

# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **October**

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

- Matthew 9:37 (ESV)

# Introduction

## “Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



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).



## 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**



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

Praise God that three of the six Bibles have made it through the post-layout editorial check. Two of them will be sent off to the printers soon. Continue to pray for Becky. She is currently working on the post-layout editorial check for the fourth Bible. Continue to pray for God to be glorified as He brings together the funds needed to print these Bibles. Praise God for the book projects Mark has been able to help JAWCA (one of Wycliff's partner organizations) finish as well as for the Bible studies and teaching materials that they've been asked to help with. Praise God that a doctor recently came up with a diagnosis which explains the mystery of Mark's nearly ten months of deep, "from-the-toes" coughing. He's had a number of tests and in September started treatment for *organizing pneumonia*. Pray he begins to feel better soon!

**Saudi Arabia (Asia).** Saudis who come to faith in Christ face the death penalty if discovered; executions are definitely known to occur. Despite this, increasing numbers are secretly seeking and finding Jesus, and there are believers in every Saudi city. Pray for believers to persevere and even to multiply. Pray for a miracle – the legalization of Christianity for Saudis; pray that Saudi believers may be able to meet together in safety and have access to God's Word. Also pray that believers might find believing spouses.

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02

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

They are really thankful that the "Christianity Explored" conference in September went really well! Thanks for your prayers! Please pray that God would continue to use what the participants learned to mobilize them in evangelism and give them a burden for the lost. This month they will be holding a leadership conference with ESI (Equipping Servants) students. Please pray for them as they prepare for the event and that the training itself would be beneficial to the students.

**Senegal (Africa).** So many young people: of Senegal's population, 55% are under age 20. Many of these are children in crisis; ministry among them is growing – drop-in centers, vocational training and others. Pray that the God of the Bible could be that source of hope for young people with so much potential.

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03

### **Missionary Family Serving in an Undisclosed Area**

Please pray for them and for brothers and sisters in this country who face restrictions and pressure to silence their faith. Pray that Jesus will give them power and opportunity to share his glory. Pray for political peace and freedom such that the gospel grows and spreads among so many who have not heard.

**Kosovo (Europe).** Ministries in Kosovo find work difficult, but fruitful. Work with children and young adults sees a lot of response. Discipleship and leadership development are crucial works in Kosovo. More male workers are needed. Pray that expatriate groups would retain the freedom to work in this predominantly Muslim land, and that they might use opportunities wisely and well.

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### **The Delhi Bible Institute, India**

Pray for Bhopal Anugrah Ashram: Pray for the repair and refurbishment of the centre; for the inauguration on November 10; for the registration process for the centre; and for Pastor Punam as he moves from Jaipur Ashram to Bhopal and leads the centre. 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.

**Seychelles (Africa).** The vernacular of Seselwa has a translated NT, but the shelves are empty – financial troubles and the inability to exchange local currency means a shortfall of NTs and all Christian literature. There is an OT translation team in place. Pray for a solution that enables Seychellois to have access to Scripture and materials, and that these will have an impact on their spiritual life.

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

Praise God for a great start to the school year. Of the 100 volunteers who helped them reach out to international students at the beginning of the year, many were able to follow up with them and a relationship has started. Pray that the relationships that were started would continue to grow. In early Oct. they will put on a Texas-wide fall retreat for international students involved on different campuses. This is made possible through the partnership of a local church outside of Austin. Pray that God would bring students who are open to the gospel and that He would use this time in a powerful way to draw students to Himself. They are expecting 200 international students and 50 staff and volunteers.

**Sierra Leone (Africa).** The lack of spiritual and biblically trained leadership is critical; disruption from the conflict crippled theological education. Many pastors lack even a secondary school education, let alone formalized theological degrees. Beyond theology, pastors need to be equipped in counseling, spiritual warfare and ministry to the poor and disabled. Finances and even educational resources are in short supply. Pray for the provision of staff, students, books, facilities and operation expenses for this most strategic of needs.

