



# Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY  
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

SEPTEMBER

"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 toward 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 A205. 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. You can pick up a copy of the book at Books by the Park. The prayer requests for different countries in this calendar are excerpts from that book and the [operationworld.org](https://operationworld.org) website.



## Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$3,421,410 towards missions in 2024. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting God for the capacity to do so.



## Go

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

# Parkside Church Missionaries



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*\*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



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Mike & Joan Ross  
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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

During the first two weeks of September, Mark and Patti will be in Peru. Mark hopes to check the books of Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel, and chapters 1—13 of 2 Samuel for the Panatawa Quechua team. Pray not only for good concentration and attention to detail while checking Scripture, but also for protection over schedules, health, and rest. Pray that the people who will eventually receive these books will be hungry to know more about God and find him in his Word.

**Malta (Europe).** Population: 545,405 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: 340,439 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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**Parkside Kent, United States**

Pray for the launch of all ministries at Parkside Kent. Beginning the first week of September, nine community groups in area homes will be studying the book of Ephesians. Pray that many will come to know Christ and grow in him. Pray that God's design for the local church as revealed in Ephesians will take root and mature. They will also be offering a midweek program called "Treehouse" for first through fifth graders. The program will use the New City Catechism to plant the truths of Scripture deep in young hearts and teach them the core doctrines of the Christian faith.

**Mauritania (Africa).** Population: 5,315,065 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. 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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**Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States**

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the MAF work in Mexico and for the best use of the tools God has provided to reach the lost. Pray for much fruit as Pedro and Roberto follow up with people in La Mesilla after the Parkside Dental Team visit. Pray that the pastors in Amoltepec will use the resources they have to reach the lost. Pray for Gregorio and Eily as they work to get a visa for her to accompany him to Candidate Classes with MAF in Idaho. Pray for Mike as he travels to Mexico to encourage Neri and Karina in Tapachula. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much spiritual fruit for the kingdom.

**Mauritius (Africa).** Population: 1,268,280 Believers: 10.1%. This complex, multiethnic, and multireligious 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. However, large numbers of Hindus are coming to Jesus through the bold witness of evangelical churches. Pray for continued church growth—may the body of Christ in Mauritius reflect the beautifully multicultural nature of God’s kingdom!

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### **Parkside Heights Church, United States**

Now that most of the college students have returned, Parkside Heights will be having an ice cream social to welcome them after church on September 7. Pray for a good turnout of students attending service that day and for their church family to make good connections with them. Also this month, their community groups and youth group will be starting back up. Pray for these gatherings to be nurturing places to grow in love for Christ and for one another.

**Mayotte (Africa).** Population: 337,011 Believers: 0.1%. Pray for the Muslim majority. Although there is religious freedom and direct, open-air evangelism is permitted, response has been very slow, and most converts have returned to Islam. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough. **Federated States of Micronesia (Pacific).**

Population: 113,683 Believers: 24.3%. Biblical Christianity faces challenges on three fronts. On one front are the traditional cultural elements, such as the use of magic and of sakau. Another front is the pull of Western consumerism and the temptation to migrate to the USA. Finally, Mormon missionaries are highly active in Micronesia. Pray for a revelation of the power and love of Jesus to the peoples of Micronesia.

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### **Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Europe, and the Americas**

Pray for Costa Rican pastors as they prepare for an upcoming Equipping Servants International (ESI) training on February 2-6, 2026, in San Jose.

Pray that the Lord will use this time to help pastors and church leaders study the Bible, understand it, live it, and faithfully teach and preach it in their churches. Continue praying for the De Ark Church in Amsterdam as they seek to make Christ known in Holland. Praise the Lord for the four ESI groups meeting in Italy, four groups in London, five groups in Paris, one group in Los Angeles, and three groups in Virginia and Florida. As they study Romans, pray they will grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Jose Gutierrez oversees the ESI groups in Central America. Pray for him and for each ESI participant to grow in their understanding of the gospel and in their love for Jesus.

**Mexico (Latin America).** Population: 131,946,900 Believers: 8.3%. Evangelicals numbered 800,000 in 1960. They now number over 14 million, and the movement still grows! Geographical distance and broken relationships divide many families, and many are first-generation believers who need help to grow in their commitment and faith. Pray for godly church leaders and for more pastors willing to work among the poor in rural or slum areas.

