

Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **April**

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

Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



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To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

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

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



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.



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



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 & Cindy
Hannah, Rachel, Luke, Elizabeth



Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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

Please pray for the 200 ESI groups in 14 countries. As they study Romans, pray that God will develop in the 2,100 ESI participants a commitment to honor Christ by being true to the Scriptures- thinking, living, and serving biblically. Pray that pastors and church leaders will grow in their commitment to be biblical friends- to stop walking alone and start walking together with other believers, to experience gospel unity in order to disciple believers, and reach the least reached with the gospel of Christ.

Morocco (Africa). Islam was introduced by invading Arab armies in the 7th Century. The once strong North African, and largely Berber, Church was erased. Pride in Morocco's glorious past as a center of Islamic civilization and learning, and deeply rooted prejudice against Christianity remain barriers to the acceptance of the gospel. Only a small percentage of the population has been clearly presented with the gospel. Pray that this nation may become open for the good news.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Pray for pilots to be called to serve on mission fields around the world. Pray for Mike and Joan as they seek ways to disciple Christians in Latin America who desire to serve in worldwide missions. Continue to pray for the people of San Jose de Las Flores who were impacted by the Gospel as they experienced the love shown by the Parkside Dental Team. Pray for Pastor Pedro as he does follow up Bible studies in homes, producing fruit for the Kingdom. Pray for patience and discernment as scheduled events are postponed or cancelled. Pray that God will provide for those with limited access to medical care. Continue to pray that the Ross's three sons along with their families will serve God with their whole hearts.

Mozambique (Africa). Spiritual responsiveness is one result of the suffering and deprivation endured. Congregations of indigenous Christians mushroomed all across the country. But massive growth also presents proportionally huge challenges: ignorance of biblical teaching and standards, syncretism and legalism. Fortunately, the church is also characterized by an eagerness to learn. Pray for growth in maturity and truth that matches growth in numbers – without forsaking cultural authenticity.

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03

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Thank the Lord that the James family is doing well. Pray that they would continue to grow in their love for the Lord as a family. Church services and gatherings were cancelled to avoid spreading coronavirus in Uruguay, where there is much fear in general. Please pray for the church to represent Christ well during this crisis, as they seek to encourage those around them.

Myanmar (Asia). The military regime seeks to destroy Christianity (which it calls “the C-virus”), yet faith keeps spreading. Christians are generally kept out of positions of power and influence. Military campaigns against Christian minorities are well publicized, and over 3,000 Christian villages have been burned out in the last 10 years. Churches are not given permission to register and are thereby considered illegal and subject to harassment.

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Truth For Life, United States

Please pray that God’s Word, proclaimed through Truth For Life, will be a great comfort to many around the world as people navigate the challenges and fears associated with the coronavirus. Please pray for the audio production team at Truth For Life as they adjust to a new operating environment and to new audio production equipment.

Namibia (Africa). Pray for the spiritual leaders of the country. Pray for current and future pastors and leaders to be trained and formed to God’s standards. Pray also that the mainline training institutes would capture a love and respect for God’s Word.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Join Chris and Leanne in thanks to God for their safe arrival back in Japan. They count it a blessing to have been able to spend a year in Cleveland with their Parkside Church family. Pray for them as they get acclimated to their new community. Pray for their children, who are experiencing many firsts as they re-enter school. As they begin the process of reaching out to their new neighbors, pray for gospel opportunities. It is a blessing for them to see the small seeds of gospel community beginning to blossom.

Nauru (Pacific). Spiritual awareness grows as the economy shrinks. Materialism’s decline is faith’s gain. Church life is reawakening, and evangelical numbers are growing. **New Caledonia (Pacific).** 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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06

Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Fieldstone would appreciate our prayers for their staff and counselees as they work to move them to remote counseling. Pray that they will be a source of encouragement in this season of heightened uncertainty and anxiety.

Nepal (Asia). 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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07

Amy Cottle, Thailand

Please pray for the students at Mahasarakham University as they begin their summer break. They will return to their homes this month with canceled New Year events due to the COVID-19 situation. Pray that they will seek the Lord during this time of fear and instability. The students coming to the student center have heard the good news of Jesus Christ, but the vast majority of the nearly 80,000 students in the region have never heard the gospel and are without the hope of Christ!