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

Praise God for excellent ESI pastors' conferences in La Paz and Santa Cruz, Bolivia on the topic of Christ in the Center. They also held ESI pastors conferences in Montevideo, Uruguay and in Temuco, Chile in Sept., and are holding them in Bogota, Colombia on Oct. 5-6, and Loja, Ecuador Oct. 12-13. Please pray for those conferences. Pray for ESI groups meeting in Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Uruguay, and Sweden. Please pray that God will develop in each pastor and church/ministry leader involved in this 3-year mutual-discipleship process a passion to honor Christ by being true to His Scriptures, thinking, living and serving Biblically. Pray for Pastor Edgar Mamani, developing ESI among Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabaque region of Bolivia.

**Singapore (Asia).** Singapore is a strategic center for regional and global Christian mission due to its infrastructure, stability, location and strong Christian population. Pray that Singapore will be a blessing to the least-evangelized nations and peoples around it and a servant leader that facilitates the emerging missions' movement from other Asian nations.

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**Parkside Church Lake County, United States**

Please continue to lift up the construction of their building, along with the process of getting the building permits that they need. As they head into their first full month of Community Team meetings, please pray for their eight leaders and for all who will attend that they will grow in their walk with Christ through consistent study and that precious friendships would develop and grow amongst all who attend. Pray also for their Women's Bible studies that meet on Sundays and during the week for diligent study, faithful attendance, and sweet fellowship with one another.

**Slovakia (Europe).** Slovakia is a nation in the midst of significant change. Economic reforms and EU membership both created as well as solved problems. Depression and suicide rates are among the highest in Europe; pray that many might seek for hope and truth, and find these in Christ.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Please be in prayer for the church plant they are a part of in Shichigahama. They are so excited about the team and they have enjoyed getting more involved in the community. Pray for Pastor Ueno whom the Harrington's have joined in this endeavor. Pray the Holy Spirit would lead him in how they should reach out to the Shichigahama community. Pray for the young families who have already become a part of different events the church plant has had. Ask the Lord to open their hearts and minds as they walk through the Bible with everyone for the first time.

**Slovenia (Europe).** Christian groups are lacking in spiritual vitality. Pray for an awakening in the mainline churches that draws the many nominal Christians into personal faith in Christ.

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### **Alternaterm Pregnancy Services, United States**

They are thankful how the Lord is answering prayer that more clients are considering adoption as an option! Pray for the transition of new leaders for bible study class and parenting class. Please pray many clients will take advantage of the bible study class. Ask God to fill the open position of sonographer.

**Solomon Islands (Pacific).** Ethnic diversity and fragmentation as well as geography render the Solomons a patchwork of tribes and political groups rather than a unified nation. This hinders not just national identity but also Christian ministry. Pray that God might knit these many islands and tribes together in the gospel.

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### **Indigenous Church Planting Organization**

August was a month full of ministry, mentoring, restoration, motivation and answered prayer! A generous donation was given that enabled all of the missionary school graduates who are out on the field to return for two weeks of rest and teaching. It was an encouragement for them to be able to discuss the various problems they are encountering and receive some training. Please pray for these men as they return to their areas of service. 500 adults attended the Mobilization Conference, plus another 180 teens and 50 younger children, all engaged in missions topics to plant the seeds of missions as early as possible. It was a powerful 3 days of testimonies, stories, preaching and prayer. Please pray for lasting impact on all those who attended.

**Somalia (Africa).** The work of missions, always dangerous and hedged with restrictions, was forced to cease in 1972 when their institutions were nationalized by the new Marxist regime. The work of different missions between 1897 and 1974 saw several hundred turn to the Lord. Pray for workers to the Somalis to be called, committed and ready for when these defiantly closed doors open.

