

# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **July**

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

# Introduction

## “Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



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To see unbelieving people become  
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

# What You Can Do



## Pray

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

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



## Learn

Increase your awareness of what God is doing among the nations by reading *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. The prayer requests for different countries are excerpts from this book. You can pick up a copy in the bookstore or visit their website, [operationworld.org](https://operationworld.org).



## Give

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



E & J\*

M, J, C (not pictured)

*\*Names withheld for security purposes*



Mark & Patti Bean

Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Wes & Nancy Collins

Elisa, Molly, Isaac



Chris & Leanne Harrington

Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham, Jude



Andrew & Angie James

Nicole, Camille, Zack



Kep & Debbie James

Heather, Katie, Andrew



Mike & Joan Ross

Steve, Ben, Aaron

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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Thank God that their family is doing well. Please continue to pray for wisdom as they consider schooling options for their oldest daughter, Nicole, who will be finishing primary school this year. Pray for an evangelistic Father's Day dinner they are holding on July 8. Pray that believers would be faithful to invite their non-believing friends and that God would work in the lives of those who come.

**Namibia (Africa).** Population: 2,614,338 Believers: 12.2%. 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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02

**Bobby & Julie, United States**

Please pray for them this month as they spend time in Ohio and reconnect with people at Parkside Church. They are thankful for this gospel partnership. The time is short, so pray that God will multiply their hours. Pray for their move to central Asia in early August. After arriving in their country of service, they will have a month to sort out their visa and find housing. Their children will be starting school as well. Pray that as they make plans, they will trust in the One who makes their path straight.

**Nepal (Asia).** Population: 35,268,659 Believers: 2.8%. Freedom of religion is guaranteed by law, but only in limited measures. Non-Hindus cannot proselytize. If they do, they risk fines, imprisonment, and in the case of expatriates, expulsion. Despite this law, the Church in Nepal grows because of courageous evangelism. Pray for perseverance for believers, that neither laws of man nor threats of violence deter them from sharing the gospel.

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03

**The City Mission, United States**

Thank God that Pathways sent nine students to the Youth For Christ summer day camp and four of those students indicated they made a first time decision for Jesus! Pray that they can encourage these young believers in their faith and that they continue to trust Jesus and become more complete and mature in him. Praise God for the support of their volunteers. Pray that the Lord would bring the right additional volunteers to come alongside their staff to fill urgent needs in the men's program. Thank God for continuing to send women and children to Laura's Home who are seeking a better relationship with Jesus along with safety and security for themselves and their children. Pray for complete healing for two residents (a woman and a baby) at Laura's Home who are having serious medical issues.

**Netherlands (Europe).** Population: 17,142,910 Believers: 4.3%. Christianity in the Netherlands seems to have hit rock bottom. Less than 20% attend church with any regularity—the lowest figure in centuries. Possibly 65% of Dutch claim no affiliation with a church. Half of the nation's church buildings have been destroyed or converted for other purposes, such as bars and mosques. The Church has effectively withdrawn from engaging in the public sphere, but many think that hedonism and secular materialism's emptiness are becoming apparent, and that church decline is slowing and even reversing. Pray for this opportunity to be seized by astute believers to regain momentum for church growth and spread the leaven of the Kingdom.

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**Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

July will be a busy month for Amy and her team. The student center will open with three kickoff events. Please pray for wisdom in the preparations and for good connections with the students. Additionally, a small local church that has been meeting online would like to partner with Amy's team on Sundays at the student center. Pray that this will be a good partnership for reaching the local community with the gospel.

**Netherlands Antilles (Caribbean).** Population: 209,708 Believers: 7.7%. The Papiamentu Bible was published in 1997. Pray for impact on the majority of the population who use it. Pray also for literacy programs and more Christian literature in the language. Biblical literacy will go a great distance in discipling and renewing the Christian population. **New Caledonia (Pacific).** Population: 288,298 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.

