

Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **August**

"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.

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.



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.



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$2.6 million towards missions in 2021. 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
**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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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Please pray for the summer camps their church is involved in. The Harrington's three oldest kids are attending with some of their non-Christian friends. The camps allow time for deepening of relationships and for hearing the gospel clearly preached. Stepping away from everyday life allows many barriers to be removed to hear and dwell on God's Word. Chris and Leanne praise God for the opportunity to see their families. It has been two and a half years since they have been able to hug and spend time with them, and this month they have the chance to come to America and get a much-needed time of connecting. Pray for travel mercies and for good quality family time.

Singapore (Asia). Population: 5,219,377 Believers: 7.8%. Singapore is a strategic center for regional and global Christian mission due to its infrastructure, stability, location, and strong Christian population. Pray that Singapore will be a blessing to the least-evangelized nations and peoples around it and a servant leader that facilitates the emerging missions' movement from other Asian nations.

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Bobby & Julie, United States

Bobby and Julie thank God for providing close friends who came alongside them and helped finish needed updates on their house and deck, for providing a friend who is an experienced property manager, and for helping them move and deal with their belongings. A recent trip back to Minnesota has given them another chance to say goodbye to family and friends. As they have worked and connected with others these final days, they have found more prayer partners coming alongside them and encouraging them in their next steps. Pray that God's Spirit will continue to help them and their children's hearts as they undergo the stress of transition. Pray for them as they move on August 5 to Central Asia. Housing there is in high demand. Pray that God will provide housing near their teammates. Pray that after arriving in country, they will be able to transition to a work visa quickly and then to permanent residency.

Slovakia (Europe). Population: 5,441,569 Believers: 1.2%. Slovakia is a nation in the midst of significant change. Economic reforms and EU membership both created as well as solved problems. Increasing wealth (for some) is accompanied by the new influences of materialism and moral relativism. Depression and suicide rates are among the highest in Europe; pray that many might seek for hope and truth and find these in Christ.

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03

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie thank God that their family is doing well. Pray that they would continue to prioritize their relationship with Christ and with each other. Pray that their children would grow up to love the Lord. They are thankful that the evangelistic Father's Day event in July went well and that there were several unbelievers in attendance. Pray for fruit from this effort and that God would continue to guide them as they seek to be salt and light in the community.

Slovenia (Europe). Population: 2,053,200 Believers: 0.1%. Pray for an awakening in the mainline churches that draws the many nominal Christians into personal faith in Christ. Slovenia has had a Protestant witness since the Reformation, but there are still very few evangelical churches. Even these few lack teaching and leadership training, although two informal Bible training schools operate with help from outside professors.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunities they have had to show the love of Christ and share the gospel this summer. Their baking camp provided an opportunity to bring families together to fellowship and hear the Word. Ambassadors Soccer Camp allowed them to reach out to the Painesville community. Pray that their upcoming basketball camp for children will connect them to the church as a whole. Pray for volunteers to serve in their children's ministry. Youth for Christ is thankful for successful special events at both the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center and the State facility in Massillon. Young men were treated to special food and activities to build relationships. The jail team saw many hungry for God's Word. During the school year, 177 first-time decisions for Christ occurred, and cases of Bibles were handed out. Pray for follow-up with these young men and for continued open doors.

Solomon Islands (Pacific). Population: 661,675 Believers: 33.3%. Ethnic diversity and fragmentation as well as geography render the Solomons a patchwork of tribes and political groups rather than a unified nation. This hinders not just national identity but also Christian ministry. Pray that God might knit these many islands and tribes together in the gospel. **St Barthélemy (Caribbean).** Population: 9,300 Believers: 2.3%. This island caters to the uber-rich, trading on its sophistication and isolation for its exclusivity. There is little interest in spiritual things. Pray that amid the boutiques, cafés, and villas there might awaken a hunger for spiritual reality and the opportunity to know God. Pray also that the few churches on the island might minister meaningfully into this unique context.

