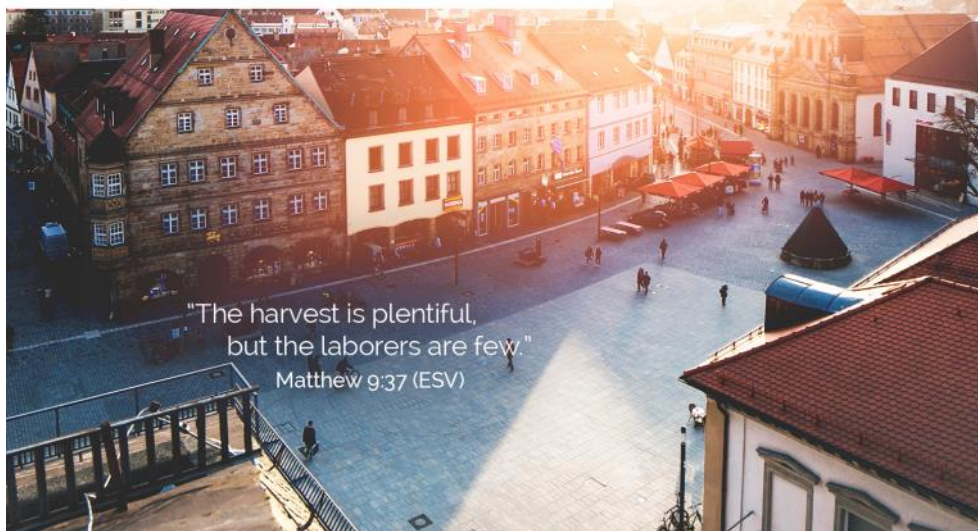


# Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray  
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **January**



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

# Introduction

## "Pray also for us..."

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

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

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

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



To see unbelieving people become  
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

# What You Can Do



## Pray

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

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



## Go

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



## Learn

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



## Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.8 million towards missions in 2018. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting Him for the capacity to do so.

# Parkside Church Missionaries



**Mark & Patti Bean**  
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



**Wes & Nancy Collins**  
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



**Chris & Leanne Harrington**  
Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham



**Andrew & Angie James**  
Nicole, Camille, Zack



**Kep & Debbie James**  
Heather, Katie, Andrew



**Mike & Cindy**  
Hannah, Rachel, Luke, Elizabeth



**Mike & Joan Ross**  
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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### **B & J, United States**

Please pray for them as they continue to settle in MN and seek God's will. Please pray for B's parents as his mom cares for his dad who is close to death because of a brain tumor.

**Grenada (Caribbean).** The devastation of hurricanes in 2004 and 2005 is still felt. Although fewer than 40 were killed, 90% of the nation's buildings were destroyed, and the agriculture and tourism sectors were virtually annihilated. Both sectors have been rebuilt, but the nation is deeply in debt as a result. Pray for ways to recover from this debt and to protect from such scale of damage in the future; and above all, pray for dependence on God rather than on material things. **Guadeloupe (Caribbean).** Christianity is a cultural veneer for most. The rapid growth of sects and evangelical groups highlights the spiritual emptiness. Occultism and magic are widespread influences. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict of sin and bring many to true repentance.

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02

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

Mark and Patti report many praises in answer to prayer: first, another group in the mountains just received their very own Bible! This was the Huamalies-Dos de Mayo Quechua Bible. Second, Mark was blessed with clear delivery during teaching times, with pastors asking for more help and orientation. And third, Mark ended the year in much better health than he began the year. Continue to pray that those who now own their own copies of the Bible would read and apply God's words so that He might equip them to serve and impact others.

**Guam (Pacific).** Praise God that missionary outreach from Guam is beginning to occur. The churches have the capacity and desire to send missionaries to Pacific nations, and the increasing influx of tourists from Japan, Korea and elsewhere makes for witnessing opportunities right at home.