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05

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

Pray for the Parkside soccer camp. Pray for the children coming to this fun week where they will memorize the Word of God and learn biblical truth. Pray for Andy, an Asian regional board member from Singapore, who recently learned that he needs bypass surgery. He has been given a date in September for his heart surgery. Pray that God watches over him leading up to the operation, and for the actual procedure. Pray for William Tarpeh from Liberia as he and Jon work together to develop a new discipleship program for primary schools across that country. On April 29, Jon's new assistant, Rahel arrived in Cleveland and has already been a help. Pray that she adjusts to the USA quickly. Jon and Ruthie are thankful for our support and prayers.

**New Zealand (Pacific).** Population: 4,669,002 Believers: 18.2%. The increasing presence of other religious and spiritual options present a challenge for Christians. The influx of immigrants from other faith backgrounds is an opportunity for Kiwis to share the gospel cross-culturally. More pressing, though, is the permeation of society with New Age spirituality. Its individualistic, non-structural, nature-attuned character appeals to many who are disillusioned with Christianity. Pray for ways for the gospel to be shared in an engaging and relevant manner; Jesus is still attractive to many who are turned off by organized religion.

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06

**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray that Pastor Pepe and the elders of the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia will be passionate about Jesus so they can lead the church in gospel transformation according to God's Word. Pray that members will be faithful in sharing Christ and that the Lord would bring much spiritual fruit that remains. Praise the Lord that Debbie was able to hand the ILC Church women's ministry over to the ministry team, freeing her to travel with Kep and work with African women.

**Nicaragua (Latin America).** Population: 6,681,798 Believers: 29.8%. Young people have grown up in a country ravaged by war and disaster and distorted by political ideologies. Stable families are rare. Not many churches are equipped or committed to meet their needs, despite the fact that 75% of the population is under age 30. Pray that the parachurch youth organizations and evangelical universities there will have a redemptive and transforming impact on society.

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07

**Parkside Green, United States**

Thank the Lord for a good visit in June with the missionary family of six that they support in Dubai, UAE. They connected well with the congregation and are seeking prayer for clear future direction. Pray for their visit this month with a single woman they support in Dubai. She is relatively new on the mission field and new to their congregation. Pray for fruitful ministry for her. Also, pray for a time of mutual blessing in July as they spend time with the family of five they support in Arua, Uganda. The family will be visiting Parkside Green for three Sundays.

**Niger (Africa).** Population: 22,946,657 Believers: 0.1%. Many believers are isolated, often illiterate, and rarely have systematic Bible teaching available. Pray for literacy programs as well as oral methods of learning scriptural truths and becoming disciples. Pray for groups to form, even if only very small, for the sake of those who need fellowship with other Christians.



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

In South Africa, it is the middle of winter and it is difficult for many people. Four young people from the Good News Club wanted to do something for those who don't have blankets to keep them warm.

They have managed to collect 25 blankets from people around the community. Please pray for them, and pray for others around the community to support the project. This month they hold a camp for children during the school holidays. Pray that the children will gain an understanding of God's Word, begin a relationship with God, and love and read their Bibles.

**Nigeria (Africa).** Population: 193,252,473 Believers: 30.8%. Christian leaders are under great stress in today's Nigeria, including spiritual opposition, political pressure, and financial temptations. Those in the north also face very real dangers from Muslim extremists. Pray for: a) Integrity and unity in leadership; b) The multiplication of leaders who are Spirit-led, well versed in the Scriptures, skilled in disciple-making, and steeped in the knowledge of God and the power of prayer; c) The hundreds of seminaries, colleges, Bible schools and training programs in Nigeria; d) Servant-leaders and mentors to be raised up.

