continues to serve and minister to G. in practical ways, which comes at great physical, emotional and financial expense. Pray also for Klaus' back problems.

Java, Indonesia (Asia). Praise God for the longstanding receptivity to the gospel of the Javanese people and Indonesians of Chinese descent. In spite of economic woes, socio-political upheaval, military oppression and religious persecution, the Church on Java continues to grow. Christians of many traditions are drawing together as never before, uniting in prayer, worship, mutual support and information sharing throughout Java. Loving action by Christians continues to draw many Muslims to Christ, even amid persecution and destruction of church buildings. Pray for greater momentum in reaching out to the much less evangelized in small towns and rural villages.

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02

Mike & Cindy, Macedonia

Praise the Lord for a good turnout at the evangelistic talk by Kosta a few weeks ago. Pray that God would continue to work in the hearts of those who heard a quality presentation of the Gospel, especially for their team's follow-up with the five who indicated an interest in hearing more about the Christian faith. Pray also for good closure to the academic year with students at the language center May 14.

West Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia (Asia). Pray for the unreached people, including the Hindu Bali people who number more than 100,000 on Lombok and are probably more open to the gospel than on their home island. Pray also for the three major indigenous people groups that remain largely unevangelized amidst ongoing efforts to reach them for the past 20 or more years. All three groups are strongly Muslim but still adhere to animistic beliefs. Several second- and third-generation house fellowships have formed among the Bima and Sumbawa.

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03

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

The Harrington family feels blessed to be able to reconnect with their Parkside Church family over the next 9 months. Pray for them as they acclimate to life in Cleveland, which feels like home for Chris and Leanne but like a foreign land for their children. Pray for the Japanese people and their team members as they continue the work of the Lord in their absence.

East Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia (Asia). The lack of Scriptures for the languages of the two Lesser Sunda Provinces is a major reason for the lack of progress of the gospel. Only a handful of the 65 languages have a NT, but The Seed Company is participating with national translation teams in 20 different translation projects. A facility for training and translation work is a felt need. The increasing availability of Scripture in indigenous languages is generating a revolution in the life of Christians here. Pray for the completion of the projects and use of the finished translations, bringing long-term spiritual transformation to the different language groups.

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04

Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Pray that the pilots will not be hindered in taking the gospel to Oaxaca during the cloudy and rainy month of May. The need for a hangar continues. Thank the Lord for new relationships/contacts that resulted from the love shared by the Parkside dental teams. Pray that the local pastors will be used to bring the gospel to those whose hearts were touched. Remember Mike and Joan in prayer as they spend time in Ohio sharing the work of MAF around the world. Pray that many would be encouraged and challenged to respond to His call. Please lift to the Lord their concern for their three sons and their families to seek the Kingdom first in their lives.

Kalimantan, Indonesia (Asia). Leadership training is a definite need as the Church grows, but illiteracy, poverty, geographic isolation and lack of indigenous Scriptures have all slowed development. There are a number of Bible schools. Pray for churches to mature and have a vision for outreach; pray also for expressions of Christian faith to be culturally resonant and appropriate.

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05

Parkside Church Westside, United States

Join them in giving thanks for two new member of their elder team, Jon Hockenberger and Don MacDonald and also in praying for wisdom, unity, and perseverance for these men, and their families as they serve in this new role. As the church continues to experience steady growth in attendance in their Sunday gatherings, pray that God would provide a permanent facility.

Sulawesi, Indonesia (Asia). Bible translation is an enormous unfinished task. Many years have been invested in research, in surveys and now in 18 translation projects in this linguistically complex region. Pray that nothing may hinder the publication of these Scriptures; several non-Christian people groups express longing for Scriptures in their language. There are definitely more than 20 and possibly up to 100 languages with Bible translation needs. Pray for fruitful partnership between expatriate and Indonesian translation workers, and pray for the timely completion of many Scripture translations.