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### **Brenda Ziska, Austria**

On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> they will be having their fall evangelistic Women's Breakfast in Klosterneuburg, Austria. Please pray that the women can see the love of Christ and become interested in learning more about Him. Pray for the discussions at the tables and the follow-up meetings later in the month of October. They are happy to report that the new director at the children's home is willing to let them continue to have birthday parties for the children and visit them throughout the year. They'll be celebrating two fall birthdays on October 12<sup>th</sup>. They'll have a chance to meet the director and the two new children that have started living at the home this fall.



## Bolivian Pastoral Assistant Program



In 2006 we began the Pastoral Assistant program with the idea of taking the best of Equipping Servants (ESI) graduates, coming alongside them, and helping them grow deeper in grace and their commitment to use the sufficiency of Scripture in their preaching and teaching.

The PA program is a two-year discipleship program where pastors dedicate an average of 16 hours per week to study the Bible and prepare sermons through the book of Romans, in addition to weekly meetings for prayer and to support one another, preach messages they have prepared, and evaluate each other's messages.

Hear is a letter one of these pastors wrote reflecting on what God did in his life during this 2-year process:

*"I am part of a pastoral team—it's the largest church in Bolivia and sadly it teaches Prosperity heresy. My time studying the Bible in ESI and later in the PA program was the first time in my 20 years of pastoral ministry that anyone took the time to disciple me.*

*Studying Romans had an immediate and radical impact in my life. I was confronted with Jesus and the truth of His gospel, and came to trust in His righteousness rather than my own works righteousness. As a believer, I came to understand that the church is the body of Christ, not an institution to gain economic, social or political power.*

*After finishing the ESI process, Kep invited me to join the PA program. This concentrated time in God's Word and the personal discipleship I received impacted my way of thinking, living and serving.*

*When I finished this process, I became director of the Bible Seminary of our church. Previous students had been exposed exclusively to the heretical teachings of prosperity teachers, but now we have 2000 students every week studying Romans and Christ-centered books we were exposed to in ESI. Since I started, 8000 people have been exposed to the gospel. I have taken 72 people through an intensive discipleship training process -- teaching them what I learned in the Bible as a PA. They in turn are teaching the Bible to others in our church.*

*I am so thankful to God for the impact He has had in my life through Parkside Church. My ministry genuinely is the fruit of your gospel ministry in Bolivia."*

We hope to strengthen churches throughout the Spanish speaking world to disciple, evangelize, teach and preach God's Word -- so that no one should live or die without hearing the Good News of Christ. Please pray that the Lord will use our investment of time so that many more PA volunteers will grow strong in the grace of Christ and in their ability and commitment to lead their churches in God's Word toward Jesus.

-Kep James

**South Africa (Africa).** Immigrants, legal and illegal, have streamed over South Africa's borders, especially from Zimbabwe, Congo-DRC, Mozambique, Angola, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi and Nigeria. Their peak numbers are estimated at five million (although some claim it is as high as 18 million). Pray for the evangelism and discipleship of these millions.

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**Amy Cottle, Thailand**

Praise the Lord for Amy's safe travels back to Thailand. Amy will be living in the town of Lopburi until February and helping new language learners transition at the language center there as well as continuing to study the Thai language. Pray that she will be able to balance her new responsibilities along with more concentrated language study to the glory of God. Pray that she will continue to depend on God each day and not serve in her own strength.

**Spain (Europe).** Leadership training is needed. Few churches can afford to pay for a full-time pastor, let alone a team of them. As a result, churches must use bi-vocational pastors or be entrusted to full-time foreign missionaries, who end up pastoring instead of church planting. Pray that these schools would be filled with young Spanish future leaders, shaped by solid instruction in the Word of God.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

Pray for many transitions such as new staff, new ministries and new start-ups. Pray for spiritual growth and "spiritual fire" for Pastor Joe. Pray for the completion of the building project with the old church being renovated. Ask God to help them minister with God's wisdom and power to those plagued with mental and emotional challenges. Pray that God would raise-up four younger godly elders for training.