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09

**Shoreline Church, United States**

Shoreline Church is hosting a baking minicamp for children and their families July 11-13. Pray that the families attending the event will enjoy learning God's truth and spending time with others. Please pray as well for the upcoming Ambassadors soccer camp Shoreline is hosting in Painesville July 19-23. Pray that the Lord will provide opportunity for those serving and those attending to forge a bond that will extend into a real relationship, through which, the gospel can be fully shared in the local mission field. Pray for the upcoming membership class and for those participating in the "Course of Your Life." Continue to pray for Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ. Thank God for good summer camps in June. Pray for all the camps in July (Horse Camps, Team to YFC Puerto Rico, STEM camp, Deaf Teen Quest in TN & more). Pray that lost teens will hear the lifesaving message of Jesus Christ!

**Norway (Europe).** Population: 5,200,079 Believers: 8.4%. Church planting is a real need in a society where church membership is high but actual belief and attendance are low. Even missions traditionally focused on foreign fields see the need on the home front. Between 1996 and 2005, more than 250 new congregations were planted. The challenge is two-fold: to disciple the many nominal Christians and to reach the increasing numbers of non-Christians in Norway. Pray for many new groups of committed believers to be formed.



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**Parkside Student Missions Trip, United States**

A group of about 30 Parkside middle school and high school students, along with their adult leaders, will be joining an organization called World Changers July 11-15 for a weeklong mission trip in Cleveland. Please pray for the team as they participate in various work projects throughout the city and seek to share the gospel with the people they are helping.

**Oman (Asia).** Population: 3,495,132 Believers: 0.8%. Pray for spiritual openness, that the gospel might have a powerful impact on all levels and peoples in Oman. The entire Muslim majority remains a big challenge. Proselytism of Muslims is illegal, and the few Omanis who have come to faith face huge pressure to return to Islam.

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

Praise the Lord for the opportunities in so many parts of the world to help make God's Word available. In late June, another training was held for men and women who desire to help others know how to use their Bibles.

Thank the Lord that together they have planned who will go where to help make Bibles available for purchase since there are no bookstores or online ordering! Traditionally, late July/early August is when regional church conferences take place in Peru. This will be their first time meeting in three years since the past two years large gatherings were not permitted. Pray for the main speakers and for those leading music. Pray that those in charge will feed the flock of God well. Pray for the opportunity to get materials, especially the Bible, into the hands of believers.

**Pakistan (Asia).** Population: 226,186,778 Believers: 0.6%. Believers from a Muslim background are in a unique and challenging situation. Islam has grave or deadly punishments for apostates. Yet, increasing numbers of Muslims are coming to faith in Jesus, often through media as well as dreams and visions, and the witness of Pakistani Christians. Some networks of Muslim-background believers are emerging for mutual spiritual support and discipleship. Pray for such networks to spread and fellowships to form for these believers so that they do not easily fall away. Ask the Lord to raise up leaders for these believers, and for their protection. Pray that any such movement will develop solid disciples with hearts to reach other Muslims.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

Pray that the gospel will be made clear to each of the kids attending Ambassador Soccer camp July 12-16 and that they have fun learning about soccer. Praise the Lord for a successful six-week Jr. Ambassador spring outreach, held for elementary kids and families. Pray for Pastor Joe as he and a team begin to creatively rethink their benevolence ministry. The needs are great and growing, and they want to faithfully engage people with the love of Christ in word and deed! Pray for wisdom as they begin to search for a new music ministry director. Pray for much spiritual fruit as they minister to new families, new marriages, and new babies!

**Palestine (Asia).** Population: 5,806,284 Believers: 0.1%. Arab evangelicals number several thousand in 30 churches, most on the West Bank. They feel isolated and rejected by Jews, Arabs, traditional Christians, and even Western evangelicals. Pray for courage, endurance, and a spirit of love for evangelicals in Palestine. Pray especially for believers from a Muslim background to stay strong and to grow in their new faith.