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05

Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

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

Somalia (Africa). Population: 12,246,171 Believers: <0.1%. The work of missions, always dangerous and hedged with restrictions, was forced to cease in 1972 when their institutions were nationalized by the new Marxist regime. The work of different missions between 1897 and 1974 saw several hundred [people] turn to the Lord. Pray for workers to the Somalis to be called, committed, and ready for when these defiantly closed doors open.

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The City Mission, United States

Laura's Home is thankful that their Pathways ministry sent nine students to the Youth For Christ summer day camp and four of their students indicated they made a first time decision for Jesus! Pray that they will be able to encourage these young believers in their faith as they continue to trust Jesus and become more complete and mature in him. Praise the Lord for a clear doctor's report for the wife of a board member. Pray that candidates with a heart for Christ and a call to serve their residents with dignity and respect would apply to fill several open positions.

South Africa (Africa). Population: 52,671,375 Believers: 21.1%. Immigrants, legal and illegal, have streamed over South Africa's borders, especially from Zimbabwe, Congo-DRC, Mozambique, Angola, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi, and Nigeria. Their peak numbers are estimated at five million (although some claim it is as high as 18 million), but many of these use South Africa only as a jumping-off point to other destinations. Pray for ministries of compassion to those from other lands seeking food, jobs, or simply safety. Pray for the evangelism and discipleship of these millions.

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the Missions Aviation Fellowship (MAF) work in Mexico. Pray for the three Equipping Servants International (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 as he heals from fractures from a motorbike accident. 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 together on their own. 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.

Spain (Europe). Population: 48,701,629 Believers: 1.0%. Few churches can afford to pay for a full-time pastor, let alone a team of them. As a result, churches must use bi-vocational pastors or be entrusted to full-time foreign missionaries, who end up pastoring instead of church planting. There are at least 15 seminaries and Bible schools. Some newer, larger churches provide in-house leadership and theological training. Pray that these schools would be filled with young Spanish future leaders, shaped by solid instruction in the Word of God.

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

One of the priorities of Ambassadors Football as a mission is to envision and train both their staff and those in churches who want to utilize soccer to reach others with the gospel. In the U.S., believers from 21 countries were trained to coach at camps and then ministered to over 1,400 children across the U.S. throughout July. Pray for them as many of the coaches returned to their home countries to minister through soccer. Ambassadors Football has also been training staff so that an ongoing ministry can grow and flourish across their 31 works around the world. They have partnered with Lifeshape, an initiative of Chick-Fil-A, to train their national and program directors with leadership skills. Pray that the Lord will use these trainings to help them minister more effectively to those involved in Ambassadors.

Sri Lanka (Asia). Population: 21,713,430 Believers: 1.2%. Tolerance and non-violence have historically been watchwords of Sri Lanka. For centuries, it was a Buddhist kingdom that welcomed refugees from India fleeing persecution—Hindus, Muslims, and Christians. However, this multi-religious, multi-ethnic country now sees religious extremism and persecution rising. Pray for the disarming of the spiritual powers and principalities that heavily influence a very religious society. Beneath the layers of Buddhism and Hinduism lie an ancient cocktail of spirits, gods, and demons.

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Amy Cottle, Thailand

Praise the Lord for the work God is doing in Mahasarakham. After years of praying for a church to be started with Thai believers, a local online church has joined with Amy's team on Sundays to worship together!

The first meeting went well, with a family of five and two singles attending. Please pray for this new church plant to grow and be rooted in God's Word.

St Helena (Africa). Population: 4,408 Believers: 8.8%. The Christian heritage of St Helena is strong, but islanders committed to faith are decreasing. Most Christians are nominal, and church attendance continues to decline. A critical mass of evangelicals on the islands is needed to generate spiritual momentum.