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**The City Mission, United States**

Pray for the success of their annual fundraiser, Running with a Mission, on September 6 at Edgewater Park. Pray for the staff and volunteers who serve men, women, and children in crisis at Crossroads, Laura's Home, New Horizons, and Transitional House, providing help and hope through the transforming power of God's love, knowing all are made in the image of God.

**Moldova (Europe).** Population: 2,996,106 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 for the church's material needs—employment, buildings, discipleship materials, training resources. Praise God that unity among denominations is increasing.

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**Parkside Green, United States**

Pray for the Lord to use Pastor Adam's new preaching series and the new classes this fall for adults and kids to equip the people of Parkside Green to be faithful witnesses locally. Please also ask the Lord to accomplish his purposes globally through those they support: Dr. Jen Kintner, overseeing women's ministry training at the Gulf Theological Seminary in Dubai; Brett and Jennifer Wright, returning from Uganda in September for home assignment in the U.S.; and Bryan and Erin Joseph, completing language school and biblical training in Texas this fall before launching into full-time missions in Mazatlan, Mexico, in January 2026.

**Monaco (Europe).** Population: 38,341 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: 632,729 Believers: <0.1%. 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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**E & J, North Africa**

One of their daughters broke her arm in August. Praise the Lord that the doctor said the bone is starting to heal and that he was able to shorten her cast so she can now bend her elbow. Pray for complete healing. Last month, E & J found out their babysitter was upset due to some cultural differences they were unaware of, which left her feeling demeaned. They were able to talk about things and begin understanding each other. Pray that E & J can love her well and that she will find her value in being made in God's image and in his great love for her in sending his Son.

**Mongolia (Asia).** Population: 3,517,100 Believers: 1.2%. The growth of Christianity in modern Mongolia is truly an answer to prayer! Perhaps only four Mongolian believers existed in 1989, but by 2010 over 40,000 believers worshipped in hundreds of churches and groups around the country! Today, that number is larger still, and the Mongolian church is growing not just in numbers but in maturity and contextualized expression. Developing Mongolian church leaders is a strategic need and the key to strengthening the church. Pray for the right models of leadership and appropriate support structures to develop, from high-level academic study to informal training of laity.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

Thank the Lord for new leaders and volunteers. Pray for each one to be refreshed and to seek wisdom in serving. As they exercise their gifts, pray they will grow closer to the Lord. Pray for the classes that are preparing believers to follow Christ's example by being baptized. These students and others who have completed the class will be baptized later in the fall. As the Good News Kids and youth ministries kick off a new school year, pray for all involved both in sharing and hearing the gospel. Continue to pray for the men who are in training in their elder cohort.

**Montserrat (Caribbean).** Population: 4,360 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: 12,026 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. Pray this will continue.

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

Pray for the children who attended the Grasslands Vacation Bible Camp in July, led by the Parkside team. Pray that they will become true disciples of Jesus Christ, that the Word of God will transform their lives completely, and that they will be evangelists to their friends, telling them Jesus Christ is the only way to God.

**Morocco (Africa).** Population: 38,430,770 Believers: <0.01%. Moroccans became aware of the indigenous church when the media broadcasted negative and inaccurate reports about a large number of converts to Christianity. There may be about 2,000 Moroccan Christians, with 20 to 30 small house fellowships. New believers feel pressure from family, police, or religious authorities. Pray that believers might grow amid such persecution, as with the early church, through faith, witness, mutual support, and encouragement.



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

J and A feel honored to be included in our missions calendar. They are in the final stage of training and preparation at MAF headquarters before heading overseas. They are thankful to have already completed a month of intensive training and that while they were in classes, A's parents stayed with them and helped care for their son. J and A are also grateful for the meaningful friendships they have made during this time of training. Pray for smooth sailing in procuring visas and other important documents they will need for travel in upcoming months. Pray for a quick recall of skills for J as he picks up tools after more than a year's break. Pray for the safe arrival of their baby. Pray for them, as parents, to have wisdom in all the transitions that await them and their children.

**Mozambique (Africa).** Population: 35,631,653 Believers: 11.1%. After harsh persecution under the Marxist-oriented regime, Christian faith spread rapidly. There are great opportunities for fruitful ministry in most of the country. Mozambique was highly unevangelized, but now many people from all faiths and regions have begun to follow Christ! Training church leadership is an urgent priority, probably the most strategic spiritual issue in the country. Funds and facilities for formal theological training are lacking. Pray that the effective formation of biblically literate, godly leaders would match the ever-increasing needs of the church.