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

Pray for the 1,825 ESI participants in 168 groups meeting in 14 countries, with 2,730 total graduates since beginning in 2002. Pray that these men and women will grow in their love for God and commitment to honor Christ by being true to his Scriptures, with Jesus and his gospel at the center. Pray for the 60 Kenyan pastors and church leaders Kep will train in Nairobi September 5-7. Pray for those who will start ESI groups in their own churches following this ESI Training Retreat. Praise the Lord for ESI expansion in Latin America in 2022. ESI Peru is taking ESI into British Guyana, ESI Ecuador is taking ESI into Central America, and ESI Columbia continues to oversee ESI expansion into Venezuela. In La Coruña, Spain, three new ESI groups are starting.

**Panama (Latin America).** Population: 4,026,687 Believers: 19.3%. Evangelicals face major obstacles and challenges: a) Spiritual unity and vision. Pray for the churches to grow in unity; b) Traditional morality is under siege. Divorce, illegitimate children, domestic violence, immorality, and drug use are common. Pray for the conviction of sin and for solid discipleship that shows people how to live; c) Effective ministry to young people. For many, local church structures and ministry do not connect with them; d) Theological training that encourages holiness of life and spirituality. Pray for more Panamanians to be called into full-time ministry service.

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**Parkside ESL Mission Trip, India**

Please pray that Jennifer Forsythe and Renee Neumann have uneventful travel as they go to India to teach English as a second language, and that the Lord would use this time to draw them, their fellow teachers, and their students all closer to himself. They leave the U.S. July 14 and return July 30. Pray that they will be effective in teaching the Bible students English in a fun and interactive way that leaves them better equipped to learn from the vast collection of Christ-centered resources in English that are not available in their first language. Pray that they remain open to God's leading in all things, and that they will serve these students and their brothers and sisters in Christ with compassion and humility.

**Papua New Guinea (Pacific).** Population: 8,468,136 Believers: 25.7%.

Effective discipling is the most urgent and prevalent need. Nominalism, syncretism, and pollution of Christianity with spiritism and the occult are sadly widespread.

Culturally appropriate ways of building biblical faith, character, lifestyle, and worldview must be developed; pray for creative, insightful groups to achieve this.

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

Praise God that the new Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) office building in Oaxaca was recently dedicated and is now in use. Pray for continued progress on several details still left to finish the project.

Pray that the overhauling of an engine being prepared for installation here in Ohio will soon be completed. Pray for more pilots needed to serve with MAF around the world. Pray especially for a pilot to help Amos in Oaxaca. Pray for Juan Carlos and Gregorio as they do pilot training to prepare them to fly with MAF. Pray for Pastor Pedro as he continues to share the gospel in Mamey with those touched by the ministry of the January Parkside dental team.

**Paraguay (Latin America).** Population: 7,532,572 Believers: 6.1%. The Roman Catholic Church has long dominated the spiritual and political life of Paraguay. Although it opposes corruption and immorality, there is also much superstitious traditionalism, strong devotion to Mary, and occult-related bondage to many pre-Christian deities and customs. These practices keep millions from liberty in the Lord Jesus and must be broken by prayer. Paraguay has never had a true spiritual awakening, and few of the Catholic Spanish-Guarani majority have a living relationship with Christ.

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia**

Praise God that they got their Australian visas and moved “down under” on June 27! Pray that they would find good housing to rent close to public transportation and the universities. Pray for their transition as they

settle into life in Sydney.

**Peru (Latin America).** Population: 32,880,637 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. Whole villages are turning to Christ. Pray for: a) Millions of mountain Quechua and Aymara still bound by superstitions of pagan and “Christian” origin; b) Bible translation has been a major factor in the Quechuan renaissance and church growth. Pray for the translation teams at work 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.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth







## AN UPDATE FROM **Fieldstone Counseling**



As Fieldstone Counseling approaches its fifth anniversary, we praise God for his providence and seek his wisdom for our next steps.

As the need for wise caregiving continues to rise, our team of 28 counselors provides biblically based, Christ-centered, clinically informed care to meet that need. Fieldstone currently maintains offices in Green and Lakewood, while also seeing counselees at Parkside Bainbridge and Shoreline Church. Remote counseling, which provided continuity of care during the pandemic, continues to be a popular option. Through the use of remote technology, Fieldstone has shared hope with counselees in all 50 states, as well as 18 foreign countries.