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03

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

Their children, Nicole, Camille, and Zack recently completed another school year and are excited to start their summer vacation. Andrew and Angie are thankful for the way their children have adapted to life in Uruguay, and for the way God's grace is working in their lives. Please continue to pray that they would grow up to love and serve the Lord. Andrew has been asked to speak at a youth camp on January 8-12. Please pray for him as he prepares the messages for this event, and that God would use this time to strengthen the young people in their faith. They are thankful that the church plant continues to advance and grow. During the past months, they have been working on the church's constitution and membership process which they hope to launch soon. Please pray God would guide them in this process, and that He would continue to use this church to be salt and light in Montevideo.

**Guatemala (Latin America).** Leadership training is a key issue, but a solid foundation has been laid. Pray especially for effective ways to train leaders of poorer rural churches. Pray also that pastors and leaders would demonstrate Christ-like humility and graciousness and rise above petty divisions, pride and carnality.



**Parkside Green, United States**

Please pray for the Lord to work in the lives of many people who heard the gospel when visiting the Christmas services. Please also join in praying for the Lord to speak powerfully through Pastor Adam as he resumes his sermon series on the life of Joseph. Ask for God to raise up additional leaders for the church, of his choice and in his timing. Pray that the Lord might accomplish his purposes through all the new classes starting this month, including the Wednesday Bible study on 2 Corinthians. Please also intercede for the missionaries they support in Dubai, UAE who are still in need of a regular worship venue and in Nairobi, Kenya as they do missionary flying and work on the planes in the hangar.

**Guinea (Africa).** The Church suffered serious numerical setbacks in the late 1990s and 2000s. Some established denominations shrank significantly, and evangelism and church planting slowed – probably largely due to nominal Christians falling away. Pray for believers who will persevere and pray against the enemy who seeks to destroy these young and weak Christians before they can grow.



**Mike & Cindy, Macedonia**

Praise the Lord that their ministry partners, Filip (Macedonian) & Tamara (German) have been able work out legal details to extend their partnership with the Let's Talk Language Center and SEND International. Pray for their challenging housing situation and for increased financial support. There is a fellowship of believers that the language center ministry is seeking to feed contacts into. Praise the Lord for this core of committed believers, a group that has grown too large to meet in a home. Pray for unity regarding goals for the long-term organization of the group and for the leaders as they work through the strategic direction the church plant will take.

**Guinea-Bissau (Africa).** Church leadership is solid, mature and indigenous, with increasingly well-organized training programs for general discipleship and for pastoral training. But poorer and more remote rural congregations are much less appealing to workers and are therefore neglected. Those who do minister rurally must often care for several congregations at once. Pray for the vision of the evangelical Church to be fulfilled, and for trained, passionate national workers to go to the remote and unreached parts of Guinea-Bissau and to the entire region.

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06

**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Pray for Fieldstone Counseling as they gather as a team on January 10 for their annual retreat to prepare for a new year of counseling. Pray for the two support groups they are running for victims of abuse. Please keep their counselors in prayer as they labor sharing God's Word with the lost and hurting.

**Guyana (South America).** Ministry among young people is vital because family life, further education, employment and the future in general are great challenges. Most evangelical denominations have work among youth. Praise God for many decisions to follow Jesus; pray for effective discipleship.

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07

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

Praise God that both Juan and Juan continue to take small steps forward in their goals to become missionary pilots. Continue to pray for Amos who is currently the only pilot in Oaxaca. Pray for pilots to be called to serve on the mission fields around the world. Pray for Mike and Joan as they start their new responsibility of helping MAF operations in six countries in Latin America. Pray with them as they spend three weeks in Oaxaca this month. They plan to host a Parkside dental team, help with operational flying, and encourage the MAF team. Pray for the dental team as they serve the people of Barranca Oscura that many lives would be impacted for the Kingdom. Pray that the Ross's three sons along with their families will serve God with their whole hearts.