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/  
Ruth (& Artis) Powell, United States, Zambia**

Close to 35,000 internationals attend the University of New South Wales. Pray for the welcome outreach for the new international students.

Student leaders are helping launch a new team at this location. Pray that God will equip these believers to share the gospel with their friends. There is a growing ministry with South Asians at Sydney University, where more students from a Hindu background are open to conversations about Jesus. Pray for the Spirit to draw them to Christ. In August, Ruth and a missionary friend had the opportunity to share the gospel with around 100 children in Kasempa, Zambia. Then, Ruth traveled to Lusaka, the capital, and was a part of the ESI training there. Pray for spiritual fruit from their trip. Pray for the small village school in Kasempa, where their goal is to teach the children to read so they can read the Bible and come to salvation by faith in Christ. Zambia is a Christian nation and teaching biblical doctrine and the life of Christ is part of their school curriculum. Pray that Christian teachers in government schools will take advantage of this opportunity.

**Myanmar (Asia).** Population: 54,850,648 Believers: 5.0%. Buddhism has a strong hold on the Burmese majority, as well as over the Shan, the Rakhine, and the Mon peoples. Most children receive education in Buddhist monasteries. Burmese Buddhism mixes in occult beliefs, superstition, and fear of the spirits. Reportedly, thousands of Buddhist monks have quietly become believers and many study the gospel and listen to Christian radio. Pray for this quiet movement of Buddhists to Christ to keep spreading, growing, and deepening.

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

Please pray for the opportunities the Lord is opening to the immigrant and refugee communities around the U.S. At one camp in Lancaster, PA, this summer, two-thirds of the campers were African refugees. The BBC has designated Lancaster as the “refugee capital” of the U.S. based on the large number of refugees resettled there in recent years—as high as 20 times the national average. In Pittsburgh, the Ambassadors staff is facing a spiritual battle as the executive director of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh is trying to stop Muslim kids from attending their programs. Children of Muslim families have been coming home from programs and talking about Jesus and creating conflict within their homes. Pray for discernment for the staff in handling the situation.

**Namibia (Africa).** Population: 3,092,817 Believers: 12.2%. Several strategic groups formed to see Namibia transformed for Christ. Pray for all to hear the gospel once again and for many to turn back to Christ. Pray for unity and cooperation among all groups seeking to uplift Christ in this nation. Pray for current and future pastors and leaders to be trained and formed to God’s standards. Pray also that the mainline training institutes would capture a love and respect for God’s Word.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Chris and Leanne are thankful for our prayers as their family has transitioned to Tokyo. Finding a house and Chris beginning his new role were the first two of the four big transitions to be completed. The third was the kids starting school. The three older ones have started their school year at Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ). Please pray that the Lord would not only use this school, the teachers, and students to bless their kids, but also that the Lord would use them to be a blessing to those at CAJ as well. Graham has entered a public elementary school in their community. May the Lord grant him the ability to integrate well into his academic learning and to make some new friends. Jude has not yet been accepted into kindergarten, but there are some promising options. Pray that the Lord will open a suitable situation for him.

**Nepal (Asia).** Population: 29,618,118 Believers: 2.8%. Although Nepal is a secular country, an anti-conversion law was passed in 2017, primarily intended to limit Christian evangelism and defend Nepal’s Hindu traditions. It has not succeeded in slowing the spread of the gospel; Nepal’s Christians continue to share the good news. Pray for wisdom and courage for all who wish to be witnesses for Christ in Nepal.

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**Shoreline Church, United States**

Shoreline is thankful for everything God is doing in their lives and ministry and for the opportunity to continue ministering to their community for another year. Pray for all the kids, their families, the teachers, and other workers in their congregation as another school year has begun. The children in Sunday School are moving up to new classes and teens are joining new youth groups. Continue to pray for the Bible studies and community teams that meet regularly in the church and in the community. Join Youth For Christ in praising the Lord for the many outreach opportunities that have begun at the City Life Center, including cooking and art classes, soccer and basketball open gyms, a Bible Club and studies, free meals for under-resourced youth, and more. Pray that through these avenues, lost youth will find Jesus!