God has generously established and blessed Fieldstone's work. Since Fieldstone opened its doors, our Christ-centered counseling ministry has experienced rapid growth and had a significant impact. In 2021, Fieldstone counselors conducted 8,468 sessions and over 250 individuals attended Fieldstone workshops, seminars, and support groups. By the end of April of 2022, our counseling team conducted over 3,700 sessions, helping over 800 counselees. In addition to counseling, Fieldstone has hosted six ministry cohorts and support groups in 2022, serving 73 individuals. Through 14 speaking and equipping events this year, Fieldstone was able to impact over 500 attendees.

Fieldstone's caregiving team is perfectly positioned to address the ever-rising levels of stress, struggle, and sorrow in society with the lifegiving hope of the gospel. As a former counselee recently shared, "It is not an exaggeration to say that my time with Fieldstone has been transformative. My counselor's thoughtful (and yes, sometimes hard) questions, genuine

and timely encouragement, and unwavering commitment to holding out the gospel of Jesus and challenging me to live in His truth, has been life-giving. In my time with Fieldstone, I have come to understand two things better than ever before; first, that I am more deeply flawed than I knew, and second (and more importantly), that in the boundless grace and mercy of Jesus, I don't have to remain that way. I am profoundly grateful for the ways that God has worked through Fieldstone to challenge and change me, and ultimately advance His kingdom."

Please pray that Christ would continue to lead Fieldstone Counseling, providing wisdom and financial resources for the future. As a ministry, no one seeking care is ever turned away at Fieldstone Counseling. Donors who generously contribute to Fieldstone provide the scholarship funding that makes this possible. It is our joy to offer care to all as an extension of the body of Christ; in that calling, we covet the prayers and financial support of his people, and we are thankful for the support of Parkside Church.

At Fieldstone Counseling, our team walks out the truth of Romans 5:1-5 with others each day:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Thank you for praying for, and walking beside, Fieldstone Counseling.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FIELDSTONE,  
PLEASE VISIT [FIELDSTONECOUNSELING.ORG](http://FIELDSTONECOUNSELING.ORG)



**Left:** Fieldstone Counselors regularly attend team meetings and workshops designed to help them grow in Christ-centered caregiving skills. This session, led by Brenda Harstine, focused on emotional health through the seasons and storms of life. **Right:** Fieldstone Counselor Jessica Galina shares hope from her "Trauma in the Classroom" presentation.



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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Summer has arrived, and Chris and Leanne have more opportunities to gather at the park for barbecues with friends or to gather for larger outdoor events. Pray that God will open their eyes to the divine appointments he has given them. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give them and their church family the words to say when the moments come to share the love of Jesus. 15 non-believing children will be attending their summer camp. Pray that as these children step away from regular life, they will hear and dwell on the gospel, which is crucial to beginning their spiritual journeys. Pray that the Lord will bless these times, giving the children hearts and ears to hear and a willingness to openly discuss their thoughts with the different camp leaders.

**Philippines (Asia).** Population: 109,682,980 Believers: 12.3%. Spiritual vitality does not always equate to biblical truth. Philippines is awash with sects and cults that blend Christian ideas with all manner of false teachings. Most feature highly controlling and manipulative leadership and teachings. Pray for all lies to be exposed and pray for effective Christian apologetics and ministry to the millions caught within these groups.

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**Parkside Heights Church, United States**

Pray for their planning time during the summer, as they anticipate the return of college and medical students to campuses near them. Pray that God would give them good ideas on how to reach and serve these students.

**Poland (Europe).** Population: 37,496,737 Believers: 0.3%. There is a great need for witness in Poland, with 90% of municipalities having no evangelical church. Most Poles are resistant to the gospel due to either their cultural faith or their spiritual apathy. There is certainly a need and an open door for missionaries to come and serve alongside the national church. Pray for evangelicals to rise to this great challenge.