**Haiti (Caribbean).** The spiritual outpouring of faith in God in the aftermath of the earthquake shook the nation and moved the entire world. Throughout the country, churches were filled to overflowing and services were held amid rubble and in the ruined streets. Pray that this spiritual shaking would not merely be an expression of grief, fear and desperation, but would shape itself into an unprecedented turning to God that redefines the spiritual life of Haiti. Numerous traditions allege that Haiti was dedicated to Satan through its voodoo past; pray that today it might be known as a nation wholly dedicated to the Lord Jesus.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

They are thankful to God and to Parkside Church for the outpouring of love at Thanksgiving and the Christmas, which served over 50 neighborhood families. There has been good ministry developing as a result. Please pray as Pastors Abraham and Pratt continue to transition into their new roles at the church. Praise the Lord for providing a part-time youth pastor and continue to pray for the right person for children/family ministry and administration. Pray for an ongoing discipleship strategy that will envelope all aspects of church ministry. Pray for wisdom and grace to face the onslaught of benevolence requests that specifically surface during the wintertime.

**Honduras (Latin America).** Foreign mission agencies can still play a key role in training and development, specialized ministries and in holistic projects, for which there are many openings. Pray for humble sensitivity and for a legacy of raising-up and empowering Honduran leadership and initiatives.



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

January is a time when many ministries make plans for the year ahead, often setting funding and production goals. It is also a time of recommitment to the Lord's leading and to prayer. Pray for Wes & Nancy as well as for the translation program among the Mam of Guatemala as the Old Testament is edited and the New Testament revised.

**Hungary (Europe).** Hungarians have lost contact with the gospel, despite enjoying a rich theological history. They seek answers in many places: materialism, hedonism, alcohol and, increasingly, false religion. Postmodern mentalities predominate. Pray for all falsehoods and empty philosophies to be exposed as such and for Christ to be exalted as the truth in this historically Christian nation. Pray that Hungarians might see the truth of the gospel and the freedom it brings through Jesus.



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

On Jan. 10-11, 500+ students are expected to participate in a "Sports All-Nighter." This creative event includes tournaments in a variety of sports and most importantly an opportunity to share the Gospel. Pray that many students will respond and that those who do can be connected to local churches. On January 25, volunteers from six YFC chapters (three from PA and three from OH) will attend a Ministry Leadership Conference held at here at Parkside. Please pray that many volunteers will feel empowered to tell even more young people about the life-changing message of Jesus Christ! Pray for staff needed in the following areas: a male for private school ministry, a volunteer coordinator for the juvenile justice ministry, and an administrative assistant.

**Iceland (Europe).** The majority of Icelanders are Christian, but only nominally so. Biblical Christianity and a lifestyle of following Christ are alien concepts to most. Some of the more isolated areas are spiritual wastelands, with almost no active Christianity at all. Ask the Lord to break into Icelandic society and orchestrate a revival that touches every person and aspect of life.



## November 2019 Mexico Dental Trip



Partnering with the local church Amor y Proclamacion, Dr. Gus and Joan Komar, Dr. Maribel Contreras, Dr. Ozvaldo Valencia, Juan Antonio Rivera and Luis Perez had the privilege to serve in a village called Independencia, about a half hour drive from Santiago Amoltepec in Oaxaca, Mexico Nov. 9-15.

Yet again, the privilege was ours as we were blessed by the kind and understanding people of this village. Although both of our dental units did not function well and electricity in the village was out for the better 2/3rds of a day, we were still able to perform many extractions and cleanings. God knew this and He kept us busy with a very manageable flow of patients and also enabled Dr. Ozvaldo to give a fantastic dental hygiene lesson to approximately 30 children and their watching and listening Mom's. The people were so thankful that they brought gifts of homemade tortillas, roasted corn, atole (hot corn milk) and chayote squash for us in appreciation.

A lovely family consisting of Pedro and Francisca and their eight- yes eight children served us wonderful meals including hand pounded tortillas, vegetables, herbs, hot pepper sauces and limes from their own land. This family of believers was a wonderful example of servanthood. Please pray for them as they grow in their relationship with our Lord and are being constantly watched by their fellow neighbors. Pedro, our supported itinerate missionary on the ground in these villages, along with Edgar Rivera have hopeful plans to organize worship services in Independencia. Invitations have been made yet the walk to Amoltepec is just too far for people to come to scheduled services there. Pray for a community of believers to grow in Independencia.

