



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

FEBRUARY

"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 Sunday evenings for Missions Prayer Time, online or in-person, from 5:00-5:45pm in Room A205. 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 at Books by the Park or visit their website, operationworld.org.



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$3,091,762 towards missions in 2022. 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*

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**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



B & J*

M, O, P, P

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Mike & Joan Ross

Steve, Ben, Aaron

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Bobby and Julie are thankful for the opportunity to be back in Ohio and spend time with the Parkside family as they await the arrival of a baby boy in early February. Please pray for them as they reconnect with church members—that God will use this time to build up and encourage one another. Pray for their four older children as they are homeschooled this semester.

Moldova (Europe) Population: 3,435,931 Believers: 3.7%. Evangelical Christians have multiplied greatly in spite of many challenges. Materially lacking, their spiritual vitality and determination yield much fruit. Pray that God might provide the Church's material needs—employment, buildings, discipleship materials, training resources. Praise God that unity among denominations is increasing.

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Mark and Patti are grateful that they were both able to fly to Australia to help their daughter, Emily, and her family as they welcomed baby Adeline in January. Pray for continued good health for Mark as they participate in a Wycliffe retreat in Peru, February 4-7. Pray that they will be an encouragement to their new and younger colleagues. Then, pray for Patti as she makes an administrative visit to a part of the Peruvian jungle she's never been to before—to Yanesha-speaking communities to check on a linguist who's just beginning to work there. Praise the Lord that their grandson, Jeremiah, continues toward health, and pray this healing will continue. Praise God for meaningful work to do. Pray for attention to detail as Mark checks Scripture.

Monaco (Europe). Population: 36,297 Believers: 1.2%. Monaco is culturally Catholic, but the real culture is one of materialistic hedonism. It is very difficult to foster interest in spiritual things in such an environment. Pray that many would see the ultimate emptiness of such a lifestyle and seek the fullness of life Christ offers.

Montenegro (Europe). Population: 626,485 Believers: <0.1%. The evangelical community is tiny but multiplying. Evangelical congregations, while only a handful, have a vision for sharing the gospel; pray for continued church growth. Pray for steadfast witness in the face of opposition, for unity among denominations, and for fruitful ministry.

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03

Parkside Heights Church, United States

Pray for the two events that Parkside Heights is planning this month. On February 4, there will be a "Lunch and Learn" for people newer to Parkside Heights who want to know more about their history and priorities, as well as have an opportunity to ask questions. Also, they will have another "Ladies at Luna" gathering on February 28. Please pray that God would use their time together as a step to building meaningful relationships with one another, and as outreach to their neighbors and friends in the Heights and University Circle communities.

Mongolia (Asia). Population: 3,447,157 Believers: 1.2%. Developing Mongolian church leaders is a strategic need and the key to strengthening the Church. Good training is central to this—most churches, especially rural ones, desperately need biblically astute leaders and teachers. Pray for the right models of leadership and appropriate support structures to develop, from high-level academic study to informal training of laity.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

They are holding a church camp February 9-11. Please pray that the Lord would use this event to build unity in their church and to reflect Christ's love to any unbelievers who may attend. Continue to pray for God's grace as they seek to open a bank account for the church to complete the purchase of the new facility.

Montserrat (Caribbean). Population: 4,386 Believers: 23.4%. The massive devastation caused by the volcanic eruptions in the late 1990s nearly destroyed Montserrat as a habitable island. It will never completely recover. Pray for a new start, with Christ placed at the center of island life rather than the nominal Christianity which largely prevailed in the past. **Nauru (Pacific).** Population: 12,780 Believers: 12.1%. Spiritual awareness grows as the economy shrinks. Materialism's decline is faith's gain. Church life is reawakening, and evangelical numbers are growing. Pray this will continue.

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E & J, North Africa

E & J are thankful for the time they had in Germany with E's brother over the holiday, followed by a refreshing conference for people from their organization who are working in North Africa. Their church recently had a change in leadership, along with the appointment of elders. Pray for these elders as they begin meeting together, that they will humbly and faithfully shepherd the church together. J has been able to start a friendship with a neighbor who came to their place and brought her son to play with E & J's children. Pray that this relationship deepens so J can share Christ.

Morocco (Africa). Population: 37,840,044 Believers: <0.01%. 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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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Pray for new leaders to be raised up. Pray for their ministries starting back up in the New Year. Praise God for the growth in their Good News Kids ministry and Youth Group. Pray that as more kids and teens come, they will hear the gospel and respond. They also ask for prayer for their current preaching series as they read and preach through the Bible together this year.