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**E & J, North Africa**

Thank you for praying for their teammates' trip to the Chay region. God answered their prayers and gave them safe travels and some good contacts in the region. Thank you for praying about getting their daughter's passport and birth certificate. They received both from the US Embassy, and E & J and the children are currently in the U.S. to renew their visas. As they put together their visa applications, please ask that God would open a door for them to continue working in their field. Pray that the Spirit would bear fruit in them as they travel and spend time with family.

**Portugal (Europe).** Population: 10,767,052 Believers: 3.0%. Religious and political freedoms gained in 1975 have transformed the nation, but high religious affiliation and freedom does not translate into genuine faith. This is reflected in the challenges of materialism, individualism, and increasing substance abuse. The religious freedom gained is taken advantage of by Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and New Age philosophies. Pray for the truth about Jesus to be made known by wise Christian leaders of all confessions.

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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Pray for their new counseling interns and apprentices who will be joining the team in the coming months. Pray that the counselors will be encouraged and strengthened in Christ as they listen and care for their counselees. Pray for their upcoming events this summer, including their Reorient & Rest support group for women seeking growth and healing, and their Summer Equipping Series. They are grateful for these opportunities and are excited to equip churches, schools, and fellow ministries. Finally, continue to pray for openness, comfort, and growth through the Holy Spirit for their counselees as they receive counseling.

**Puerto Rico (Caribbean).** Population: 4,134,563 Believers: 25.2%.

Discipleship ministry is much needed. Pray for effective grassroots movements that will meaningfully transform the lives of ordinary believers. Missions' vision is on the rise but still needs nurture after decades of noninvolvement. Pray for effective training and support of new mission ventures.

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for the three ESI groups that Edgar is leading in Oaxaca. As Edgar and Lety's son, Juan and his wife, Amy, prepare for missions, pray that God would confirm their call. Pray for Edgar and Lety as they make trips to Amoltepec to train and encourage the pastors there. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he leads ESI groups in Chiapas. Neri and Karina are attempting to integrate four orphans (9 to 14 years old) into their family. The authorities currently have the siblings living separately from one another. Pray for wisdom and patience during this time and for the adoption process to move forward smoothly. Pray that the church plant will continue to grow, and that God will provide funding for a building. Pray that God will continue to bring spiritual fruit as his Word is proclaimed in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

**Qatar (Asia).** Population: 1,740,077 Believers: 1.0%. Qatari believers number but a few. From Arab, Persian, and Bantu (former slaves) extraction, Qataris are almost without exception Muslim. Pray that a Qatari Church would be birthed and that Qataris at home and abroad would hear about Jesus.

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**Health for Her Cleveland, United States**

Pray for protection for staff and for those dealing with health issues. Intercede for their clients as they seek guidance and direction. Pray for additional ministry volunteers and for donations for their Blessings

Boutique, which was damaged by flooding.

**Romania (Europe).** Population: 20,379,656 Believers: 5.4%. Church planting is still a vital ministry. Over 100 new churches are planted each year, but many more are needed. A consortium of mission agencies works across evangelical denominational boundaries to facilitate reaching the 19 cities and 9,500 villages (43% of all villages) without a single evangelical church. Many more congregations are still needed in the cities. Pray for this vision to become a widespread movement, owned by the national church and effective at planting churches in every city, town, and village.

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

They now have 47 workers spread throughout South Sudan. Pray for the new outreach into the southern mountains of Kadugli in Sudan, where there is no church. Pray for the 37,000 new believers who accepted Christ during their outreach campaigns in South Sudan. Pray for effective follow-up by their field workers. With global food shortages, imports are drying up. Pray for South Sudan as they rely on imports for nearly all their food, building supplies, seeds, etc.