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06

Truth For Life, United States

Pray that the live-stream of the Basics Conference for pastors and church leaders May 6-8 will be a great encouragement to many men in ministry who could not attend in person. Pray that God will work through the teaching at Basics to reinvigorate pastors and other worship leaders to proclaim God's Word boldly and with conviction so that many under their instruction will become the committed followers of Jesus Christ. Thank God for the many faithful volunteers who contribute in vital ways to Truth For Life. Pray that the Lord will protect and keep them in His care and strengthen their faith through the study of His Word.

Maluku, Indonesia (Asia). Bible translation is a challenge. The government has done much to encourage the use of the national language – a blessing for communication and evangelism. But 117 languages remain in active use in Maluku; only four have a NT, even though many of these peoples are “Christian”. Translation teams are involved in 34 languages, and 64 more have definite translation needs. Pray for the continuation of translation work, which, along with other ministries, is disrupted by violence.

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07

Amy Cottle, Thailand

Praise the Lord that Amy was able to move into her new home in Maha Sarakham and get settled. Pray for strength and energy for her- the heat index is as high as 115° many days. Praise the Lord for the students who came to hear about Good Friday and Easter with a clear presentation of the gospel! Please pray for the eight college students who want to study the Bible with the team during their school break this summer. They will be at Maha Sarakham University for one more year so please pray that they will come to saving faith!

[West] Papua, Indonesia (Asia). Praise God for people movements of the last 100 years and more that have seen the majority of the 275 tribes come to Christ. Over 90% of the indigenous population is officially reckoned as Christian. Strong, Bible-centred, maturely led Papuan churches are the great need as modernization, education and the outside world impact these isolated cultures. Christians must face up to the challenges of tribalism, syncretism, separatist politics and discrimination by the increasingly dominant Javanese Muslims. All these require wisdom, courage and profound faith.

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08

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Upon returning from being a part of the ESI training in Spain, Andrew thanks us for our prayers for the church plant which officially began last month. Andrew asks that we pray that he & Angie would always keep their relationship with Christ first and not let the business of ministry pull them away from fellowship with Him. Please pray that through this new church, many people will come to saving faith in Christ – that God would grant each member of their team compassion for the lost, faithfulness in sharing their faith, and boldness to be salt and light despite the indifference and/or hostility of the surrounding culture. Lift Andrew, Angie and their children to the Lord, that He might be glorified as many come to faith in Christ.

Iran (Asia). Young people are particularly responsive to the gospel. With nearly two-thirds of the population under age 30, with disillusionment at an all-time high and with frustrated desires for freedom, there is a unique window of opportunity to impact this generation with the liberating good news about Jesus. Political, economic and social frustrations are often expressed in resentment against the regime and in increasing hedonism and materialism. Pray that the unmet longings of their hearts might be fulfilled as they meet Christ. Already, much of the underground church is made up of this younger generation.

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09

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

On May 9-10 the Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ staff will have a retreat to plan activities for next school year. Pray that the focus of these plans will be reaching more lost youth with the gospel. Pray for the blessing of the Lord as staff members host volunteer appreciation events to thank what they consider their most valuable help—their volunteers. Please pray for the staff as they challenge students with the live-saving message of Jesus Christ before summer break begins.

Iraq (Asia). Leadership for the churches is an increasingly desperate need. Many good leaders have fled the country; many others are dead, specifically targeted by Islamists. Much of the pastoring and discipling is handled by Christian widows of slain leaders; pray for their equipping and enabling. With a young population and many Muslims coming to faith, leaders gifted in discipleship and teaching are crucial. Pray for the return of leaders who have fled, for the development of new leaders and for protection of all who shepherd God's people in Iraq.

News from Chris & Leanne Harrington



Graham, Chris, Lillia, Claire, Leanne, Mark

Dear Parkside Church Family,

We have been so blessed by your prayers and partnership in the gospel. We are now back in Cleveland for the next 9 months and look forward to reconnecting with you on a deeper level throughout this time.