Mozambique (Africa). Population: 33,897,354 Believers: 11.1%. Training church leadership is an urgent priority, probably the most strategic spiritual issue in the country. As many as 80% of pastors/church leaders have little or no formal training, with a large number, possibly even the majority, functionally illiterate. Funds and facilities for formal theological training are lacking. Pray that the effective formation of biblically literate, godly leaders would match the ever-increasing needs of the church.

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Kep & Debbie James, Latin America, Africa, United States

Please pray for Kep and Debbie as they travel in February and March. They will lead a 4-day ESI (Equipping Servants International) facilitator training for Spanish speaking pastors in Virginia who want to start ESI groups. Then, they will go to Uruguay and Bolivia to visit the ESI groups there, and from there, to Brazil to train 70 Brazilian pastors and church leaders in the Northern sector. After Brazil, they go to Mali to teach Romans to church planting students in West Africa.

Myanmar (Asia). Population: 54,577,997 Believers: 5.0 Buddhism has a strong hold on the Burmese majority, as well as over the Shan, the Rakhine, and the Mon peoples. Most children receive education in Buddhist monasteries. Burmese Buddhism mixes in occult beliefs, superstition, and fear of the spirits. Reportedly, thousands of Buddhist monks have quietly become believers and many study the gospel and listen to Christian radio. Pray for this quiet movement of Buddhists to Christ to keep spreading, growing, and deepening.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Goran (& Beth) Tomic, Ambassadors Football, United States

It's summertime in the southern hemisphere, and soccer camps are taking place in Chile, Colombia, and South Africa, as well as other countries. The camp in Chile is in partnership with the CMA denomination, which is planning to launch a soccer ministry across the country in partnership with Ambassadors. Pray that the camp can be used to equip churches across Chile to reach their communities with the gospel utilizing soccer. Pray for follow-up with the teams and players who participated in a tournament in Croatia. Pray that there will be a desire to follow Christ and a commitment to discipleship and Bible study.

Namibia (Africa). Population: 2,604,172 Believers: 12.2%. Pray for current and future pastors and leaders to be trained and formed to God's standards. Pray also that the mainline training institutes would capture a love and respect for God's Word.

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Praise God for the safe arrival of Blake and Emily's new daughter, Adeline Eden. Pray for wisdom for her doctors as they assess issues with Adeline's kidneys. As a new semester begins and Bridges welcomes international students, pray that the Lord will draw many of them to himself.

Nepal (Asia). Population: 30,896,590 Believers: 2.8%. Freedom of religion is guaranteed by law, but only in limited measures. Non-Hindus cannot proselytize. If they do, they risk fines, imprisonment, and in the case of expatriates, expulsion. Despite this law, the Church in Nepal grows because of courageous evangelism. Pray for perseverance for believers, that neither laws of man nor threats of violence deter them from sharing the gospel.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Pray for a Sunday school camp their church is holding in February. Pray that the children will understand who Jesus is. Please pray also for the youth camp they will hold at the end of the month. The theme of the camp is, "Know Your Bible," and they will study the Bible using ESI material. Pray for the Holy Spirit to provide understanding for all the students who attend.

Netherlands (Europe). Population: 17,618,299 Believers: 4.3%. Christianity in the Netherlands seems to have reached a low point. Its glorious history as a Christian nation includes ministry to refugees and Jews, and a long record of service in foreign missions. But secular society today turns its back on its Christian past. Less than 10% of the population now attend church weekly. The Netherlands leads the world in promotion of secular and New Age views or values. Few restrictions exist for drug use, deviant lifestyles, prostitution, euthanasia, and abortion. Half the nation's church buildings are now either destroyed or converted for other uses such as bars and mosques. Pray for revival that restores the nation spiritually.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the work in Mexico and knowledge how to use the tools that God has provided to reach the lost. Pray that Mike and Joan's extended family would love the Lord with all their hearts. Praise God for the love shown to the community of San Miguel through the Parkside dental team. Pray that the gospel seeds sown there will bear much fruit. Pray for another pilot to help Amos fly in Mexico. Pray for Gregorio as he continues flight training. Pray that God will open the door for Juan and Amy to serve in a closed country. Pray that God will bless the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) around the world and bring much fruit for the Kingdom.

Netherlands Antilles (Caribbean). Population: 209,708 Believers: 7.7%. The Papiamentu Bible was published in 1997. Pray for impact on the majority of the population who use it. Pray also for literacy programs and more Christian literature in the language. Biblical literacy will go a great distance in discipling and renewing the Christian population. **New Caledonia (Pacific).** Population: 292,991 Believers: 7.0%. Most Kanaks are Christianized, and most villages have a church, but the gospel is often confused with Western culture. Animist practices usually underlie a Christian veneer. Pray for pastors to discern between tradition and the pure gospel, and that a truly biblical, truly Kanak church may continue to grow and demonstrate the power of Jesus over the Evil One.