We praise God for keeping us healthy and safe and busy in service. We're thankful also for caring decision-making with flight and road travel. Because of mechanical problems with planes and wind circumstances we made the trip back (8 hours long) by van instead so there would be no chance of missing flights back to the U.S. God blessed us in making new friends and greeting old ones and allowing opportunity to serve alongside them with the talents and abilities God has gifted each one with.

Please pray that these missions help the local pastors and missionaries proclaim Christ by supplying a physical need that leads to their acknowledgement of their greater spiritual needs that only Christ alone can fulfill.

~Joan Komar

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### **Amy Cottle, Thailand**

Praise the Lord for the six Christmas outreaches to the students and for the times of baking cookies with both students and professors! The gospel was proclaimed each time with most hearing it for the first time. Pray that any students wanting to know more about Jesus will reach out to Amy's team with their questions. Pray that the team will not get too busy with programming to see those students who are seeking the Lord. Pray that they will have the wisdom to love them well.

**India (Asia).** India has more unreached individuals than any other nation. Christians in India are unequally spread – the south and northeast have a much higher proportion of Christians than the more populated north and west. Thirteen states in North India are less than 1% Christian. Pray that the Church worldwide might rise to this task. Training Christian workers is an important need that is immediately urgent and essential in the long term. The life and health of the church depend on the proper development of pastors, teachers, evangelists and missionaries. In churches, poor discipling and lack of teaching and modeling of biblical life and leadership are problems. There are over 100,000 full-time workers in India; about half are pastoring local churches. There is, on average, one trained pastor for every six congregations.

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### **Parkside Short-term Team, Mexico**

Please pray for the team from Parkside traveling today to Barranca Oscura, Mexico to provide free dental clinics and share the love of Jesus with the people there. Pray that through their effort doors will be opened in that area for gospel ministry. Pray for safety, good health, and unity for the team members: David Cameron, Beverly Cleveland, Gus Komar, Joan Komar, Dan Sidle and Melvin Steedly. They will serve alongside missionaries Mike & Joan Ross. The team returns to Cleveland on January 18.

**Andhra Pradesh, State of India (Asia).** Gospel outreach continues with numerous people coming to Christ. There are churches in every district, and tribal groups especially are being reached. Pray for the three districts and 107 sub districts that are .1% Christian. The Hindu-pilgrimage site Tirupathi draws millions from around India and beyond every year, presenting an opportunity to reach out to many.

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

Parkside Westside is thankful for our prayers. Their building renovations are well underway, and they are very much looking forward to opening their doors in the late spring. Please pray with them that this building would allow them to have a more concrete presence in Lakewood and that people would "walk by and then walk in." Please pray for their children's ministry as it continues to grow in numbers and for volunteers to cover the accompanying needs. They feel blessed to partner with us for the gospel and God's glory!

**Arunachal Pradesh, State of India (Asia).** Pray for the Buddhist peoples of the west. (Monga, Khampti) adjoining Bhutan have little opportunity to hear the gospel. There are few churches and believers; those leaving Tibetan Buddhism usually face rejection and persecution. Pray for Animist peoples- the Tagin, Adi Minyong, Miri, Tanu and Galong. Pray for the seven regions which are less than .1% Christian.

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**Delhi Bible Institute, India**

Praise God for the 13th annual Word Conference that was held in Bible Bhavan from Nov. 6-8. Please pray that the pastors who attended will be encouraged in their challenging work. They are also thankful that Bible Bhavan Christian Fellowship held its biggest Christmas Cantata in Siri Fort Auditorium for an audience of 1,752. The Cantata titled 'Promise Delivered' included songs, skit, and a Gospel message by Pastor Isaac. Several non-believing friends were part of this outreach. Please pray for follow-up with those who attended. Pray also 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.