St Kitts & Nevis (Caribbean). Population: 58,676 Believers: 21.7%. There is no lack of churches or other ministries on these islands, but their impact is limited. Pray for the Holy Spirit to revive, empower, and embolden believers for Kingdom effectiveness. Pray especially for ministries that draw together the diverse denominations.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Parkside Westside is enjoying times of togetherness during the more relaxed months of summer. Pray for the baptisms scheduled at Lake Erie on August 14. Also, pray for the students who will enter their youth

ministry at the start of the new school year. Pray that God would provide the volunteers needed for their children's ministry as it continues to grow. With Community Groups restarting after summer break, pray for wisdom and guidance for the leaders as they seek to facilitate groups rooted in God's Word.

St Lucia (Caribbean). Population: 190,333 Believers: 14.5%. The majority of St Lucians speak a French Creole. The NT, recently translated into Creole, is being used for literacy projects. Pray for the Word of God to be acquired, read, and applied in the lives of St Lucians. **St Martin (Caribbean).** Population: 38,250 Believers: 2.5%. The tropical location and French liberality combine to make this a playground for the most wealthy. Exclusive hotels, clothing-optional beaches, designer-clothing boutiques, and cafés typify the island's culture. There is little room for or interest in a life of service to Christ. Pray that in the midst of this elegant but hedonistic paradise, people might gain a hunger for an eternal heaven.

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Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia

Praise God that Emily and Blake found a car and a house close to campus. They feel like God hand-picked both just for them and are so grateful.

Continue to pray for them as they get settled into a new home, team, routine, and city. The spring semester at the university started August 1. Pray that God will direct them to meet students who are open to hearing about the Lord. They are thankful for our prayers.

St Pierre & Miquelon (North America). Population: 6,046 Believers: <0.1%.

These isolated islands and their people have long been Catholic. Traditions are strong and change has come slowly, despite the economic downturn when the fishing industry all but disappeared. Pray for people to find hope in a living relationship with Christ.

St Vincent (Caribbean). Population: 110,278

Believers: 39.1%. St Vincent is a religious country, but most are not related to God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ. There is a crisis of holiness, lack of spiritual fruit, and growing apathy, especially regarding missions. Pray for revival and for restoration of a biblically-based, Spirit-led Church.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

On August 14, Fieldstone celebrates their fifth anniversary! Praise the Lord for this huge milestone. They are grateful for the amazing ways that the Lord has been at work in and through the ministry. Pray for continued and expanded support from donors to empower their mission of offering lasting hope for life's hardships. Pray that many in need would be able to connect with them for care and be encouraged through the Good News of the gospel. Continue to pray that their counselors would be encouraged and strengthened in Christ as they meet with their counselees.

Sudan (Africa). Population: 52,308,944 Believers: 14.7%. Persecution of the Church, persisting over most of the last 60 years, has been most intense since 1985.

Pray that Christians may bear good witness to their persecutors in these sufferings and become spiritually strong as a result. Pray also that the sufferings of Christians might become widely known and that peace, justice, and religious freedom may be firmly established.

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E & J, North Africa

E and J had the chance to take a vacation with J's family in July. Praise God for the gift of special time with family. It has been a refreshing treat for them to be able to go to church at Parkside and sing and fellowship with so many people! Pray that the Lord will establish the church in North Africa. E and J recently heard from the consulate, and they want a piece of paper that E and J can only get in North Africa before they grant them visas to go back. Thankfully, they agreed to give Eric a single-entry visa to go get that piece of paper. Please pray for favor and that a door would be opened to them to continue their work in their country of service.

Suriname (Latin America). Population: 567,766 Believers: 13.8%. Nearly half the population profess to be Christian, but many have little understanding of their faith, and Christian belief is often mixed with spiritism. Pray for new life and dynamism to replace traditionalism and syncretism practiced by many. Pray for increasing cooperation between denominations to continue in Bible-related ministries and outreach to every ethnic group in Suriname.