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Truth For Life, United States

Pray for God to provide direction, resources, and wisdom as the leadership team begins working on several 2024 initiatives. These include expanding the global reach of the gospel through Truth For Life and equipping pastors to faithfully teach the Bible. Pray for God to bring the right candidate to fill the coordinator position currently open on the Communications team.

New Zealand (Pacific). Population: 5,228,100 Believers: 18.2%. The increasing presence of other religious and spiritual options present a challenge for Christians. The influx of immigrants from other faith backgrounds is an opportunity for Kiwis to share the gospel cross-culturally. More pressing, though, is the permeation of society with New Age spirituality. Its individualistic, non-structural, nature-attuned character appeals to many who are disillusioned with Christianity. Pray for ways for the gospel to be shared in an engaging and relevant manner; Jesus is still attractive to many who are turned off by organized religion.

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in assembling a Mexican Board for the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for the three Equipping Servants International (ESI) groups that he is leading in Oaxaca. Pray that their ministry in a local church would bear fruit. Pray for continued rehab for Edgar's shoulder. Pray that God would provide open doors as their son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, prepare for missions in a closed country. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he leads ESI groups in Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. Neri's lymphoma has not responded well to chemotherapy. Pray for healing and for the whole family during this difficult time. Pray that God will continue to bring spiritual fruit as his Word is proclaimed in Oaxaca and Chiapas.

Nicaragua (Latin America). Population: 7,046,310 Believers: 29.8%. God brought many people to himself, even amidst the nation's suffering. Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and hurricanes led many to question life and eternity. War, conflict, and political struggles turned many towards the compassion of Christians and hope in Christ. Evangelicals grew from 2% in 1960 to 30% today, and growth continues. Pray for Nicaragua's many evangelicals to be a genuine blessing to their nation.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Pray for their partner, Byron, who is working on details for finishing the publication of the Mam Bible in Guatemala. This translation is a source of joy for the Mam believers and for the community as well.

Niger (Africa). Population: 27,202,843 Believers: 0.1%. This Muslim land and its people are open for the gospel. Many previously unreached people groups now have their first believers, and pastors (converts from Islam themselves) lead most congregations! Still, Islam dominates the land, and strict, aggressive Muslim groups increase. Pray that Niger may remain open for Christian mission, and that the Lord would remove every barrier to the knowledge of him.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

This month, their family says goodbye to some good friends who have been a part of the church plant. The Lord has used them as an example of how, as Christian brothers and sisters, we are to lavish love on each other by being open, honest, and accepting. It has been a privilege for Chris and Leanne to work alongside them. They thank God for what he has taught them through their friends. Pray the Lord will help them, as a church, to continue living out their loving example. Please pray for their friends as they transition back to Hawaii and for their church as they look to fill the gaps left behind. Their friend's son is one of Mark Harrington's best friends. Pray for Mark as he walks through this change in a personal way.

Nigeria (Africa). Population: 223,804,632 Believers: 30.8%. Africa and Nigeria's greatest spiritual challenge is discipleship, not Islam, not corruption, and not even the need for missions. The Church grew so fast that many new believers have little chance to be disciplined. Much division and false teaching enters churches. Prosperity teaching distorts the gospel. A form of Christianity mixed with African tribal religious practices is common. Many Christians seem to live by other values than what the Bible clearly teaches. Pray that humility, simplicity, and holiness might become the motto of the Nigerian Church.

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Praise the Lord for a great Christmas season with many opportunities to tell people in Thailand about Jesus. Pray for On and Praew, two Christian teachers, to grow in their faith and to put Jesus first in their lives. Pray that the seeds planted at the elementary schools will grow to saving faith one day. Continue to pray for the university students to open their hearts to the message of hope that Amy's team brings. Pray that the Lord will lead the team to the people who want to know more about Jesus in the local community. Pray for Amy that she will comfort others and speak of the hope and peace of Jesus in 2024.

Norway (Europe). Population: 5,474,360 Believers: 8.4%. Norway has a powerful spiritual heritage, and influence from prayer and revival movements across the last 200 years remains clear. But Norway faces the same battles as other European societies, where people believe that different religions or moral practices can be true for different people, or in different situations. Pray for a new revival, and for a deep commitment to biblical faith and practice. Pray for God to re-establish the roots of Norway's rich Christian past.