The Lord has blessed us throughout our first four years in Japan. We are so thankful for the church God has had us be a part of. They have a heart and vision as a church to reach out into their communities and neighborhoods to share Christ.

Our pastor, Yukimasa Otomo, asked us last year to join in the start of a new church plant in Shichigahama. We began working with Satoshi and Nozomi Ueno, in meeting the felt needs of people in the community. One of those felt needs is a sense of community. Shichigahama is right on the coast and was devastated by a 12-meter high tsunami during the great disaster of 2011. Since then the community has greatly changed. Over 100 people died on that day and many more lost their homes.

One of the things we have begun to do is reach out to people through community gatherings, to help begin to grow a community for those who feel alone. The other felt need is in the form of meals for single-parent families and others in need. We have been doing a once a month meal and Bible story hour for all ages, which has begun to feel more like a family gathering. One single mom began coming to this meal and Bible story time about 10 months ago. She has four children about our children's ages. It has been amazing to see their desire to learn more about God in one-on-one Bible studies. Please pray for the Lord to continue to work in their lives.

The seeds of a new church in Shichigahama have begun to be planted. Please pray for our partners in the gospel who will be continuing to get into the community and share Christ.

-Chris & Leanne Harrington

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

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

Ireland (Europe). Evangelicals are experiencing sustained growth. The immigration surge contributed to this, with around one-third of evangelicals coming from non-Irish ethnicities. Pray for unity amid the new diversity, continued growth, good Bible-trained leadership, and for further development of holistic ministry. Pray that evangelicals might be salt and light in their communities and demonstrate the whole gospel by word and by deed.

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Samaritan's Purse, Children's Heart Project, United States

Thank you for praying for the two Mongolian families that we are hosting. Enkhsuren (4 year old girl) had heart surgery on April 18 and Duurenbayar (one year old boy) had surgery on April 19. Both procedures went very well and the children are recovering at the home of their host family, Rusty & Elizabeth Johnson. We are especially thankful that while in Cleveland, one of the children's mothers came to faith in Jesus! Please pray for her spiritual growth so that she will continue in the faith when she returns home. Pray for continued healing without complication for the children. Pray also for the support team of volunteers who have been assisting with transportation, meals and outings while the families are here. If all goes well, the families will return to Mongolia on May 20.

Israel (Asia). The Jewish mindset toward Christianity, often characterized by animosity and part of a long and painful history, is a barrier to be overcome. "Christian" nations are seen to be destroyers of the Jewish nation whether by persecution or by proselytization. Pray that the gospel may be understood as a fulfillment of their Jewish heritage, and pray that a widespread turning to their Messiah might come. Those who oppose the gospel are more active than ever; pray also that all attempts to restrict religious freedom may ultimately cause even more Jews to come to faith.

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12

Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray that the Gospel will go forth as a result of the ESI Facilitator Training taking place in Foz de Iguazu, Brazil and in Sao Paolo, Brazil, May 9-13.

Forty new ESI facilitators are answering the call to be involved in this ministry! Also pray for the 45 facilitators that were trained in Valencia, Spain in April as they form new groups to begin in September. Also, remember Debbie as she continues training women in evangelism and mobilizing discipleship relationships in the ILC Church in La Paz.

Italy (Europe). Many challenges and difficulties remain, and progress is invariably slow. Some encouraging glimmers of hope, however, need to be earnestly prayed for: cooperation among churches, evangelism and outreach, missions vision still in its infancy, and immigration of believers into Italy.

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

The month of May will be filled with evaluating the year and making plans for the summer and fall. Pray for the Lord's direction and guidance during this time. Pray that there would be good, clear conversations about Jesus with the students who are graduating or returning home after the semester. Many of their believing student leaders are graduating this May. Pray they would get plugged into a healthy church family and for God to use them in their next steps in life.