**Sri Lanka (Asia).** Tolerance and non-violence have historically been watchwords of Sri Lanka. However, this multi-religious, multi-ethnic country now sees religious extremism and persecution rising. Pray for: a) the disarming of the spiritual powers and principalities that heavily influence a very religious society. b) the exposure of Buddhist extremism as a hateful aberration. Pray that such extremism might create disillusionment and generate interest in the gospel.

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**Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States**

The discernment process during their home assignment has led Jeffrey & Katherine to decide not to return to Germany as full-time missionaries. These coming months will be a time of closure with both GEM and Parkside Church. Please pray they will end well with all their beloved ministry partners. Pray for Jeffrey and Katherine as they seek full-time employment in the US.

**St Barthelemy (Caribbean).** This island caters to the uber-rich, trading on its sophistication and isolation for its exclusivity. There is little interest in spiritual things. Pray that amid the boutiques, cafés and villas there might awaken a hunger for spiritual reality and the opportunity to know God.

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**Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Ambassadors Football, Peru**

In Brazil, soccer is far and away the biggest passion. Ambassadors has trained hundreds of people around the country to use the sport to reach their communities. The Brazil director, Ricardo, also pastors a church. In addition to training churches throughout Sao Paulo, his church has initiated their own programs around their favela; even getting the support of the local gang leaders to minister to the kids. Using the limited 30' x 50' piece of land behind their church building, they have installed a field. Working with kids throughout the community they recently ran a VBS that included soccer on the new field. The church and field were filled with kids and their families. Pray for Ricardo, his church and his Ambassadors staff as they work to see ministry like this replicated throughout the city and the country.

**St Helena (Africa).** The Christian heritage of St Helena is strong but islanders' committed to faith are decreasing. Most Christians are nominal, and church attendance continues to decline. A critical mass of evangelicals on the islands is needed to generate spiritual momentum.

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**The City Mission, United States**