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Praise God for all he is doing through many individuals and teams to build up his church among different Quechua speaking groups in central Peru. Pray for God's church to grow as his Word bears fruit in people's lives. May they shine as bright lights in their communities. Thank God for enabling so many great medical advancements, for their grandson, Jeremiah's return to health, and for Mark coming through his chemo treatment so well. Continue to pray for both to regain strength and immunity. Thank the Lord for the ability to fly Delta gratis whenever there is an empty seat. Pray that there will be an empty seat for Patti to arrive in Germany in time to be on hand when their son, Ernie goes in for hernia surgery on August 19. Pray for a good recovery.

Swaziland (Africa). Population: 1,376,154 Believers: 25.1%. Nominalism is widespread. Far too many Christians live no differently from their unbelieving compatriots. Pray for God's Spirit to bring revival. Many churches, even traditional evangelical groups, are stagnating and losing their young people.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

Pray for the new group of students attending the one-year all around development course and the one-month Life Skills Foundations course. Pray for the ongoing computer and sewing trainings in the center. Pray for new doors to open for the one-week Regional Development Trainings. Pray for protection from the coronavirus in their country and all over the world and that their distribution of food aid would reach the right people who are in need.

Sweden (Europe). Population: 9,713,109 Believers: 6.9%. The spiritual decline of Sweden is apparent on many levels. Only 23% of people believe in a personal God. Materialism, hedonism, and individualism are among the most cherished of values, and adherence to absolute values or truth is regarded as "intolerance." Pray for a new awakening for this spiritually struggling nation; recent signs are that young people are moving back toward more traditional values.

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Parkside Green, United States

Thank the Lord for good visits this summer with the family of six and the single woman they support in Dubai, UAE, as well as the family of five they support in Uganda. The elders, missionary care team, and congregation all had opportunities to hear from and connect with these devoted missionaries. Please pray that the Lord will send them back to the field refreshed to bear much fruit through them.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

- Parkside Missionaries
- Regional Missions Agencies

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AN UPDATE FROM THE Bolivian Pastoral Assistant Program



Back in 2006, Pastor Jeff Mills and I came up with a plan to help train Bolivian pastors to honor Christ by being true to Scripture.

We wanted church leaders to make a lifetime commitment to study the Bible—to know it, to live it, and to preach and teach it faithfully in their local churches. We were particularly interested that they reflect Jesus in their private life and were longing to see Jesus and his gospel at the center, transforming their lives (Romans 15:14).

Designed as a two-year volunteer curriculum, the program trains 15-20 pastors and church ministry leaders. They study through Romans preparing expository messages, and then meet each week to preach and evaluate what they have prepared.

Currently, we have three PA groups in Bolivia—two in La Paz under the leadership of Pastor Juan Cardenas, and one in Santa Cruz under the leadership of Pastor Javier Soliz. The PAs frequently express how thankful they are to God for how he uses their 18-hour commitment each week to study and discuss the Bible. It helps their growth in Christ through mutual discipleship, as well as their ability to preach and teach God's Word.

This is especially important in a country like Bolivia, where the church has been so horribly swayed and carried off course by both dead legalism and the heresy of the prosperity movement. One pastor wrote,

"I am one of the pastors in the largest church in Bolivia. Sadly, it teaches the prosperity heresy. My time studying the Bible as a PA was the first time in my 20 years of pastoral ministry that anyone took the time to disciple me. Studying Romans had an immediate and radical impact in my life. I was confronted with Jesus and the truth of his gospel as the central point of the Bible. God transformed me radically and brought me to trust in Christ's righteousness rather than my own self-effort to earn God's favor. Through my study of Romans, I became a believer. I came to understand that the church is the body of Christ, not an institution to gain economic, social, or political power."