**Assam, State of India (Asia).** Assam remains the major spiritual challenge in northeast India. After two centuries of Christian work, professing Christians are a small and marginalized minority. Pray for a reversal of this trend and for revival, vision and impact on society to characterize the many lukewarm congregations.

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**Pastoral Assistants (PA's), 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 also for Pastor Edgar Mamani as he pastors the IBM church, trains PA volunteers, and develops ESI among Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenabaque region of Bolivia.

**Bihar, State of India (Asia).** Long known as "the graveyard of missions", Bihar presents many obstacles to evangelism. Beside deep poverty sits widespread illiteracy, lack of resources in local languages, strong spiritual opposition and persecution of religious minorities by the Hindu majority. There is little collaboration among Christians and almost no Christian voice in public life. Pray that the Lord might demonstrate his powerful passion and love for Biharis through an unprecedented surge of ministry to these needy peoples. Pray that the liberating, saving, restoring gospel of Christ might find the suffering millions of Bihar.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



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## Ministry in Mexico



Gus & Joni Komar with the dental team in Independencia, Mexico



Pedro & Francisa and their family



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

Approximately 35 students from Houston went to the Bridges Winter Conference Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Believers heard how they can grow in their faith and nonbelievers engaged with how they could know God and entrust their lives to Him. Pray that as they return to campus the believers would take greater steps of faith to reach out to their classmates, and that nonbelievers would connect with a Bible study and continue to engage with others. A new wave of international students arrived this month to start classes for the spring semester. Pray that God would connect Emily and Blake with these students during and following the welcome event for them on Jan. 18th.

**Chhattisgarh, State of India (Asia).** The Christian Church has always been small here, never more than 2% officially, but growth is starting to occur. Violent reaction to Christian outreach is common, and persecution of Christians is also intense in Chhattisgarh's neighboring states. House churches are the most appropriate means of fellowship; growth of these is accelerating. Pray that the liberating light of the gospel might shine into every one of the many tribal groups here.

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

This year Rev Johannes Thaele was busy focusing on the logistics of the childcare centre and they saw the hand of God upon every step he took to make sure that the centre meets the requirements of Health and Welfare SETA. They thank God for all the people who played a crucial role in helping them to achieve this. At the end of Nov., different stakeholders amalgamated in Grassland School Hall to pray for crime, drug abuse and the violence against women and children. They praise God that the community worked together that day. Johannes Thaele is also ministering at the prison. Please pray for God's intervention in this ministry so that people will be receptive to the gospel. South Africa is experiencing a severe drought and lot of farmers are struggling in the farming practices. Towns and cities also have a shortage of water. Pray for rain in South Africa.

**Delhi, State of India (Asia).** Christians officially number over 130,000, but the informal number is as high as 400,000. There are over 3,000 churches, tripling the number in 1999. Many of these Christians are migrants; most do not regularly attend church. Pray for revival, new life and effective outreach by those who claim to be followers of Christ. DBI's Vision 2020 hopes to establish another 1,500 congregations for 1.5 million new Christians by 2020.

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**Shoreline Church, United States**

Please pray for their pastors and elders as they plan for membership classes for the coming year, as well as a re-launch of some ministries. Please also pray for the first baptism in their new home on January 19th! Pray for those who will be baptized and for those who will be in attendance.

**Goa, State of India (Asia).** Goa is a beautiful, bio-diverse area that attracts many tourists from India and the world each year. But with this come structures of sin, such as drug trafficking and child prostitution. Pray for a government that will act decisively to end these evils; pray for those caught up in them to be delivered into new life.



**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Praise God for the many opportunities their ministry friends and church family had to share Christ during the Christmas holiday. The idea of God choosing to come to earth, to live and to die on their behalf in order to have a relationship with them is such amazing news in Japan where so many pray to idols of stone, who are unable hear their prayers and with whom no relationship is possible. Please pray for their ministry friends and church family as they are given opportunity to share more truth with those who came to Christmas events.