**Netherlands (Europe).** Population: 18,346,819 Believers: 4.3%. Christianity in the Netherlands seems to have reached a low point. Less than 10% of the population now attend church weekly. The Netherlands leads the world in promotion of secular and New Age views or values. Few restrictions exist for drug use, deviant lifestyles, prostitution, euthanasia, and abortion. Pray for revival that restores the nation spiritually.

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**Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Europe, and the Americas**

Praise God that when Kep spoke with Pastor Sebastian in Colombia, Sebastian said that everywhere he goes he sees evidence of God's grace transforming Colombia as people study the Bible, live it, preach it, and teach it in their local churches. Thank God for the ILC Church planted by Kep and Debbie in La Paz, Bolivia, and pray they will continue to grow as a church grounded in Christ and focused on evangelism and discipleship. Pray for Kep and Debbie as they travel to Fortaleza, Brazil; Montevideo, Uruguay; and then to Peru for ESI leadership and training meetings the last two weeks of September and first week of October.

**New Caledonia (Pacific).** Population: 295,333 Believers: 7.0%. Most Kanaks are Christianized, and most villages have a church, but the gospel is often confused with Western culture. Animist practices usually underlie a Christian veneer. Pray for pastors to discern between tradition and the pure gospel and that a truly biblical, truly Kanak church may continue to grow and demonstrate the power of Jesus over the evil one. **Northern Mariana Islands (Pacific).** Population: 43,541 Believers: 12.7%. The indigenous Chamorro majority were baptized as Catholics, but their deeper beliefs and worldview betray an underlying animist outlook. Pray that the light of the gospel may shine on this people. Although Catholicism's influence is waning, evangelical outreach is only recent. Pray for the ministry of the numerous Bible-believing churches from various denominations.

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## AN UPDATE FROM OUR STUDENT MINISTRY TRIP WITH WORLD CHANGERS

During the second week of July, a group of about 50 of Parkside's middle school and high school students, along with their adult leaders, headed to Painesville for a week to attend World Changers. The Parkside students were placed on work crews with students from other churches throughout the U.S. These work crews participated in various service projects throughout the greater Cleveland area, which included painting houses, helping with sports camps, and refinishing a church floor.



In the evenings, the students spent time in fellowship with the other World Changers participants and sat in worship and teaching sessions on Jonah, ending the night with a devotional time with our church group.

8th grader Terry Steele spoke about his experience this year saying, "I love the truly unique experience that World Changers provides; it showed me the need right here in our own communities and how good God really is. We helped an elderly woman



by rebuilding her deck and fixing some other safety hazards at her house. The studies were very helpful as well. We walked through the book of Jonah and did some amazing devotionals on God's grace, his mercy, and how he can work in our lives if we only let him."



Rising senior Oma Agwa shared, "World Changers was an incredibly impactful experience for me. I not only got to meet so many teenagers my age as on fire for the Lord as me, I also got to serve with them. My crew worked on renovating a men's home for recovering addicts in Willoughby. We got to hear the testimony of two of the former men who lived there, and it was amazing to see how God completely transformed their lives in times of complete darkness. I learned the power of service and helping others. Wouldn't trade that week of my summer for anything!"



Please join us in praying that the students' experiences and lessons learned on this trip will have a lasting impact on their lives. Please pray also that the work done on this trip would be an example of the love of God to those who were served.

**Photos: Page 1, Top:** Parkside Group. **Bottom Left to Right:** Work crews refinishing a sanctuary floor, serving at the sports camp, and painting a house. **Page 2, Top Left & Middle:** Students helping with a home renovation. **Top Right:** Lunchtime devotionals and prayer. **Bottom Left & Middle:** Work crews serving on construction projects. **Right:** Marie Cain and Oma Agwa.

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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Fieldstone Counseling celebrated eight years of ministry last month and is grateful for our help and continued prayers. As they step into year nine, their commitment remains the same—to come alongside those facing life's hardships, offering lasting hope through biblically-based, Christ-centered, and clinically informed care. Join them in praying that individuals and families living in Ann Arbor, Michigan, their newest location, will connect with them for counseling. Pray that their counselors will be strengthened and encouraged as they walk alongside those who are hurting, offering the hope found only in Christ.