Jamaica (Caribbean). The country finds itself in the midst of moral and social collapse. Powerful South American drug cartels, using Jamaica as a transshipment point for cocaine destined for the USA, wield great influence. This fuels violence, putting Jamaica fourth globally for murders per capita. As part of an anti-corruption drive, the government has invited greater participation from churches. Pray that government and church leaders may reject compromise. Pray for courage, moral integrity and determination to turn the country back to God.

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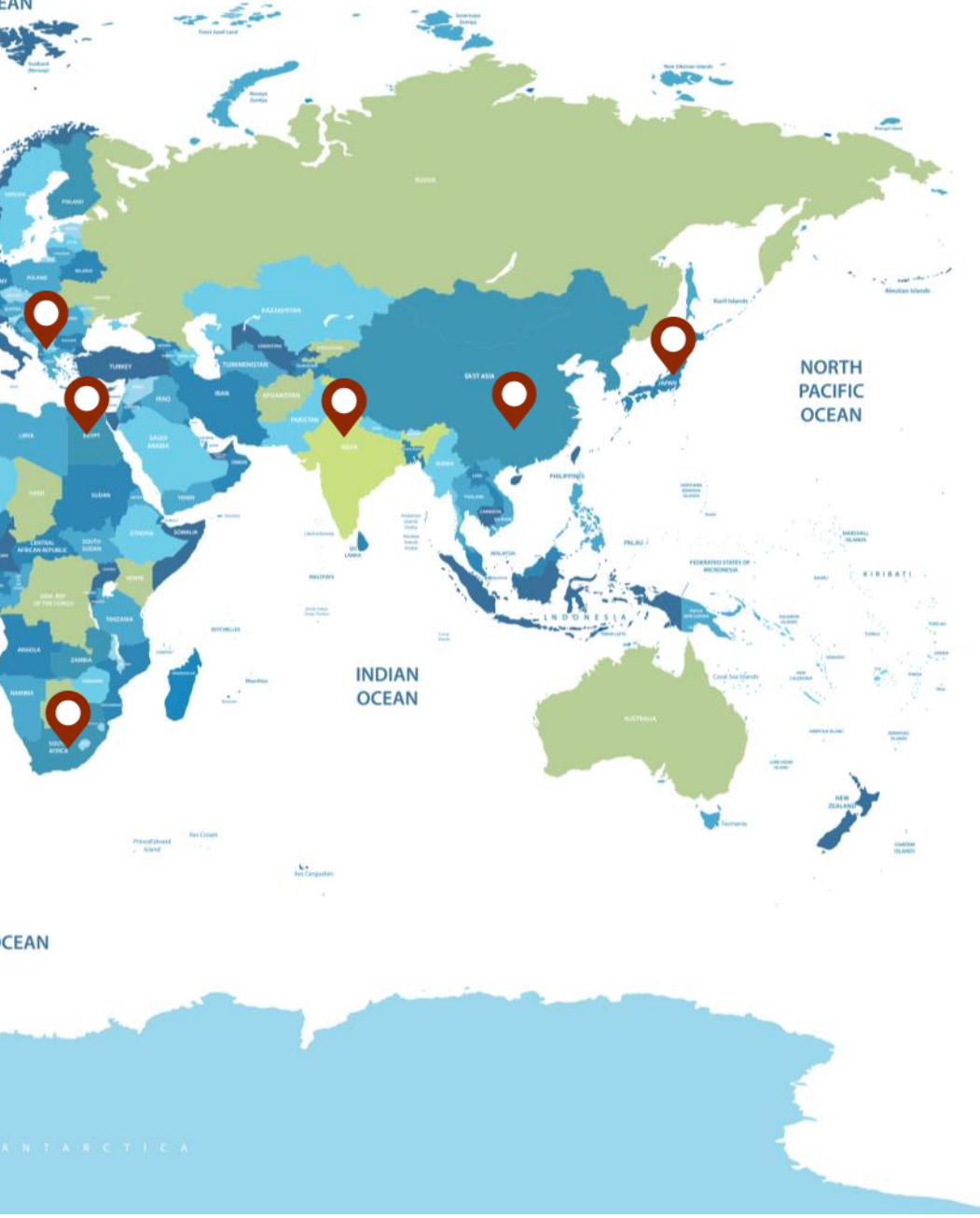
Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Pray that those students who heard Mark and Patti speak at a Christian high school recently would be motivated to consider missions. Please pray for their Quechua colleagues who are doing a lot of legwork getting ready for the arrival of the Bible now being printed. They are traveling to towns and villages inviting pastors and their congregations to attend the dedication of their Bible this summer. Their colleague, Wilmer wrote that when he spoke in the church at Yanas, first an older woman and then the pastor broke down in tears crying with joy at the news that the Bible was finally in their own language. Thank God for the months of home assignment, with only part-time work. Mark began working full-time again May 1.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