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Parkside Green, United States

Pray for the Lord to bear fruit through the missionaries they support in the UAE and Uganda, and for the Lord to guide a church family that is preparing for a full-time missionary opportunity in Mazatlan, Mexico.

Also, please ask the Lord to work through Pastor Adam's preaching in 2 Timothy, through the adult classes on Colossians and spiritual disciplines, and through youth/children's programming to help everyone attending Parkside Green become committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Oman (Asia). Population: 4,644,384 Believers: 0.8%. Praise God that Oman enjoys an open and modern society compared to others in the region. All residents may practice their faith, and the government gave land to build places of worship! Wealth from the oil industry allowed a greater level of education and economic balance. Pray now for spiritual openness to the gospel among all peoples of Oman.

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Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Latin America, United States

Pray for the pastors and leaders involved in ESI to faithfully study the Bible, understand the Bible, and live the Bible, so that they can faithfully teach and preach the Bible in their churches. Pray that the

leadership of the ILC Church Kep and Debbie started in Bolivia in 1990 will continue honoring Christ by staying true to his Scriptures.

Pakistan (Asia). Population: 240,485,658 Believers: 0.6%. Fundamentalist Islam (driven by the Taliban) impacts the whole nation, even though only a minority support it. It causes violence against religious minorities. Social and economic progress is difficult for non-Muslims (and non-Sunni Muslims). Women who live under fundamentalist Muslim values have very few freedoms or rights. Pray that the true nature of this type of Islam might become clear for all to see, so that it might lose its power.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



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AN UPDATE FROM **PARKSIDE GREEN**

The Lord's blessings at Parkside Green in this season of ministry are abundant! We've enjoyed ample opportunities to point to God's providence in every need and are feeling sincere excitement as we look to His guidance for the future.

In 2023, we prayerfully pursued how we might invest in our ministries and steward our facilities well for the next generation, bearing especially in mind an increased opportunity to serve a growing segment of young families at our church. Because of God's providence, this year we were able to make updates to the north wing of our building to ensure increased safety and security for our children's ministry—in tandem with additional updates to address the aging utilities in our building and provide renewed opportunities for adult teaching and fellowship.

Furthermore, we've invested in our staff to equip the next generation: this summer we brought on a new Middle School Resident along with a dedicated Administrative Assistant for student ministries. Would you continue to join with us in prayer for our church family here in Green as we pursue Christ-centered, community focused discipleship, especially for our young people?



Our most exciting update is that in 2024 we have the opportunity to commission and send out missionaries from our own congregation for the first time!

This year, our own Bryan and Erin Joseph are joining our staff as Missionaries-in-Training as they prepare to serve in Mazatlán, Mexico. The Joseph family will be preparing and raising support here at Parkside Green before traveling to Costa Rica in January 2025, where they hope to attend a full year of Spanish language training. In early 2026, the



Josephs will travel on to Mazatlán, where they will serve as missionaries with Shoulder to Shoulder Mexico. Our church is filled with joy for Bryan, Erin, and their four young children. They have been dear friends and servants to our church in many different ministries here, and we know the Lord will use their gifts well in the mission field. Please join us in prayer for the Joseph family in the year ahead!

To learn more about Parkside Green and stay up to date with us,
please visit parksidegreen.org.

*Photos: Opposite page: A Sunday service in Parkside Green's auditorium;
Above: Top of page: The kids' check in area and foyer; Bottom of page: The Joseph family.*

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E & J, North Africa

They are running a social media campaign asking if people would like to read the New Testament in their dialect. Many have responded that they would like to and have been grateful for access to a digital version.

Thank God for his work in peoples' hearts and pray that he will use his Word as they read it. As they continue their efforts to develop a business that will give them access to the "C" people, pray that they will be salt and light to those with whom they interact from other businesses and that a door will be opened to introduce them to Jesus.

Palestine (Asia). Population: 5,371,230 Believers: 0.1%. Pray for a just settlement of the land issue, and for the future of both the Jewish settlements in Palestine and the Palestinians in Israel itself. Both sides feel strong claims to the land. Both Israelis and Palestinians claim Jerusalem as their exclusive capital. Pray not only for the peace of Jerusalem, but also that both sides meet the Prince of Peace. It is through him alone that any meaningful reconciliation will come.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Please pray that the upcoming Lydia Brownback women's seminar that Shoreline is hosting would be an encouragement for many women and kick off the year for more ministry outreach in their local community.

Pray for their community teams, men's and women's Bible studies, and Sunday morning adult class—that they will encourage and support each other as they study the Word and then share the gospel with others. Praise the Lord that Youth For Christ added six new staff members in mid-January for Berea, Brecksville/Broadview Hts., Brooklyn, Independence, City Life Center (Urban West Side), and Juvenile Justice (Jail) Re-Entry Ministry. Some of these are new communities. Please pray for their successful start and overall ministry.