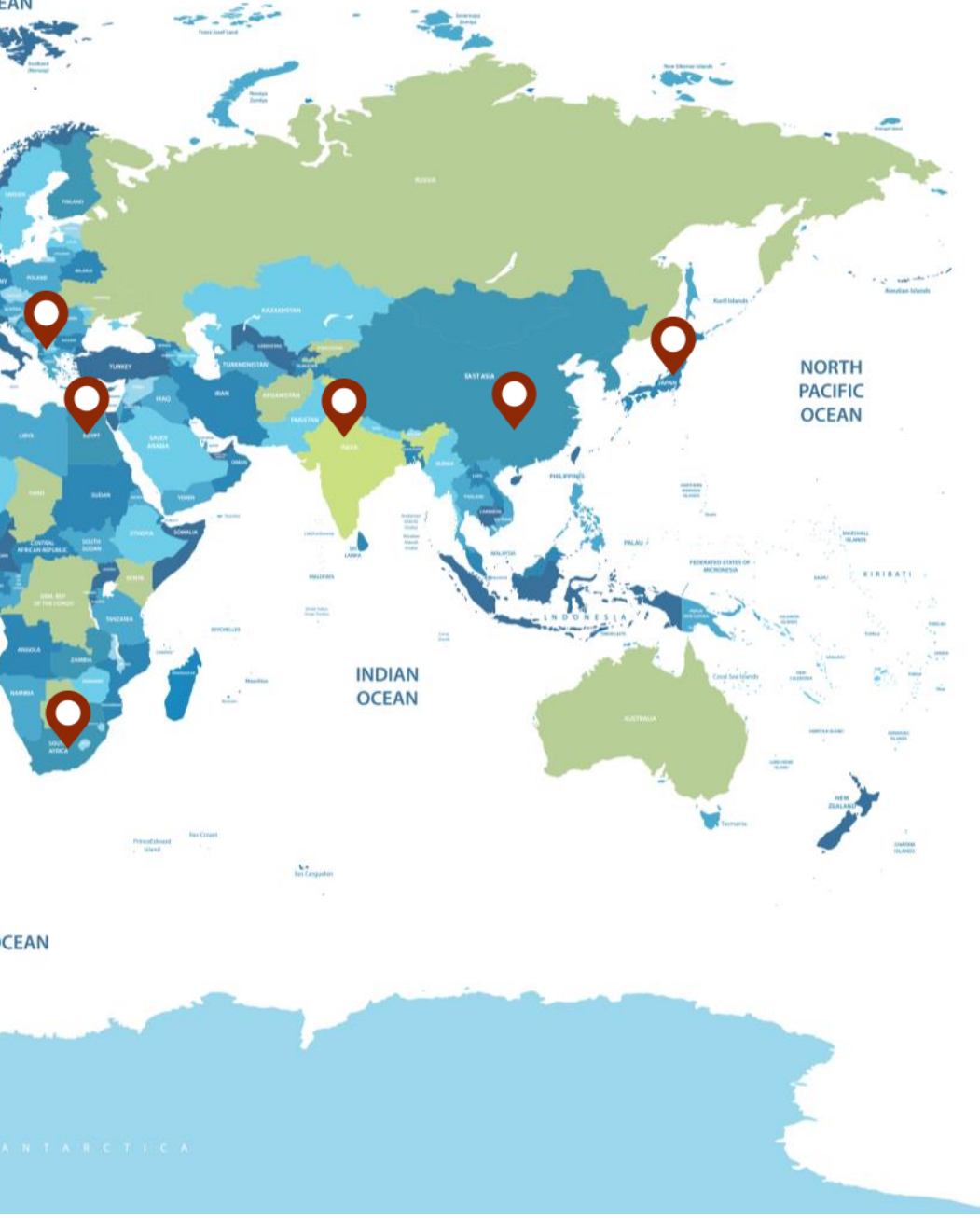
Pray for the dozens of women and children who are seeking shelter at Laura's Home but, they have no available space for. Pray for teens staying with their mothers at Laura's Home - that they would find peace in their temporary home, as well as life-giving activities to participate in after school. Pray that men would build healthy friendships at Crossroads. Pray that these relationships would continue beyond graduation, so that they can hold one another accountable in what they have learned. Pray that the meetings held in local jails and prisons would have a profound impact on inmates. Ask God to turn hearts to him through their chaplains. Pray that they would find more willing volunteers to dedicate special time to the children at Laura's Home.

**St Kitts & Nevis (Caribbean).** There is no lack of churches or other ministries on these islands, but their impact is limited. Pray for the Holy Spirit to revive, empower and embolden believers for Kingdom effectiveness. Pray especially for ministries that draw together the diverse denominations.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



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## 2018-2019 Bolivian Pastoral Assistants



Pastoral Assistants training with Kep James & Edgar Mamani, L to R:  
Eric Asrarunez, Gabriel Benavides, Johnny Viarroel, Elias Huanca, Ivan Chavarria,  
Edgar Mamani. Not pictured: Julio Alonso



Pastoral Assistants training with Kep James & Juan Cardenas, L to R:  
Arturo Chavez, Erick Jankolt Rocabado, Fernando Moscoso, Grover Cantuta Escobar, Pedro García Ruiz  
Not pictured: Alvaro Linares, Enrique Arenas, and Franz Montes

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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray that God will continue growing in Pastor Pepe Rocha a deep passion for Christ in his pastoral ministry in the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia. Kep met with a key pastor in Uruguay in Sept. who put him in contact with pastors in Spain. Please pray that the Lord will confirm if He is leading them to start Equipping Servants training in Spain in 2019 by giving Kep firm contacts to meet with the last week of January. Pray also for firm contacts to meet with the first week of February in Portugal.

**St Lucia (Caribbean).** The majority of St Lucians speak a French Creole. The NT, recently translated into Creole, is being used for literacy projects. Pray for the Word of God to be acquired, read and applied in the lives of St Lucians.