**Gujarat, State of India (Asia).** An anti-conversion law was passed in 2003 that makes evangelism and church planting very difficult to do legally, but no such constraints are placed on aggressive Hinduization of tribal Christian groups such as the Dang. Pray for a government that will promote intercommunal harmony and true freedom of religion. While some tribal peoples are responding to the gospel, much need remains. There are nine districts and 128 subdistricts that are less than 0.1% Christian. There are also 19 peoples, each with populations over 100,000, who are unreached and as yet unengaged by Christian ministry.



**Women's Clinic of Cleveland, United States**

As the new year begins, the Women's Clinic staff desires a fresh vision and strength to carry out the task before them of helping women faced with unwanted pregnancies. Pray for their new office manager joining them in January. Their mentorship program needs more collaboration with local churches. Pray that God would move in the hearts of believers to share this burden. Spa bag items are also needed to present to clients as a way of expressing love and concern.

**Haryana, State of India (Asia).** Six thousand villages have no Christian witness or outreach. Also, 10 peoples of populations over 100,000 each have no church and no ministry among them. Jats number over 4 million in Haryana, but there are fewer than 20 known Christians among them. There are very few known Christians among the 1.7 million Brahmins and the 750,000 Shaikhs. This state has the second-largest Sikh population and is actually seeing a significant number come into the Kingdom; pray that this might be increased and spill over to Sikhs elsewhere.



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**Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia**

Pray for the 100 pastors and church leaders who attended the ESI Facilitator Training activity in Guatemala in Dec. In Jan., six new ESI groups begin in Guatemala and three new groups in Buenos Aires and Cordoba, Argentina. Pray that the Lord will use these studies in Romans to form a commitment to the gospel and a passion for Jesus in many lives. Pray for Pastor Sebastian in Bogota as he and his ESI team help and encourage pastors in Venezuela. Pray for the work among the Bolivian Tacana First Nations communities, that the Lord will strengthen the three existing churches and grow mature church leaders with a vision for reaching the remaining 30 unreached villages in this spiritually needy region of Bolivia. Pray for Pastor Pepe Rocha as his passion for Christ continues to grow as he serves the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia. Pray for Debbie as she leads the ILC Church women's ministry team. Pray that they will see much fruit in 2020 as they make Christ known and disciple women.

**Himachal Pradesh, State of India (Asia).** Persecution and anti-conversion legislation are reactions of Hindutva groups and the government to Christian preaching. Some Christians have been forcibly converted back to Hinduism. Pray for the freedom to share the gospel and for boldness for Christians to share, whatever the cost.

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**The City Mission, United States**

Praise the Lord that Star, a part of the New Horizons Housing Program, was able to move into her house in time for Christmas. Thank God for the donations and outpouring of volunteer help during the holiday season, enabling the ministry to help the hurting and homeless. Pray that volunteers would become involved long-term in this important work. Eleven new hires were made in Nov. and need our prayers. Please pray for Crossroads and Laura's Home as they transition to a more robust data system. Pray that God would bless it as a tool for serving their clients in new and better ways. Finally, pray for solutions to needs in the areas of food service and security.

**Jammu & Kashmir, State of India (Asia).** Persecution is a common reaction to rapid Christian growth. Angry and even violent responses from families and communities can see converts ostracized and even kicked-out of homes or villages. Missionaries can also be on the receiving end of violent opposition, particularly when they are not sensitive in their means of evangelism. Pray for wise and sensitive witness by Christian workers and for the protection and preservation of new believers.

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

Please pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for them as they minister to 60 children in a local Children's Home. Pray for their own children as they study and especially for Juan as he desires to be a missionary pilot. Pray for healing for Edgar's back. Pray for wisdom for Neri as he works with several Equipping Servants (ESI) groups in Chiapas and starts a new church plant in Tapachula. They are thankful for a dependable car. Pray for Karina as she leads several evangelistic Bible studies for women. Praise God that the church plant is going well and running ahead of projected numbers.