**Russia (Europe).** Population: 135,405,523 Believers: 1.2%. The current religious climate of Russia is mixed, both spiritually open and closed at the same time. Orthodoxy is culturally strong yet spiritually weak in the lives of most of its followers. Millions call themselves Russian Orthodox without actually believing in God. Cults and sects, both Eastern and Western, and belief in the paranormal are common. Pray that the Russian peoples' hearts will be hungry for and open to promptings of the Holy Spirit and the gospel of Christ.

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**Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia**

There are two PA groups meeting in La Paz under the leadership of Pastor Juan Cardenas and one group in Santa Cruz under the leadership of Pastor Javier Soliz. Pray for the eight Pastoral Assistant volunteers in Santa Cruz: Daniel Cabrera, Liliana Cronenbold, Claudia Herrera, Karen Hurtado, Miguel Olivera, Paolo Paris, Rolando Ruiz, and Aldruin Tapia; and for the 12 in La Paz: Juan Carlos Valdivia Arce, Grover Cantuta, Arturo Chávez, Pedro Garcia, Miguel Angel Guerra, Carlos Eduardo Soruco Michel, Fernando Moscoso, Miguel Angel Ayala Quiroga, Luis Eduardo Quiroz Rivero, Erick Rocabado, Alvaro Linares Salinas, and Rafael Oscar Lizarraga Yaravi. Pray for these pastors as they study through Romans, Hebrews, and Ephesians, preparing expository messages, and meeting weekly to preach and evaluate their messages.

**Rwanda (Africa).** Population: 13,233,373 Believers: 26.9%. Thousands of spiritual leaders were murdered or fled [during the 1994-95 genocide] and have not been replaced. Those remaining often despair of being able to cope with the desperate physical, social, psychological, and spiritual damage done. Less than 10% of evangelical pastors have any formal theological training. Pray that God may raise up godly men and women fitted for Rwanda's hour of need. Pray also for financial provision for both students and schools.

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### **Truth For Life, United States**

Thank the Lord for bringing Truth For Life two new full-time Customer Service Representatives. Pray that Marcie Herbert and Jackie Smith will comfortably transition into their new roles and will be an encouragement to people who call and write to the ministry. Pray for Jessica Clark as she transitions to her new role as the Truth For Life Digital Coordinator. Ask God to fill two key open positions—for a Graphic Designer and a Business Application Developer.

**Samoa (Pacific).** Population: 183,903 Believers: 18.0%. Samoans have been Christian for over a century, and every village has at least one church. But the traditional class structure and pre-Christian cultural standards were not necessarily transformed by the gospel. Pride and politics influence church life too much, and the financial demands on a poorer population are heavy. **San Marino (Europe).** Population: 32,914 Believers: <0.1%. The Sammarinese are Christian by tradition and culture, but most give only lip service to the Church and are very materialistic. Increasing numbers reject their religious heritage altogether. Pray that they may have a life-changing encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Pray for the students beginning one month and one-year courses in July and August. Pray for the upcoming Regional Development Trainings. Pray for the organizing of Summer Bible Camp and that many children will attend and be blessed. Pray that the Lord will open doors to reach out to people from the Islamic faith. Pray for more interns and associates to join them in ministry. Pray that their ministry goals for the year would be achieved.

**São Tomé & Príncipe (Africa).** Population: 197,499 Believers: 4.2%. Evangelicals are free to minister and do see significant growth. Pray for the development of locally led, culturally relevant congregations with effectively trained Christian leaders. Pray also for local support of national workers and for the launching of an interdenominational training center. **Seychelles (Africa).** Population: 88,707 Believers: 5.9%. The vast majority of Seychellois claim to be Christian, but evidence of true spiritual transformation seems outweighed by superstition and nominalism. Pray that the Holy Spirit may bring new life evidenced by repentance and sustained fruit.

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

Pray for relationships among organizations working with the Mam Bible. There are other organizations, both spiritual and secular, promoting reading and skill building. Pray that literacy catches fire among the Mam for God's glory.