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Ministry in Japan



Japan (Asia). 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 the 21st-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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Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

They are grateful for the prayers of the body at Parkside. Thousands of young people who are being disciples in Kenya are having an impact on their families, schools and churches. This is because of the recent Ambassadors training for 90 coaches in Nairobi, Kenya. Statistics show that the most opportune time to reach a person with the gospel is before the age of 19. Pray that God will continue to use Ambassadors Football to reach hundreds of children and teens around the world with the love of Jesus.

Jordan (Asia). Religious freedom could be a casualty amid rising tensions. This nation is a center for many Christian activities and ministries, and much Christian work in the Middle East would suffer would 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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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Ministry in Venezuela is very difficult for foreigners due to restrictions on travel and currency exchange. Pray for faithful Christian leaders who love the Lord and their country as they continue to move forward with Bible translation, Christian ministry and relief. Students need our prayers as they face challenges traveling abroad for training and difficulty exchanging local currency.

Kazakhstan (Asia). 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. The number of registered mosques grew from 46 in 1989 to 1,282 in 2002. 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, as 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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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Pray for God's comfort, peace and salvation, as there have several recent deaths in the Scranton community. Thank God for the dedication of their new facility on May 5. Pray for their neighborhood open house on May 18. Pray for the selection and training of new elders. Pray for wisdom as they seek the addition of 1.5 to 2 youth and children/family staff members.

Kenya (Africa). Long-term and rapid growth in churches has brought significant challenges: a) Nominalism is a major issue. 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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Delhi Bible Institute, India

Thank God for the first graduation at the Bhopal Anugrah Ashram! The first one-month residential Christian Foundations Course was held in February. 11 students from the state of Madhya Pradesh were discipled in their faith, in the Word of God and in understanding of the life and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for the one year Ashram Bible Course that will begin in July. The building is being renovated and refurbished to accommodate more students. Pray for the 20 men supported by Parkside as they travel throughout Northern India preaching and teaching the gospel. Pray that God will protect them and provide many opportunities for David, Mani, Amar, Benjamin, Gabriel, Kalap, Suresh, Vinay, Desh, Ram, Anil, Dilip, Kamlesh, Rajendra, James, Shiv, Rajesh, Dinesh, Bhim and Sanjay to share Christ. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Isaac Shaw and the rest of the DBI leadership team of Ramrajh, Namgyal, Abuan, Andrews, Punam, Basant, Samuel and Yogatah as they oversee the ministry.

Kiribati (Pacific). 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 spiritist practices are all too common.

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Shoreline Church (formerly Parkside Church Lake County), U.S.

Please pray for their last building tour on May 18th as well as for meetings that have been held and will be held concerning the many serve terms within their church. Pray for the transitions of these teams going into their new building, that all would go smoothly for the established teams and for the new ministry teams that will be created in the next couple of months. Continue to pray for any and all decisions that may come up in these final months of construction. The church is so thankful for each prayer that is prayed for them!