**Jharkhand, State of India (Asia).** Negative reactions to evangelism are common and often violent by animists and Hindu tribals. Such rejection to evangelism is expected and is frequently orchestrated by militant Hindu groups, but it is on occasion exacerbated by evangelists' lack of sensitivity. Pray for contextualized outreach that takes into account the unique nature of each of these peoples as well as their practical needs.

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

Join Matt and Laura in praise to our Lord for His faithfulness to their family and the Ambassadors Football ministry. Pray that the Lord would use the insight they gained living in Lima, Peru, for two years to better serve the staff globally as Matt serves as Operations Director for Ambassadors. Pray for God's continued blessing and direction in the lives of their children, Alyssa, Claire, and Braeden.

**Karnataka, State of India (Asia).** Bangalore's Christian community was mostly middle and upper class in the past, but now many lower castes and slum dwellers are becoming believers. Christians here must not leave God's work to full-time missionaries from elsewhere; pray for a revival of the churches and for their mobilization to allow all Karnataka to hear the good news. Pray also for increased unity in churches – across languages, castes and denominations.

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**Truth For Life, United States**

Thank God for providing the needed 2019 financial resources to Truth For Life so that the ministry may enter 2020 fully funded. Pray that in this new year, God will bring the needed staff members to Truth For Life in Customer Service, Information Technology, and Video Production.

**Kerala, State of India (Asia).** Many Kerala churches continue to grow in missions' interest. However, social barriers are high; many believers need to be liberated from the spirit of caste, both to evangelize other social groups and to welcome converts as brethren. Of the 35 small tribal groups, only three or four have significant Christian groups and 10 others have a handful of believers. Most are Hindu, animist or demon worshippers. Kerala Christians must gain a vision to reach them- praise God for the few that have.

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### **Parkside Short-term Team, India**

Pray for the team from Parkside who will serve in Delhi, India and the surrounding areas providing medical and dental clinics to those connected with the Delhi Bible Institute. Team members are: Steve Bautista, Adam Bonnet, David Bonnet, Michelle Eriksen, Gail Gerycz, Rania Kirolos, Tiffany Kral, Patti Maher, Renee Neumann, Ernestine Patterson, Darcia Simpson, Brandon Smith, Hannah Stutzman & Jay Stutzman. Please pray for safety in travel, good health, team unity and that they will be a blessing and an encouragement to all they meet.

**Madhya Pradesh, State of India (Asia).** This state was one of the last to open up for missions. It is strongly Hindu with stern laws limiting conversions to Christianity. Pray for the end of opposition to the gospel in high places and for the frustration of extremist Hindu efforts to "reconvert" Christians – thousands of tribal peoples have been forced to renounce Christianity. The whole state remains a pioneer mission field, but growth in both outreach and response are increasing.

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

There are 27 students studying now in Chad, being taught primarily by Brother Philip. The heat has been nearly unbearable, but despite that, the students are not only studying hard, but also helping with cleaning, cooking, guard duty, round-the-clock prayer and helping to set up the library – all working together to get everything accomplished. They just recently learned that one of the students has had his wife and daughter taken from him because of his conversion to Christianity. Please pray for his family to be restored.

**Maharashtra, State of India (Asia).** At least 73 peoples remain unreached and unengaged. Many Hindu caste groups like the Mahar have little opportunity to hear the gospel; major church growth and revival are blocked by caste barriers. Muslims number 12 million in the state, including 2 million in Mumbai. There is a lack of outreach, of workers, of awareness of their needs and of Scripture in their languages and dialects. Tribal groups are responding to the gospel. While the presence of Christian ministry among the tribal groups has increased, so has opposition. The 1.5 million Jains and 150,000 Parsees in their wealthy religious communities remain unevangelized.

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

E & J are praising the Lord for blessing them with a sweet little baby girl on Oct. 20. They are thankful that the transition to a family of four has been going smoothly. They are thankful for our prayers. Please pray that they will get baby girl J's passport in a timely manner so that they can then all apply for visas for their upcoming survey trip. They plan to visit a few countries in N. Africa in Feb. Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment as they go and visit teams and then seek the Lord's direction for where to serve.