**Saudi Arabia (Asia).** Population: 31,607,829 Believers: 0.3%. Saudis who come to faith in Christ face the death penalty if discovered; executions are 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 in safety and have access to God's Word. Also, pray that believers might find believing spouses.

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

Please pray for the work in Mexico. It has been an encouragement to see the work develop over the last 10 years. The youth club has doubled in size from 100 to 200. They have begun to connect their older players to universities in the U.S. and Mexico, and all the players will be going on to study at university. Ambassadors' staff have also found a spiritual hunger across all the programs they run, and several people have committed their lives to follow Christ. In addition, Ambassadors Football Mexico is sending numerous people to participate in the U.S. camps, where they will be a huge help with the Spanish-speaking children attending. Not only will this help in these camps, but it will help develop the work in Mexico going forward.

**Senegal (Africa).** Population: 16,196,985 Believers: 0.2%. Spiritually, Senegal is both open and closed. The nation enjoys religious freedom and is remarkably tolerant toward other faiths—a point of pride for Senegalese, perhaps because so few Muslims have ever come to Christ. Despite a longstanding Christian presence and outreach, a spiritual heaviness covers the land. Allegiance to religious leaders renewed in each generation prevents any significant people movement to Christ. Pray for the spiritual breakthrough for which so many wait.

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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they wrap up their ministry in Bolivia by October so they can refocus their ministry attention toward Africa. Pray for Kep's trip to Cairo, August 25-September 4, to train the leaders who are responsible for training young men and women to start churches in North Africa. Pray that these leaders will help students grow in their commitment to study God's Word, grow in their love for Jesus, and experience gospel transformation in their daily lives.

**Serbia (Europe).** Population: 7,686,436 Believers: 0.6%. Evangelical believers in Serbia face many difficulties. For new religious groups—such as most Evangelicals—the religion law makes operating very difficult. Evangelicals are often viewed as a sect, even as traitors, by any mono-religious ethnicity. Despite this, newer churches are growing and engaging in many forms of ministry. Crucial issues for prayer include a) Leadership training; and b) Cooperation in outreach and church planting. Unity is essential amid the divisions in Serbia, especially given the relatively small number of evangelicals.

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**Parkside Church Westside, United States**

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as their church continues to grow. Over 20 people attended last month's new member meeting.

Please pray for their church leadership as they shepherd the church.

Pray for their Community Works Crew as they partner with Lakewood Alive to shine the light of Christ within the Lakewood Community. Pray also for Nathanael Wiles as he begins fulltime missionary work in the hospital in Tenwek in Africa.

**Kosovo (Europe).** Population: 2,096,100 Believers: 0.1%. 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. 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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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Please continue to pray for the ESI facilitator training they will hold in September. Though the training is still months away, there is much to be done, especially in promotion and networking. Pray that God will guide them during this process, and that he will lead them to those who will benefit from implementing ESI in their churches.

**Sierra Leone (Africa).** Population: 7,317,803 Believers: 3.9%. Sierra Leone remains a land of suffering. The people are still mired in desperate poverty, most surviving on less than a dollar a day. With the highest infant and maternal mortality rates in the world and widespread disease (malaria, HIV, others), life expectancy is age 47 and not rising. Much work remains to ease the suffering of these who have already endured so much. Pray for more attention from the worldwide community—especially from Christians—to address these needs.

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# Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

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

## Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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



# Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia**

- 20 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
  - Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live biblically. ESI has 2,730 graduates since 2002, and 1,825 active participants in 168 groups in 14 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Parkside Church has, and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**

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

- 20 full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
  - 12 students are enrolled in a 9-month full-time preaching training course, fully supported by Parkside Church.
- South Africa**

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

## Financial Support to Mission Agencies

Fieldstone Counseling	Health for Her Cleveland
Indigenous Church-Planting	Parkside Church Westside
Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries	
Parkside Green	Parkside Heights Church
Scranton Road Bible Church	Shoreline Church
The City Mission	Truth For Life

## Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson	Amy Cottle
Jon (& Ruthie)	Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

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

# Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

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



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