Netherlands (Europe). Young people's ministry is difficult due to their indifference and perception that Christianity is at best irrelevant and at worst an intolerant threat to postmodern liberties. Pray for: a) Family ministry, as the basic spiritual social unit. Pray for the impartation of faith from the parents' and grandparents' generation to the young people of the Netherlands. b) Ministry to young people requires media savviness, immediate relevance, and above all, authenticity. Many local churches and para-church ministries reach out to youth through the internet, sports, music and arts, coffee houses, and personal evangelism. Pray for groups engaged in these vital activities. c) University students who live in a high-pressure ideological battle zone, where it is hard to stand for Jesus.

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08

Parkside Green, United States

Please ask the Lord to accomplish His purposes through the Good Friday and Easter services, including baptisms. Thank God for a positive annual meeting, looking back on 2019 and ahead to 2020. Thank the Lord also for continuing to raise up leaders for the church, and for providing an upcoming sabbatical for Pastor Adam and his family. Pray that the Lord might help them to finish strong with the Wednesday Bible study on 2 Corinthians and the Sunday morning class on Engaging Faith, Engaging Culture. Please also intercede for effective gospel outreach and discipleship through the missionaries Parkside Green supports in Dubai, UAE and in Nairobi, Kenya.

Netherlands Antilles (Caribbean). 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.

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Delhi Bible Institute, India

Please pray for the Chandauli Anugrah Ashram: for the 375 children who come for tutoring and the ladies who come for sewing classes would respond to the gospel; that the church at Chandauli would grow in maturity in the Word; that the opposition that is in the village would not hinder their work nor make them timid in proclaiming the gospel; for the ongoing construction work to expand the centre. 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.

New Zealand (Pacific). The increasing presence of other religious and spiritual options presents 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.

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

Pray for international students during the Covid-19 crisis, that God would be working to draw them to the security and hope we have in Christ. Pray for wisdom as their team works to engage students online in virtual communities and for opportunities to share the gospel in new ways. Pray for God's wisdom to guide the Bridges leadership team as they make critical decisions regarding the new realities of the ministry and for the wellbeing of the staff and students. Praise God that their national staff conference in February went well. It was a special time of being renewed in their calling to make Christ known to international students.

Nicaragua (Latin America). 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, even though 30% of the population is under age 30. Pray for a redemptive and transforming impact on society.

2020 India Medical Trip



The Parkside 2020 India Medical Team, L to R: Tiffany Kral, Cheryl Ogden, Hannah Stutzman, Jay Stutzman, Rania Kirolos, Steven Bautista, Renee Neumann, Darcia Simpson, David Bonnet, Wayne Fleck, Adam Bonnet, Ernestine Patterson, Michelle Eriksen, Gail Gerycz, Brandon Smith, Patricia Maher

Greetings Parkside! Jai ama seeki!!! (Praise the Lord!!!) Pray for North India! Great things are happening with the spread of the Gospel of Christ there and the Lord is on the move! The Parkside India Medical Team left for Delhi Bible Institute on Jan. 23. We arrived late in the evening, greeted by students and our hosts, Isaac and Gloria Shaw. The following day our team, in concert with the dental missions team from Delaware, and a medical team from Great Britain, had the great privilege to minister medically and spiritually to the DBI students, its congregation, and their families.

Our team was split into two— medical and dental, and hundreds of patients were seen throughout the week in Delhi, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Dehradun, and Lucknow. We had the opportunity to interact with, minister to, and have fellowship with the students at multiple ashrams (schools) and were humbled and encouraged by hearing many of their testimonies. On day three, the medical team went to Jaipur, an area of India historically hostile to the gospel, and a state which has very specific anti-conversion laws. God kept the team safe and navigated any rough waters. The dental team headed to Lucknow, and subsequently Dehradun and provided much needed care to those communities.