**New Zealand (Pacific).** Population: 5,251,899 Believers: 18.2%. Christianity is on a precipitous decline in New Zealand. The largest group is now “no religion” at 48%. New Age spirituality focuses on individualism and nature and attracts many Kiwis (New Zealanders) who feel disappointed by the church. But 24/7 prayer rooms and other recent prayer groups prove that God still moves in the Kiwi church! The recent decline is more a case of the pruning of nominal Christianity—what remains is much more alive. Pray that God will pour his Holy Spirit into the church and draw back the many who have left.

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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

They will be hosting their annual pastor/leader conference on September 19-20 with Christian leaders from different parts of Uruguay. Pray that their time together will encourage the participants in their faith and walk with the Lord. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide wisdom, strength, and love as Andrew and Angie seek to serve the people of Montevideo within the context of the local church.

**Nicaragua (Latin America).** Population: 7,007,502 Believers: 29.8%. Nicaragua's authoritarian president is taking aim at many churches and mission organizations, shutting down hundreds of them in recent years. The nation has become one of the more difficult places to be a Christian. This came on the back of a season when evangelicals—over a quarter of the population—began to wield considerable influence in the public sphere. Despite these challenges, the church continues to grow, and Nicaraguans remain spiritually open. Pray that believers might have the wisdom and determination to be a righteous influence on the nation.

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**Bobby & Julie, Central Asia**

Please pray for Julie as she teaches math this year at the international school, where the children attend. Pray for the children as they begin a new school year. Pray that God will provide a second vehicle for Bobby and Julie to serve both the needs of their family and the ministry. Pray for the new family to join their team. Pray for good communication and for unity as the team grows internationally.



**Niger (Africa).** Population: 27,917,831 Believers: 0.1%. The numbers of those who follow Christ increases, but Niger's high birthrates far outpace Christianity's growth rate. There is great pressure to remain in—or return to—Islam. New believers feel isolated. Below the radar, movements are forming of Jesus followers who have seen enough of Islam to choose a different path. Pray for those from a Muslim background who have chosen to follow Jesus; may they persevere and remain faithful amidst all the difficulties they will face.

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

Pray for the faithful use of the Scriptures that have been translated into people's heart language and for ongoing Scripture translation projects.

Many of those involved in translating are dealing with health issues and other struggles. There is excitement for having the whole Bible in the Mam language in the Comitancillo area of Guatemala. Pray that this excitement will continue and that their leadership will be faithful in holding celebrations for this whole Bible completion in other areas of Guatemala. As the Scriptures spread across the land, pray for the Mam people to grow in their faith and for the growth of godly churches as well. Continue to pray for Wes and for his family as they care for him in his journey with Parkinson's and dementia.

**Nigeria (Africa).** Population: 237,527,782 Believers: 30.8%. Africa and Nigeria's greatest spiritual challenge is discipleship, not Islam, not corruption, and not even the need for missions. The church grew so fast that many new believers have little chance to be discipled. Much division and false teaching enters churches. Prosperity teaching distorts the gospel. A form of Christianity mixed with African tribal religious practices is common. Many Christians seem to live by other values than what the Bible clearly teaches. Pray that humility, simplicity, and holiness might become the motto of the Nigerian church.

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**Truth For Life, United States**

Pray for Ryan Loague as he leaves his position as Truth For Life's Director of Content to assume a role on Parkside's pastoral team.

Please pray for his transition and for God to use him in a substantial way to serve the Parkside congregation. Also, ask God to bring the right person to fill this important assignment at Truth For Life without an extended delay. Pray for Patrick Hicks who will be joining the digital team as a programmer working on the website and mobile app. Ask God to help Patrick as he settles into this new job and for him to learn quickly in the coming months.

**Norway (Europe).** Population: 5,623,071 Believers: 8.4%. Norway has a powerful spiritual heritage, and influence from prayer and revival movements across the last 200 years remains clear. But Norway faces the same battles as other European societies, where people believe that different religions or moral practices can be true for different people or in different situations. Pray for a new revival and for a deep commitment to biblical faith and practice.

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

Pray that God will continue to give Edgar wisdom as he works with the Mexican board for the Alas de Socorro (MAF) work in Mexico. Pray for the two ESI groups that he is leading in Oaxaca and for a new group forming in Ensenada. Pray for trips that Edgar is making to Amoltepec to encourage the pastors and Christians there. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he facilitates ESI groups in the state of Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. Praise God that they are now able to meet in their new church building. Pray for strength for Neri as he continues battling lymphoma and for wisdom to work within his physical limitations. Pray for healing for Neri and for extra strength for Karina during this difficult season in their lives.