North Korea (Asia). 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. 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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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Uruguay, Venezuela

The Lord has dealt bountifully with the outreach of the ESI training. It has grown to 164 ESI groups meeting in Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela and Sweden with 2,144 participants studying Romans. Pray for 20 Venezuelan pastors who have started 8 new ESI groups in central Venezuela. Pray that pastors and church leaders will build a strong commitment of Biblical friendship and stop walking alone but rather together with other believers to experience gospel unity under the banner of the gospel.

South Korea (Asia). The Korean Church has major spiritual challenges to face if its credibility before the world and effectiveness in ministry are to be at their maximum: a) Stagnation and saturation. b) Spiritual pride. c) Divisions and schisms sadly typify the Korean scene. d) Patterns of leadership. Leadership is sometimes too authoritarian. f) Lack of transformational impact on society.

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The City Mission, United States

The City Mission is planning an event June 29th to bring attention to the nearly 3,000 homeless students in Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Pray that Clevelanders and especially Christians will feel led to get involved in extending the love of Christ to these needy students. Pray that the message of Easter would continue to speak to those in Laura’s Home who do not know Christ. And for those who do know Him, pray they would find great joy in remembering Jesus’ work on the cross. Praise God for the faithfulness and gifts of their spring interns who have completed their tasks, and pray for them as they seek God’s direction and peace in their next steps.

Kuwait (Asia). 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 it might fall on open hearts prepared by the Holy Spirit. Pray also for those Kuwaitis who hear and want to respond.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Pray for the Shiogama Church as they continue to grow deeper in their relationship with the Lord and as they reach out to others in their neighborhood. When the Harrington's return to Japan, they will be working closely with Satoshi and Nozomi in preparing for a future church plant in Shichigahama. Pray that the Lord will prepare them for the work of spreading the gospel in that community.

Kyrgyzstan (Asia). 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. Beyond growing government hostility, resurgent Islamism targets evangelicals with intimidation, property destruction and physical violence.

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Women's Clinic of Cleveland, United States

Lift the needs of this ministry to the Lord as they share hope through the Gospel with their clients who are overwhelmed by their circumstances. Their list of needs include: an OB/GYN or radiologist to sign-off on scans, a carpenter for a door project, volunteers to provide spa bags for clients and greater support from churches in the community. Please pray that God will move in the hearts of his people to answer these needs.

Laos (Asia). Much of Laos remains unevangelized. The remarkable growth of the church is dwarfed by the size of the task remaining. Most peoples 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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E & J, Missionaries in Training, Mexico

Praise God for some good conversations with potential teams as they pray about where to go. Thank God for equipping them with some excellent training. Praise God for providing them with a lovely family to stay with for homestay. Pray that they would be thankful and content each day, no matter the circumstances. Pray for their walk with the Lord, that they would be satisfied in Him. Pray for their continuing relationship with their home stay family. Please start praying for the people group God will send them to and for their future teammates even though they don't know who they are yet.

Latvia (Europe). Christianity is characterized mostly by nominalism. Although 60% belong to a Christian confession, only a small minority actually practice their faith. Pray for a new move of the Spirit in the mainline churches. Pray for nominal Christians to become true believers.

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Missionary Family Serving in an Undisclosed Country

During their furlough they sense God leading them to get jobs and settle in St. Paul, Minnesota where family is located. This is in light of their not being able to return to the country where they were working. Please pray for God's provision for a job and please pray for two reliable vehicles for daily transportation. Give thanks for the many gospel relationships God has already provided. Pray for Glen and his family from the Philippines for his salvation and for Gabriel, a Native American brother who has recently come to faith and is working hard to change his life. Thanks and glory to God who has given them a local church family and the help of the Parkside Church family as we pray them through this transition.