The medical team then travelled to Chandigarh in the northeast of India, where we were blessed by an enthusiastic ministry, eager for the gospel to be heard in their community. We returned to Delhi Feb. 2nd in anticipation of our flight home. There was much praise, fellowship, and prayer. I can say with certainty that each of us on the team felt ministered to, perhaps more than we gave, which is often the way with our Lord.

We keenly invite you to support this vital ministry- join us in person when we return, financially, or with your precious prayers.

-Dr. David Bonnet

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Mark and Patti thank God for the time in Washington DC, at the Museum of the Bible. They are also thankful that Mark has plenty of work to do from home to support the Quechua speaking church. He plans to meet virtually with one of the translation teams he consults for since he won't be able to be there in-person to teach. Mark & Patti thought the upcoming Bible dedications in Peru would simply go on without them, but now it looks like they will be postponed as the county of Peru takes measures to slow down the advance of the coronavirus. Pray that reading the word of God would bring peace to those who are filled with anxiety.

Niger (Africa). Christianity is growing, but more slowly than the population overall; the same applies for evangelicals, who remain a tiny minority. Positively, many previously unreached people groups now have their first believers, and pastors, who converted from Islam themselves, lead the majority of congregations. But social and cultural pressure to remain in or revert to Islam prevents many, who would otherwise do so, from following Christ. Pray for a critical mass of open, practicing Christians that begins larger people movements to Christ.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for all the issues related to COVID-19 and its impact on many people, communities, and the church. Please pray for the vulnerable, the anxious, and the ill- that as we are all confronted by the fragility of life, we would turn to a Savior who is sure and certain and who promises abundant peace amidst the storm. Please pray for their leadership team as they seek to continue to find creative ways to care for and encourage their congregation despite being physically apart.

Nigeria (Africa). 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. There is frequently a gap between what is preached and what is perceived to be practiced by Christian leaders. 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. One-man ministries, dictatorial leadership, empire-building, and unwillingness to entrust responsibility to the upcoming generation are common weaknesses.

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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 he and Lety as they minister to children in a local children's home. Pray also for Ana, Juan, and Ester as they study, and especially for Juan as he desires to be a missionary pilot. Pray for a new Equipping Servants (ESI) group starting in Oaxaca. Continue to pray for healing for Edgar's back. Pray for wisdom for Neri as he starts two new ESI groups in Chiapas and leads a church plant. Praise God that the church plant is going well and running ahead of projected numbers. They continue to be thankful for a dependable car. Pray for Karina as she leads evangelistic Bible studies for women. Pray that God would continue to bless His Word as it is shared in Tapachula.

Norway (Europe). 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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Jon & Ruthie, Ambassadors Football, United States

The Word of God says do not stop praying and giving thanks in all circumstances because this is His will for us. We give thanks to our God who is our help in times of trouble. Please pray for the hundreds of Ambassadors staff and volunteers located in more than 25 countries around the world. Pray for their health and safety even as they hold out the word of truth to a world looking for answers.

Oman (Asia). 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. There are no known churches among the semi-nomadic Mahra or Jibbali of Dhofar, the Baluch of the eastern coasts, the rural population, or the Swahili speakers.

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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for Kep as he prepares to launch ESI in the United States in Spanish May 1-2 in Virginia, with the help of pastor Boris Arancibia, and in Mozambique May 22-23, with the help of Pastor Aldo Fernandez. Also, pray for the ESI Brazil team as it trains new pastors to begin ESI groups in Foz de Iguazu, Brazil this month. Pray for Debbie as she builds up the ILC women's ministry in La Paz, that many will come to faith in Christ this month, and that God will grow up mature disciples who make disciples.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

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2020 India Medical Trip



Top Left: Darcia Simpson & Michelle Eriksen, RN working with patients at a medical clinic
Top Right: Dr. David Bonnet praying with a patient
Center: Parkside India Team with DBI Director, Isaac Shaw & his wife, Gloria
Lower Left: Gail Gerycz teaching proper dental hygiene
Lower Right: Dr. Patricia Maher working with a dental patient

Pakistan (Asia). 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 are ex-militants. Churches, comprised mostly of Hindu-background and lower caste believers, do not know how to integrate and disciple these people, and so the large majority of them revert to Islam, turn to atheism, or retreat to private faith. Some networks of Muslim-background believers are emerging for mutual spiritual support and discipleship. Pray for such networks to spread for these believers so that they do not easily fall away. Ask the Lord to raise up leaders.