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

KEP JAMES

2022 PASTORAL ASSISTANTS



La Paz Group 1

(Left to Right) Arturo Chávez, Erick Rocabado, Alvaro Linares Salinas, Grover Cantuta, Fernando Moscoso



Santa Cruz Group

(Left to Right, Top Row) Paolo Paris, Karen Hurtado, Rolando Ruiz (Middle Row) Miguel Olivera, Claudia Herrera, Liliana (& Yorck) Cronenbold (Bottom Row) Javier Soliz (Leader), Aldruin Tapia, Freddy Romero (Leader)



La Paz Group 2 | (Left to Right) Carlos Eduardo Soruco Michel, Luis Eduardo Quiroz Rivero, Juan Carlos Valdivia Arce, Rafael Oscar Lizárraga Yaraví, Miguel Ángel Ayala Quiroga, Juan Cardenas

Switzerland (Europe). Population: 7,878,558 Believers: 4.4%. The great reformers, Calvin and Zwingli, expounded the truths of Scripture in this land, but few today have any interest or understanding of real Christianity. Wealth, comfort, indifference, and a vague religiosity are the norm. The younger generation explores eastern religions and the occult as much as Christianity. Pray that the Swiss may find the true way in Jesus Christ and that the nation might be stirred again by the Holy Spirit.

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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.

Syria (Asia). Population: 26,475,482 Believers: 0.1%. Changes within the country point to a potentially dangerous future. Pray for God to use the uncertainty to draw people to seek the truth more urgently. New believers from other backgrounds are increasing in number. Longstanding religious, cultural, and spiritual barriers must be overcome. For those who do cross over to Christ, pray for perseverance in persecution, acceptance into fellowship by other believers, and growth to maturity.

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Health for Her Cleveland, United States

Pray for the women they serve now that the “heartbeat bill” is in effect. Pray that the staff will not get discouraged by the women who are panicking and not wanting their services. Pray that the staff will continue to serve the Lord with zeal as they face many challenges ahead. Pray for protection for their staff and building if protests occur.

Tajikistan (Asia). Population: 8,446,497 Believers: 0.1%. Tajiks number 13 million in Central Asia. For nearly a thousand years, there was no significant outreach to Tajiks. Now, in addition to more than 1,000 believers in Tajikistan, there are a greater number of Tajik believers in Afghanistan as well as some in Pakistan and Uzbekistan. Pray for further growth and pray for the establishment of a truly indigenous Tajik Church—this is beginning to happen as Tajik church leaders emerge. Pray especially for unity in this young expression of Christ’s body.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

The Lord has been working on the hearts of some of their close friends. Pray that the Lord continues to open their hearts to the gospel.

Two ladies have begun a Bible study with their church planting pastor.

Some may remember them since they came to Cleveland to stay with Chris and Leanne for a week during their last time in America. They are not yet believing in Christ; please pray for a moving of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Tanzania (Africa). Population: 59,602,598 Believers: 17.9%. Tanzania's Christian population, though numerous, needs discipleship. Many see lack of biblical knowledge as the greatest challenge for the Church. As immature Christians are discipled, lifestyles and worldviews will change, and this in turn will impact the social, economic, and political life of the nation.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

Please pray for Parkside Heights as they begin ministries in the fall.

Pray for the start of a ministry to middle school and high school students in August, and for Peter Lindia as he leads it. Pray for the resumption of

their Community Groups, and that people who have yet to get connected to a small group would take the next step of involvement. Pray for them as they seek to reach out and minister to undergraduate and graduate students, both from the United States and abroad, who come to the Cleveland area to study. Pray that God might draw students to the church and that the church would serve them well.

Thailand (Asia). Population: 71,443,041 Believers: 0.5%. Thailand means "Land of the Free" because it successfully retained its freedom when surrounding countries were colonized by Western powers. Yet the land is held captive in a complex web of Buddhism, traditional culture, spirit appeasement, and even occult practices, with a social cohesiveness out of which few have dared to come. For many Thai, their nationality and religious identity are inextricably linked. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough so that, in the Lord Jesus, the Thai may be free indeed.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Praise God for a successful youth conference last month! Many young people gave their lives to Jesus Christ and have committed to following him. They are thankful that the young people in their church collected 19

blankets for people in need. Continue to pray for the blanket project and that God opens the hearts of their community members to help each other. Thank God that Mathapelo was able to have a conference this month for all the young ladies in their community. Pray that God will use the conference in the lives of those who attended so that they grow to become women who will pray for their children and their families.