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**Brian (& Maria) Walls, Greater Cleveland Youth For Christ, United States**

Comedy Café in Parkside's Commons is Oct. 19. Please pray that many people come out and hear about the ministry. Praise God that the Jail Ministry at the State Juvenile Detention Facility on Green Road will be restarting Youth for Christ's Re-Entry (into society) program in addition to Soft Skills at the request of the institution. This will be joining their intake programming (character training for all incoming inmates), chapel, and Bible studies. Praise the Lord that seven young men over the summer committed their lives to Christ. Please pray for their outreach there and at the county lock-up on Quincy- that many troubled young men would see that Jesus is the only way to true peace in this lifetime and in the next.

**St Martin (Caribbean).** Exclusive hotels, clothing-optional beaches, designer-clothing boutiques and cafés typify the island's culture. There is little room for or interest in a life of service to Christ. Pray that in the midst of this elegant but hedonistic paradise, people might gain a hunger for an eternal heaven.

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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

They continue to move in the direction of church planting (hopefully launching next year). Please pray that God would continue to guide their steps and give a sense of unity as they move along. The southern hemisphere now moves into spring, when flowers blossom and allergies break out. Zack just recently had a really bad asthma attack. Please pray for him, the rest of the family, and for their health.

**St Pierre & Miquelon (North America).** Traditions are strong and change has come slowly, despite the economic downturn when the fishing industry all but disappeared. Pray for people to find hope in a living relationship with Christ.

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

Thanks and praise to God for Parkside's support and the continued flourishing of the pre-school ministry at Grasslands. Eight children will begin Grade 1 at the local primary school in the next school year and our graduation ceremony for them will be on Nov. 10. Please pray for a successful day with the gospel clearly spoken and heard by the children and parents. Pray for these small ones to flourish in the new school where Johannes will continue to meet with them and introduce more children to the Lord. One of the children, 3-year old Mpho, took to heart teaching about church fellowship and her mother approached them to say that she will come to church and bring Mpho. God takes care of the seeds that are sown! Johannes & Mathapelo will move to their new home in Grasslands between Nov. and Dec., making their old house 100% devoted as a mission centre in the community. Please pray God gives them wisdom how to manage this process.

**St Vincent (Caribbean).** St Vincent is a religious country, but most are not related to God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ. There is a crisis of holiness, lack of spiritual fruit and growing apathy, especially regarding missions. Pray for revival and for restoration of a biblically-based, Spirit-led Church.

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### **Parkside Church Green Campus, United States**

They are thankful for the great turnout they had for Bible Study signups this fall. Please continue to pray for the Bible Study group facilitators as they prepare each week for the lesson and the small group discussion. Also continue to pray that relationships may be strengthened and that the people engaged in the study are enriched and edified through study of God's word. Their Fall Fest outreach event was held Oct. 14. Please pray that people in the community who attended would be drawn to return. They never cease to give thanks to God for His abundant provision and goodness!

**Sudan (Africa).** Persecution of the Church, persisting over most of the last 60 years, has been most intense since 1985. Pray that Christians may bear good witness to their persecutors in these sufferings and become spiritually strong as a result. Pray also that the sufferings of Christians might become widely known and that peace, justice and religious freedom may be firmly established.

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### **Missionary Family Serving in an Undisclosed Country**

Please pray for that God will show them his way forward in a place with many restrictions. Pray for their personal walks with Jesus.



**Suriname (Latin America).** Nearly half the population profess to be Christian, but many have little understanding of their faith, and Christian belief is often mixed with spiritism. Pray for new life and dynamism to replace traditionalism and syncretism practiced by many. Pray for increasing trans-denominational cooperation to continue in Bible related ministries and outreach to every ethnic group in Suriname.