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The Women's Clinic of Cleveland, United States

Pray for the Women's Clinic and the health and protection of their staff during this time of crisis with the coronavirus. They had to temporarily close the center in mid-March. Pray that they will be able to open again soon. Pray that God would provide the items needed for the center: diapers (sizes 3,4,5), wipes, baby toiletries, and layettes (newborn, 3 months).

Palestine (Asia). 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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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

In the light of all that is happening, Johannes urges the Church to be praying and calling upon God's protection and healing power over their country as well as the rest of the world. Pray that during this time as we move more and more into God's presence, we'll be able to distinguish between truth and all the falsehoods that are sent into the world and that united, we can combat the spread of this pandemic.

Panama (Latin America). 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 service.

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

Pray for wisdom for YFC as they seek creative ways to minister to the lost young people despite the school shutdowns. Inner city kids at the City Life Center depend on their daily feeding program to thrive, especially considering the schools being shut down. Pray for a plan to reorient their jail ministry to help incarcerated young people that are now out and need jobs, church homes, and follow-up. Also, pray for insight on how to plan for summer activities and needed fundraising events to survive as a ministry committed to reaching lost kids with the lifechanging message of Jesus Christ.

Papua New Guinea (Pacific). A land with a rich legacy of missionary success and sacrifice, PNG's large missionary presence is mostly focused on health, education, development, translation, teaching, discipling, leadership training, and support work. Pray for the gospel to take a more New Guinean shape. Pray for those building up the existing church. Discipleship and leadership training are crucial tasks and the main challenges. **Bougainville (Solomon Islands).** The spiritual need of Bougainville is much greater than in Papua New Guinea, as the evangelical presence is quite small. Pray for revival throughout the Bougainville Church, and for leaders to develop vision and initiatives reflective of Christ's mission. Pray for sound teaching and discipleship that matures believers and for effective outreach across denominations that bears lasting fruit.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Please pray for wisdom for their leaders as they continue to think about ways in which they can be useful in serving their community and church family.

Paraguay (Latin America). 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. Paraguay has never had a true spiritual awakening, and few of the Catholic Spanish-Guarani majority have a living relationship with Christ. Missionaries are still very much needed for church planting, leadership training, holistic mission, and education.

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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

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

Peru (Latin America). 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.

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

Matt and Laura received a phone call from a former club family letting them know that a player who graduated from one of their teams last year, and who was planning to play with their men’s team this summer, died in a boating accident. Please pray for the family and the players in the club. On the flipside: a player from Ambassadors Cleveland and one from Puebla, Mexico will be playing for Houghton College in western New York this fall. Thank God that the gospel is transforming the lives of young men and women around the world through the work of Ambassadors Football, preparing them to give back to their communities. Pray for them as they seek to mobilize, envision, and train Christians around the world to minister to the next generation through soccer.

Philippines (Asia). 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. 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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Indigenous Church-Planting Organization in Muslim Countries

This year 16 students graduated from the missionary school in South Sudan- the first class to graduate from there! Fourteen of the students are now deployed. Please keep all these young men in your prayers as they share Jesus with unreached people groups! Recently, all the Chadian students took a survey trip throughout northern Chad to assess the number and extent of unreached people groups. Their surveys will be studied and used in determining where the various teams will be deployed once they graduate at the end of August. Please pray for this process and pray that the students will have endurance to successfully complete their coursework.

Poland (Europe). 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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B & J, United States

Thanks for your prayers for B and J in their work. Pray that they will be blessings to their bosses, and gospel witnesses to them and their coworkers. Please pray for the church they are attending which has been in turmoil. Please also keep their four children in your prayers.