Lebanon (Asia). 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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Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States

Pray for Sebastian and the leaders of the Nathaniel Church in Leipzig, Germany as they continue to shepherd and guide their church with wisdom and love. The challenges facing them in post-Christian Europe seem, at times, overwhelming. Pray that they would have the moral courage and strength to guide and love the faithful amidst strong criticism - if not disdain - from a secular society.

Lesotho (Africa). The mountain populations 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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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Pray for the following programs that Johannes and his co-workers would like to establish in the Khayelitsha community: Equip children and young people with biblical principles and guidelines, Heal children's emotional scars and wounds, Give support to young people who are heading their families, Make disciples who will make other disciples, and Establish children's prayer groups. Please pray for the work in Khayelitsha to grow. Pray for the young people who have committed their life to Jesus who are attending these gospel programs. Pray for the work that Johannes Thaele, Marieta van Aswegen, Peter Holman and Frans Sekhoto are doing in Bloemfontein communities.

Liberia (Africa). 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 Green (formerly Parkside Church Green Campus), U.S.

Praise God for another fruitful year of Men's & Women's Bible Studies. Plans are being made for Summer Camps and the Super Wednesdays that will begin in June. Please pray for all those involved in the planning, preparation, and facilitation of all the scheduled activities. Also pray that the camps and activities would bring a good turnout of children with families who are eager to know the Lord. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with the children as well as their families. And please continue to pray for their pastors and leaders who work so hard at keeping Parkside Green on mission for the Gospel of Christ. Give thanks to God who has blessed them so richly.

Libya (Africa). 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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Indigenous Church Planting Organization

The ministry is ever expanding. God has opened doors for them to move into many new areas of ministry and they are making bold plans to move forward. Prayer is the foundation of their ministry and they passionately ask us to keep them in prayer. *"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much"* (James 5:16b) and they have much to accomplish! The open doors are miraculous, but the needs are also great. The missionary school in South Sudan is up and running with 18 students, 7 who study in English and 11 who study in Arabic. They hope to open a school in a different African country this fall, but repairs must be made on the building they hope to use before they can begin. Please pray that God will provide all that is needed for this to happen.

Liechtenstein (Europe). 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.

MAY

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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

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

Lithuania (Europe). Freedom has brought progress. 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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Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Ambassadors Football, United States

The Pheneger's are back in their home in NE Ohio and looking forward to being a part of what God is doing through Ambassadors globally. Remember to continue praying for the Ambassadors Football 2019 Leaders Conference that will be held in Cleveland at the end of June. Some 120 staff from around the world will be attending, which means prayer is needed for all the logistics to be completed. Recognizing that millions are flooding soccer fields around the world, but not making their way into churches any longer, they are seeking to prepare staff to reach those on the soccer fields and bring them to Jesus and His Church.

Luxembourg (Europe). The growth of other faiths presents a challenge to traditional faith. Pray 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.

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Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

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

Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

Missions: More than Money

Financial Support of Nationals

Bolivia

- 14 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
- Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a 3 year part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. ESI has 2,000 graduates since 2002 and 2,144 active participants in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church has and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.

Mexico

- 2 Mexican Pastoral Assistants, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live Biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

India

- 20 full-time Indian missionaries were trained by the Delhi Bible Institute and sent to Northern India, fully supported by Parkside Church
- 12 Indian students are enrolled in a 9-month full-time preaching training, fully supported by Parkside Church

South Africa

- Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African working full-time with children & teens in the farm schools of Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

Financial Support to Mission Agencies

The Women's Clinic of Cleveland

Parkside Church Westside

Christian Counseling Educational Foundation

Scranton Road Bible Church

The City Mission

Shoreline Church (formerly Parkside Church Lake County)

Indigenous Church Planting Organization

Truth For Life

Parkside Green (Formerly Parkside Church Green Campus)

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson

Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

Amy Cottle

Brian (& Maria) Walls

Jon (& Ruthie) Ortlip

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2017: \$2.1 million

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

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