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

Praise God for recent regional Asia meetings. God is raising up new leadership from the region. Pray for Ngiap Tai our new regional leader from Singapore. Pray for his family and wisdom as he develops the ministry. Pray for the ministry in Rwanda where we recently completed our first year running a program with 25 of the 156 primary schools in the denomination we are partnering with. Boys and girls were in the program playing soccer and memorizing scripture from January to August. In August, the best girls and boys primary school teams from every region came to Kigali for the national finals and a three day camp. The television news coverage of the tournaments included two young boys reciting their favorite verses on national television! The leadership of this church was overjoyed seeing all these children learning the word of God and playing football with excellence.

**Swaziland (Africa).** The Church faces many challenges: Nominalism is widespread. Far too many Christians live no differently from their unbelieving compatriots. Pray for God's Spirit to bring revival. Many churches, even traditional evangelical groups, are stagnating and losing their young people.

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

Wes is finishing up work on a linguistics booklet for his CILTA classes that begin in early November. Pray that it is helpful to students, both now and into the future. Pray for Mam Old Testament translation, led by Francisco and Byron. Progress has been good, and the Word gets out in books, printed and preached Scripture, and on the radio. Pray that it will prosper in people's lives as well.

**Sweden (Europe).** The spiritual decline of Sweden is apparent on many levels. Materialism, hedonism and individualism are among the most cherished of values, and adherence to absolute values or truth is regarded as "intolerance". Pray for a new awakening for this spiritually struggling nation; recent signs are that young people are moving back toward more traditional values.

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

Edgar and Lety continue to ask for prayer for the healing of Edgar's back. Continue to pray for justice to be done in the legal process after the automobile accident Lety and the children were involved in. Pray with them as they start a new church plant in their neighborhood. Pray for their children as they study and especially for Ana as she starts graduate studies. Neri and Karina ask for prayer for their girls as they study. Pray for wisdom for Neri as he juggles many pastoral responsibilities and starts two new Equipping Servants Internship groups in Chiapas. Pray for the process to adapt the ESI material to electronic format on tablets for these new groups. Praise God that recent follow-up exams for Neri did not detect new tumors.

**Switzerland (Europe).** The great reformers expounded the truths of Scripture in this land, but few today have any interest or understanding of real Christianity. Wealth, comfort, indifference and a vague religiosity are the norm. The younger generation explores eastern religions and the occult as much as Christianity. Pray that the Swiss may find the true way in Jesus Christ and that the nation might be stirred again by the Holy Spirit.

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**Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States**

Praise God for Jeffrey's successful completion of his Chaplaincy training program. God's sustaining grace was evident in the midst of the highly demanding program and his encounters with the deep pain and suffering of his patients. Continue to pray for the church plant in Houston – several people who initially expressed interest in becoming a part of the core group have decided not to continue coming. Pray Jeffrey & Katherine can continue to encourage the core group and help them grow in their faith.

**Syria (Asia).** Changes within the country point to a potentially dangerous future. Pray for God to use the uncertainty to draw people to seek the truth more urgently. New believers from other backgrounds are increasing in number. Longstanding religious, cultural and spiritual barriers must be overcome. For those who do cross over to Christ, pray for perseverance in persecution, acceptance into fellowship by other believers and growth to maturity.

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**Truth For Life, United States**

Thank God for His continued faithfulness to Truth For Life. In particular, thank God for the many new Truthpartners He has brought to come alongside the ministry in the past few months so that the teaching can go out wider and farther both through radio and online. Please pray for Caleb Hauser, Truth For Life's new audio producer. Pray that God will guide Caleb's steps as he learns all that is needed in his new role and that he quickly comes up to speed as a contributing member of the team.

**Tajikistan (Asia).** Tajiks number 13 million in Central Asia. For nearly a thousand years, there was no significant outreach to Tajiks. Pray for further growth, and pray for the establishment of a truly indigenous Tajik Church – this is beginning to happen as Tajik church leaders emerge. Pray especially for unity in this young expression of Christ's body.