Portugal (Europe). Religious and political freedoms gained in 1975 have transformed the nation, but high religious affiliation and freedom does not translate into genuine faith. 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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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Wes & Nancy are delighted that Parkside has agreed to partner with LAMP, a literacy and Scripture-promotion organization among the Mam of Guatemala. It is a one-year project aimed at preparing the local churches and the broader community for the publication of the whole Bible in Maya-Mam. Pray for good progress and open hearts.

Puerto Rico (Caribbean). Pray for their recovery from the recent hurricane that devastated the island. Some are still without electricity. Pray that God will bring good from a difficult situation. 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. Student ministry is proving both fruitful and vital. Pray for ministries to reach all remaining campuses and to continue shaping future leaders.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Pray for the Spirit of God to move through the Word and do a great ministry in and through all who attend SRBC. Continue to pray for their need for new, younger elders. Praise God for completing their staff needs with three new part-time employees, Mark Ritzman, Jonny Fine, and Lori Sugano. Thank the Lord for the completion of sound equipment in the sanctuary and multi-purpose room. Pray for the expansion of kids and youth outreach through the church and the neighborhood. This is a "tricky" union. Pray that the Lord will move mightily through young people.

Qatar (Asia). 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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Mike & Cindy, Macedonia

Cindy left Macedonia in order to be with their daughter Hannah as she delivers her twin girls. Now the Skopje airport is closed due to the coronavirus. Pray for an option to open for Mike to be able to get back to the U.S. to begin their scheduled home service. Pray for the team to have open doors of ministry despite the closing of the language center and canceling of the planned *Love Languages* event.

Reunion (Africa). The dark legacy of slavery, abolished in 1848, still overshadows the present. The Creole population are descendants of those slaves. A deep work of healing and laying to rest the legacy of the past is far from complete. Pray for the entire population to come to terms with the past, possible only through faith in Christ.

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The City Mission, United States

Pray for discernment for staff at Laura's Home as they try to meet the needs of their clients, while maintaining a safe and secure facility for everyone. Please continue to pray for New Horizons as they search for a multi-family home that will allow them to offer transitional housing to families. Pray for the Crossroads staff as they re-evaluate the way their programming is structured. Pray that God would guide their decision-making as they work to improve its preliminary and final phases, in ways that further empower and inspire their men. Ask God to bless the interview process for summer interns. Pray for the Client & Safety Specialist (CSS) team as they had another resignation and have no new candidates, creating a very hard time for their CSS team and supervisors.

Romania (Europe). 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. 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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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for the ESI-Disciples Making Disciples groups that started last month in Cordoba and Buenos Aires, Argentina (4 groups) and in Guatemala (6 groups). Pray that the Lord will transform many lives as these pastors and church leaders study Romans and that the Lord will grow gospel-centered pastors and churches with a passion for Jesus and a commitment that no one should live or die without having the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus. Pray that God will continue to develop in Pastor Pepe Rocha a deep passion for Christ in his pastoral ministry in the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia.

Russia (Europe). 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. 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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E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

Thank God for making their survey trip to North Africa fruitful! They met with and were encouraged by 3 different teams as they sought to discern potential ministry opportunities and long-term service. Since then, they have been praying for God to direct their steps to the right place. The Lord opened the doors for them to join a team that they are excited to partner with soon. This team is focused on a language group that does not yet have the Bible or any church among them. Please ask God to grow their dependence on him as he directs their next steps. They hope to leave at the end of the summer but are trusting God to make the timing clear.

Rwanda (Africa). Thousands of spiritual leaders were murdered or fled 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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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Continue to pray for them as they attempt to register the new church with the Uruguayan government. They have run into several challenges. Please pray for wisdom as they seek to comply with government requirements without compromising biblical convictions.

Samoa (Pacific). 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. Much of the Church suffers from nominalism, and rivalry among denominations does not generate a good spiritual atmosphere.

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Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

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

Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

Japan	Chris & Leanne Harrington
Uruguay	Andrew & Angie James
Bolivia	Kep & Debbie James
Macedonia	Mike & Cindy
United States	E & J, Missionary Couple in Training

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

Peru /United States	Mark & Patti Bean
Guatemala /Peru /United States	Wes & Nancy Collins
Mexico /United States	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 2,170 active participants in 176 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

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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.



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