Timor Leste (Asia). Population: 1,617,517 Believers: 2.3%. Protestant churches emerged only recently, and their growth is modest. Nominalism and lack of understanding of the gospel characterize the majority. There is great need for biblically trained and spiritually active pastors. Pray that evangelical churches may be planted among every people and in every area of Timor. Pray for true unity among national church leaders. **Tonga (Pacific).** Population: 108,351 Believers: 15.5%. Tonga's rich Christian heritage is a blessing but has reached the point of oversaturation. The proliferation of denominations generates competition among churches, as newer groups entice believers away. Isolation and the difficult economic situation complicate issues further. Pray that Tongan Christians would seek Christ rather than seeking the church that benefits them the most.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Thank God that local Mam believers are supporting the LAMP ministry prayerfully and financially. LAMP is a Mam-language ministry in rural Guatemala that promotes literacy and Bible study and is led by local indigenous pastors. Pray that through this work, more people will read the Bible and become followers of Jesus.

Togo (Africa). Population: 8,444,829 Believers: 10.7%. The Church in Togo stagnated between 1960 and 1990. Long-established groups grew slowly and remained confined to particular ethnicities. False shepherds and unbalanced prosperity teachings are also increasing as the true Church grows. Pray that strong, indigenous congregations and denominations with solid teaching, biblical worldviews, and visionary leadership be established.

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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they say goodbyes in Bolivia and return to Cleveland in October. They will refocus their ministry toward Africa. Pray for Kep's trip to Cairo, August 26-September 3, to train mission school leaders who are responsible for training young men and women to start churches in North Africa. Pray that these leaders will be empowered to help students grow in their commitment to study God's Word, to grow in their love for Jesus, and to experience gospel transformation in their daily lives.

Trinidad & Tobago (Caribbean). Population: 1,383,641 Believers: 20.2%. Christianity is professed by nearly two-thirds of the population, but true disciples faithful to God's Word are not so common. Many Christians are nominal; many others are polluted by witchcraft, Afro-Spiritist beliefs, and Hinduism-influenced worldviews. Greater theological training—for leaders as well as laity—is needed and a discipleship mentality must be fostered. Thank God for the minority who do live to please God and pray that purity and passion might be restored across all denominations.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

They are thankful that in one of the American cities where they partnered, boys from a non-Christian cultural background committed their lives to following Jesus this summer. Pray that these boys grow in their faith. The Parkside soccer camp this year was the largest camp in a long time. Pray for those who were reached with the gospel. Thank God for providing a new board and director for Ambassadors Football in Australia. At the end of August, they will hold board meetings in Sydney. Pray for unity, wisdom, and clarity from God as they seek him together.

Tunisia (Africa). Population: 11,366,244 Believers: <0.1%. In the years since 9/11 and subsequent events in the political-religious sphere, many Tunisians have become more fervent in their Islamic faith. Although the government strives against politicized Islam, the general trend in the Arab world at large and locally, and the lack of prospects for the younger generation, are pulling society toward greater Islamization. Pray that a living, growing Christian Church might become a reality again in this land.

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab and Muslim Countries

Sharing the gospel in a country that is over 90 percent Muslim can be a daunting task. They recently held a Basics Training and Outreach campaign in Senegal with eight students as a test to see if there is an interest in starting missionary school for the Senegalese. All students went out in two teams with a leader overseeing both groups. They shared the gospel with more than 1,000 people, 30 of whom accepted Christ. Pray for the new believers in Senegal and for those who heard the message and have not yet responded.

Turkey (Asia). Population: 83,873,140 Believers: <0.1%. A church amongst Turks has at last become a visible reality, but it still only constitutes 0.005% of the population. Pray for renewed church growth. The increases of the 1990s and early 2000s slowed in the face of spiritual, legal, and cultural opposition. While this has caused an increase of prayer and focus on discipleship, the evangelism and church planting impetus of the past generation must be kept alive.