**Oman (Asia).** Population: 5,494,691 Believers: 0.8%. Praise God that Oman enjoys an open and modern society compared to others in the region. All residents may practice their faith, and the government gave land to build places of worship! Pray now for spiritual openness to the gospel among all peoples of Oman.

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**Parkside Church Westside, United States**

Pray for their community groups as they begin this month. Pray for their missionaries working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Continue to pray for the health of Nathanael Wiles. Pray for the safety of Ryan and Samantha S. as they seek to share the gospel with Somalian refugees in Africa. Pray for the church's involvement with International Friendships, caring for students living far from home; Building Hope in the City, developing relationships with immigrants in the Cleveland area; and with the Cleveland Pregnancy Center, providing help to moms in need.

**Pakistan (Asia).** Population: 255,219,555 Believers: 0.6%. The church continues to grow despite many obstacles. Some Christians live devoted lives, committed to God, but the majority have a weak, immature faith. Ask God to raise up humble, committed spiritual leaders with passion to serve the church. Pray for more students in Bible and leadership training, wise and godly leaders, and adequate financial resources for Christian work.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Chris and Leanne are thankful for the way the Lord has provided for them in Tokyo. They have a home, the four older children are enrolled in school, and Chris is serving in his new position. The last big transition involves settling into a new church family. Please pray that God would show them how to best support the body of Christ in worshipping God and making him known in this part of Japan.

**Palestine (Asia).** Population: 5,589,623 Believers: 0.1%. The horrific Hamas attacks of October 7, 2023, not only escalated murderous violence in this region, but also provoked deep division on the Israel-Palestine situation globally—not least among Christians. Pray for improved living conditions for those in Gaza who have been displaced. Pray for a just settlement of land issues. There are hundreds of Jewish settlements (including many illegal outposts) in Palestinian territory, and there are over two million Arab Israeli in Israel. Both sides feel strong claims to the land. Both feel aggrieved at past—and very real—injustices. Both believe God is on their side. Pray that the God of all justice will bring true justice and mercy to both Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land. Pray not only for the peace of Jerusalem, but also that both sides meet the Prince of Peace. It is through him alone that any meaningful reconciliation will come.

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

Pray for meetings in Europe this fall for Ambassadors leaders, for an upcoming training in Chile, and for a trip to Serbia with two Shoreline Church elders. Jon shared that Ambassadors Football wants to disciple children starting as early as possible using a curriculum called “Towards the Goal” that they developed to be used worldwide. Pray for funding to fulfill this vision, with staff already in 35 countries and churches asking to be trained in more countries.

**Panama (Latin America).** Population: 4,571,189 Believers: 19.3%. Proximity to Colombia and the prevalence of offshore finance in Panama mean that drug cartels and other undesirables have a strong presence. Much of Panama’s economy is in service to either these offshore banks or is used to launder money. Pray for a government that will root out corruption, oppose wickedness, and uphold righteousness.

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**E & J, North Africa**

Continue to pray for their employee and brother, Owen, who has been holding down the fort in the “Chay” region—that he would make the best use of his time and connect well with the handful of scattered believers. Thank God that he has been getting opportunities to explain the truth with some “Chay” men who are interested. Pray that E and J will have wisdom in knowing how to love their neighbors well and how to build good rhythms for their family at the same time.

**Papua New Guinea (Pacific).** Population: 10,762,817 Believers: 25.7%. Translation and literacy programs and appropriate Christian literature are fundamental for acculturating the gospel. PNG has over 800 languages, and the majority still do not have a single verse of Scripture. About 210 languages have a NT, but only 12 or so have a complete Bible. Translation teams are needed for 160 languages and possibly for a further 250. Pray for translators, for means of making the arduous task faster and more accurate, and for indigenous translators/language assistants.

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**Human Coalition (Health for Her Cleveland), United States**

Pray for the women who are choosing to take the abortion pill without an ultrasound to determine if there is a viable pregnancy. Pray for the hearts of the Planned Parenthood and Preterm doctors, nurses, and staff. Pray for increased yearly funding for the ministry. Also, pray for fall/winter clothing donations for their Baby Boutique and for their staff as they prepare for the annual Holiday Connections program.