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**Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico**

Please pray for safety in their flying as they deal with rain and clouds in their mountain airstrips during October. Praise God that the Cessna 182 is finally operational! Pray that it will be a tool to open doors for the Gospel in Oaxaca. Pray for their ongoing need for a hangar to do their aircraft maintenance. Pray for Fidencio and Vicki as they start a project with eyeglasses to reach out in communities resistant to the Gospel. Praise God for the safe arrival of their new granddaughter, Arwyn Sage. Pray for her mother, father and big brother as they make adjustments to accommodate the new baby. Pray that their three sons and their families would learn to seek first the Kingdom of God in their daily lives.

**Tanzania (Africa).** Tanzania's Christian population, though numerous, needs discipleship. Many see lack of biblical knowledge as the greatest challenge for the Church. As immature Christians are disciplined, lifestyles will change.

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**Mike & Cindy, Macedonia**

Pray for the impact on the people of Macedonia as a historic referendum was held September 30 to decide if the country's name will change to Republic of Northern Macedonia. This is to satisfy Greece who has been blocking Macedonia's entry into NATO and the EU for 27 years. Pray for Parkside attendees applying to join a team to Macedonia in June. Pray that God would form a united team of mature disciples who will make connections for the gospel in Macedonia.

**Thailand (Asia).** The Church in Thailand is growing. Numeric increases have always been modest at best, but of late, they are proportionately more rapid. There is a perception of greater interest in the gospel by many in Thailand. Many church and mission leaders feel Thailand is poised for its greatest- or first- breakthrough of church growth. Yet the land is held captive in a complex web of Buddhism, traditional culture, spirit appeasement, and even occult practices, with a social cohesiveness out of which few have dared to come. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough so that, in the Lord Jesus, the Thai may be free indeed.

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

They thank God for His provision and grace as they marked their third birthday this late September. They thank the Lord for the ability to continue to meet in Garfield Middle School in Lakewood and continue to ask for God's favor in finding a more permanent facility. Please pray for their fall Community Groups that started in September. They have added two new groups and several new group leaders. Please pray that all involved will be blessed by studying God's Word together, praying for one another, and sharing in daily life. They are grateful for your continued prayer and care.

**Timor Leste (Asia).** Nominalism and lack of understanding of the gospel characterize the majority. There is great need for biblically trained and spiritually active pastors. Pray that evangelical churches may be planted among every people and in every area of Timor. Pray for true unity among national church leaders.

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### **OCTOBER 31: Pastoral Assistants, 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, and training PA volunteers among Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabaque region of Bolivia.

**Togo (Africa).** The Church in Togo stagnated between 1960 and 1990. Long-established groups grew slowly and remained confined to particular ethnicities. False shepherds and unbalanced prosperity teachings are also increasing as the true Church grows. Pray that strong, indigenous congregations and denominations with solid teaching, biblical worldviews and visionary leadership be established.

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## Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

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

### Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

<b>Japan</b>	Chris & Leanne Harrington
<b>Uruguay</b>	Andrew & Angie James
<b>Bolivia</b>	Kep & Debbie James
<b>United States</b>	Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson
<b>Macedonia</b>	Mike & Cindy
	Missionary family serving in an undisclosed area

### Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

<b>Peru /United States</b>	Mark & Patti Bean
<b>Guatemala/ Peru /United States</b>	Wes & Nancy Collins
<b>Mexico</b>	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 1,000 active participants in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Sweden and Uruguay. 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

Alternatarm Pregnancy Services	Parkside Church Lake County
Christian Counseling Educational Foundation	Parkside Church Westside
The City Mission	Scranton Road Bible Church
Indigenous Church Planting Organization	Truth For Life
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

### India

Medical/Dental Outreach  
January 24-February 4, 2019

### Mexico

Dental Outreach  
January and/or February, 2019

### Macedonia

Teach conversational English through an existing language center with the goal of opening doors for evangelism.  
Open to young adults (ages 18-35)  
June, 2019

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](http://www.parksidechurch.com/missions).



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