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Truth For Life, United States

Pray for new TFL customer service representatives, Ashley Griffin and Marcie Herbert. Ask God to guide and direct their steps, to expedite their learning, and pray that they will be an encouragement and help to listeners who contact the ministry. Pray for the entire communications team, including Carolyn Reding, Matt Yokom, and Laina Holman, as they create listener communications through the end of the year. Pray that they will communicate in a way that is gospel-focused and fulfills the mission of teaching the Bible. Pray that the Lord will provide a full-time graphic designer to add to the communications team.

Turkmenistan (Asia). Population: 5,816,404 Believers: <0.1%. Ethnic Turkmen Christians are few but have increased since independence, from one or two people to as many as 1,000. Persecution has brought growth, greater unity and a strong spirituality, and the Church continues to grow despite the constant threats. Pray for these believers to stand firm in their faith and to win others to Christ.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

They will be holding a pastors' conference and ESI facilitator training in September, and they have much to do in preparation for them.

Please pray that God would guide them in the process and that he would lead them to those who could benefit from these trainings.

Turks & Caicos Islands (Caribbean). Population: 36,416 Believers: 32.4%. Christian values in society are challenged by offshore finance with its frequent money laundering, by tourism with its increasing licentiousness, and by illegal drug trafficking. Pray that churches might address these through holy living and genuine faith. **Tuvalu (Pacific).** Population: 10,432 Believers: 17.8%. Tuvalu was first evangelized by Cook Island missionaries, but decline has set in on the back of nominalism. Pray for renewal and biblical faith for all who identify themselves as Christians.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Praise God that Juan Rivera (Edgar Rivera's son) graduated from the School of Mission Aviation Technology in Michigan on August 22 as an FAA certified aircraft mechanic. Pray that the installation of an engine on one of their Mexico airplanes here in Ohio will soon be completed. Pray specifically 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.

Uganda (Africa). Population: 46,319,320 Believers: 37.0%. The Church has seen both wonderful breakthroughs and immense obstacles. Pray for unity. There are numerous divisions in the Church, and the proliferation of independent and single-congregation denominations makes true unity a massive challenge.

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E & J, North Africa

An app for the local NT (in the majority language) is almost finished. This will be a helpful resource for the fellowships that speak that language. Pray that E and J can finish their part (syncing audio with text) soon and that the process will finish smoothly. Pray that many will download the app and that God's Word will bear fruit in their hearts.

Ukraine (Europe). Population: 43,745,640 Believers: 3.8%. Pray for God's peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war. Pray for followers of Jesus to arise as messengers of his hope to the hopeless and the oppressed. Pray for repentance, forgiveness, and unity in the Church, across denominations and traditions.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Praise God for a successful Ambassadors Soccer camp with 107 kids. Pray for fruit from this outreach ministry. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they identify and raise up new leadership in the church. Pray that they will find the right candidate in their search for a music ministry director. Pray for their new budget and for the five new missionaries that they will support this year.

United Arab Emirates (Asia). Population: 5,659,742 Believers: 1.3%. The religious freedom enjoyed by all major faith groups is notable. Increased numbers of people [are] coming to Christ from other backgrounds. This is shifting from a trickle to a flow as more and more Arabs, South Asians, East Asians, and others meet Jesus in a personal way. Some ministers are overwhelmed by responses to the gospel—praise God for such a challenge!

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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 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 God 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 and the three new groups in La Coruña, Spain.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Europe).

Population: 65,321,580 Believers: 8.8%. A national awakening is needed. The steep decline of organized Christianity in the UK is almost unparalleled in Europe. Pray that Christians might grow passionate for God's honor, burdened to pray for revival, and free from deadening negativism and materialism that pervade the churches.

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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

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

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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| Peru/United States | Mark & Patti Bean |
| Guatemala/Peru/United States | Wes & Nancy Collins |
| Mexico/United States | 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

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| 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

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

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2021: \$2.6 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.



To see unbelieving people become committed followers of Jesus Christ.