**Paraguay (Latin America).** Population: 7,013,078 Believers: 6.1%. Thank the Lord for evangelical church growth. Pray for Christian unity and collaboration among many different evangelical denominations. Pray that local churches will embrace the challenge of the unreached and needy within Paraguay and beyond.

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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Thank God for everything he is doing in their lives and ministry. Pray that their children will continue to walk with the Lord and grow up to love and serve him. Pray that the Lord continues to provide wisdom, strength, and love as they seek to serve the people of Montevideo within the context of the local church.

**Peru (Latin America).** Population: 34,576,665 Believers: 11.6%.

The Quechua and Aymara peoples, descendants of the Incas, are emerging from centuries of oppression, cultural deprivation, grinding poverty, and isolation. The Quechua church is flourishing as Christianity at last becomes indigenized in Scriptures, structures, worship, and music. Pray for: a) Millions of mountain Quechua and Aymara still bound by superstitions of pagan and "Christian" origin; b) The Bible translation teams and for widespread use of these new resources; c) The full reconciliation between Quechua and Spanish speakers at the foot of the cross, and the full integration of all ethnic groups into national Christian life.

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**Equipping Servants International (ESI), Africa, Europe, and the Americas**

Pastor Edgar Mamani leads ESI ministry in the Tipnis area of the Bolivian jungle, helping pastors study the Bible in communities that are traditionally resistant to the gospel. Paulo Da Silva is the ESI leader in Africa and works with Isaac Chitibwe, a pastor in Lusaka, Zambia. Pray that God will use Paulo and Isaac to encourage and strengthen ESI leadership teams across Africa and for Edgar to do the same in Bolivia. Also, pray for Paulo's wife, Vania, as she fights thyroid cancer. As God continues to expand the ministry of ESI, pray that the 3,000 ESI participants in 250 groups in 37 countries would grow and experience deep gospel transformation in their lives, relationships, and local churches.

**Philippines (Asia).** Population: 116,786,963 Believers: 12.3%. Metro Manila is a mega-city of 13 million people, with the Greater Manila area up to 26 million. It faces enormous challenges, but God is greatly at work here. Many are open to the gospel, but most evangelical churches are in wealthier areas. Nearly 50% of slums and squatter communities have no evangelical church. At the same time, Manila is home to the country's wealthy elite. Pray that the gospel will impact them also, as they hold much power and the potential to transform Manila and the whole nation.

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### **Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia**

Thank the Lord for the students who were trained in the one-month English as Second Language course in partnership with the Parkside Church short-term team. Pray that the training will allow the students to use resources in English in their studies. Pray for courage, safety, and supernatural protection for believers in sensitive regions and for networking and partnering opportunities with local churches and leaders.

**Poland (Europe).** Population: 38,140,910 Believers: 0.3%. Praise God for the stability, progress, and freedom that allows believers to preach the good news! Many Poles dreamed of new wealth after independence from Communist rule. Sadly, unemployment and poverty still affect many, especially in rural areas. Young people have more material possessions, but now struggle with violence, immorality, and meaninglessness in society. Pray the people might search first for God, above all other pursuits.

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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>Africa/Europe/The Americas</b>	Kep & Debbie James
<b>Central Asia</b>	Bobby & Julie
<b>United States</b>	J & A

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

# Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia & Around the World**

  - Twenty Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
  - Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live biblically. ESI has had 3,350 graduates since 2002, and has 3,000 active participants in 250 groups meeting in 37 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, England, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Parkside Church has assisted and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**

  - Two Mexican pastors, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Tapachula.
- South Asia**

  - Twenty full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
  - Twelve 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 students in the farm schools, local church, and university in Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

## Financial Support to Mission Partners and Local Churches

Fieldstone Counseling	Parkside Church Westside
Hope for Glasgow	Parkside Green
Human Coalition Cleveland	Parkside Heights Church
The City Mission	Parkside Kent
The Edge Sports & Arts Academy	Scranton Road Bible Church
Truth For Life	Shoreline Church

## Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson	Jon (& Ruthie)
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger	Ruth (& Artis) Powell
Goran (& Beth) Tomic	

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# Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

To find out more about joining a future short-term team,  
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