**Manipur, State of India (Asia).** Manipur has been constantly disrupted in recent decades by several separatist insurgency movements, all with different and often competing agendas. They usually target non-indigenous peoples as well as Christians, both being easy scapegoats. This violence has claimed over 1,000 lives, has stymied access to and ministry in Manipur and has hindered development of the region. Pray that those taking up arms for their many causes would instead find peace and unity in Christ.

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

Pray for 176 ESI groups meeting in Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela, Sweden, Switzerland, and Spain. Some 2,170 individuals around the world participate in these Bible studies. Please pray that God would use their study in Romans to develop a commitment to honor Christ by being true to the Scriptures --thinking, living, and serving biblically. Pray for pastors and church leaders to grow in their commitment to be biblical friends walking and growing together in unity under the banner of the gospel. Pray that many believers will share the gospel with the least reached.

**Meghalaya, State of India (Asia).** Meghalaya is a Christian-majority state; most of the tribals who make up the majority became Christian in the 19th and early 20th Centuries. Churches are numerous. Traditionalism has been a problem, but in the 21st Century, revivals and renewal are breathing new life and dynamism into many, many churches. Pray that this move of the Holy Spirit might spread, deepen and have a lasting impact on the lives and lifestyles of Christians. Pray also for unity among churches.

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

Jon & Ruthie are thankful for our prayers. The mission is facing some financial challenges. Often God lets us face challenges that remind us to depend upon him. At times he wants to get our attention so that we grow in obedience to him. Please continue to pray for wisdom for the mission leadership and for the global board as they plan for 2020.

**Mizoram, State of India (Asia).** Mizoram has one of the largest Christian populations by proportion of any state in the world. There are now over 100 denominations and groups. Awakenings and revivals in recent years have dynamized the Church and helped transform society. Mizoram remains one of the most literate, well-educated and egalitarian states in India. Divisions within denominations and inter-ethnic tensions are a discredit to the unity expected of believers. Pray for a new outpouring of the Spirit that will join believers together and remove man-made divisions.

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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

News has come that a house is available on the rental market right in the middle of the area where Chris & Leanne desire to minister. With the help of the SEND Japan business manager, the application process has begun. Pray for God's will as they anticipate being a part of the Shiomidai (SHE-OH-MEDIE) neighborhood. Pray that the Lord will prepare Chris and Leanne to love the new neighbors He has planned for them and will prepare the hearts of these Japanese neighbors to hear the call of Christ, calling them to Himself.

**Nagaland, State of India (Asia).** Christian training and sending – few Christian areas in the world have such a high density of theological colleges; there are at least 19. Pray for more students who will become effective pastors, social workers, church planters and missionaries. A vision exists to see 10,000 Naga missionaries sent out from this mostly Christian state in India. Pray for further Bible translation. The many highly educated theologians have ensured that the two million Nagas (in 20 tribes with 36 languages and 124 dialects) are well served with Bible translations. Bibles or NTs exist in nearly 30 languages, with work progressing on 10 more.

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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>Macedonia</b>	Mike & Cindy
<b>United States</b>	B & J
<b>United States</b>	E & J, Missionary Couple in Training

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

# Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia**

- 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 2,200 graduates since 2002 and 1,950 active participants in 173 groups in 14 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church has and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**

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

Christian Counseling Educational Foundation  
Indigenous Church Planting Organization  
Parkside Green  
Shoreline Church  
The Women’s Clinic of Cleveland

Fieldstone Counseling  
Parkside Church Westside  
Scranton Road Bible Church  
The City Mission  
Truth For Life

## Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson  
Jon (& Ruthie)  
Brian (& Maria) Walls

Amy Cottle  
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

**Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2018: \$2.8 million**

# Get Involved

## in a short-term missions trip

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### India ESL

Teaching English to young Indian Christians  
at the Delhi Bible Institute

July, 2020

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).



To see unbelieving people become  
committed followers of Jesus Christ.