Panama (Latin America). Population: 4,468,087 Believers: 19.3%. Proximity to Colombia and the prevalence of offshore finance in Panama mean that drug cartels and other undesirables have a strong presence. Much of Panama's economy is in service to either these offshore banks or is used to launder money. In 2016, the leak of the Panama Papers exposed massive scales of international tax evasion and fraud facilitated through Panama-based services. Pray for a government that will root out corruption, oppose wickedness, and uphold righteousness.

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Pray for the students in Senegal who are excited about learning God's Word. Ask God to help them absorb and retain all the knowledge they are learning and let it transform their lives. Pray for the outreach in Sudan and South Sudan and the many new believers. Pray that their faith continues to grow and takes root in their lives. Please pray that God will protect their workers in Sudan and that divine intervention will bring a close to the war. Pray for the new missionary school in Kenya—that God will open the minds of students to understand and apply his Word.

Papua New Guinea (Pacific). Population: 10,329,931 Believers: 25.7%. Papua New Guinea continues to face a wide range of crises, to the point where some observers question whether the nation can continue to function as such. The vast ethnic diversity (1,000 groups) makes the country difficult to unite. Tribal fighting and revenge killings extend back thousands of years. Pray for peace that reaches beyond non-violence to bring true unity, and for national identity that rises above ethnic ties.

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The City Mission, United States

At Crossroads, one of their goals is for the men to be equipped with gainful employment when they graduate, before they leave the Mission. The staff is grateful that 78 men have completed the Workforce Development Program, and over 60% have gainful employment. Pray for these men to stay steadfast in their faith and for the women and children at Laura's Home to find comfort in their time of need. They are thankful that the Laura's Home dining room renovation is complete. It is a wonderful gift and a huge support for the ladies they serve.

Paraguay (Latin America). Population: 6,861,524 Believers: 6.1%. Thank the Lord for evangelical church growth. Pray for Christian unity and collaboration among many different evangelical denominations. An association of pastors works to promote national strategies to evangelize the whole country, and to assist isolated rural churches. Pray that local churches will embrace the challenge of the unreached and needy within Paraguay and beyond. Workers planted churches among many of the 21 indigenous Amerindian groups. Pray for the gospel to root and grow in these and the remaining minority groups.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Pray for wisdom and patience for the counselors as they offer Christ-centered care to those who are struggling, and for encouragement and growth empowered by the Holy Spirit for clients as they receive counseling. Pray for the start of their support group, ReStoried, that serves women who are survivors of abuse. Pray that this group will be a safe and meaningful place to honor their stories and unpack the truth about who they are, who God is, and how God transforms suffering and sorrows.

Peru (Latin America). Population: 34,352,719 Believers: 11.6%. The Quechua and Aymara peoples, descendants of the Incas, are emerging from centuries of oppression, cultural deprivation, grinding poverty, and isolation. The Quechua Church is flourishing as Christianity at last becomes indigenized in Scriptures, structures, worship, and music. Whole villages are turning to Christ. Pray for: a) Millions of mountain Quechua and Aymara still bound by superstitions of pagan and "Christian" origin; b) Bible translation has been a major factor in the Quechuan renaissance and church growth. Pray for the translation teams at work and for widespread use of these new resources; c) The full reconciliation between Quechua and Spanish speakers at the foot of the cross, and the full integration of all ethnic groups into national Christian life.

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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Africa and Latin America, Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, Lesotho, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, United States, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Pray for the 2,850 ESI participants, in 250 groups, in 30 countries, with 3,200 total graduates since beginning in 2002. Specifically, pray for Paulo as he works with local ESI leadership teams across Africa (East, West, South) who are beginning ESI groups in each country. Pray for the cities that have begun ESI groups to encourage pastors and church leaders to study Romans and to mutually build up one another as they grow in Christ and his grace. Pray for Pastor Elias and his ESI Brazil team as they encourage small ESI groups of pastors across Brazil. Pray that as they study the Bible together, it will result in real gospel change.

Philippines (Asia). Population: 117,337,368 Believers: 12.3%. Metro Manila is a mega-city of 13 million people, with the Greater Manila area up to 26 million. It faces enormous challenges, but God is greatly at work here. Many are open to the gospel, but most evangelical churches are in wealthier areas. Nearly 50% of slums and squatter communities have no evangelical church. At the same time, Manila is home to the country's wealthy elite. Pray that the gospel will impact them also, as they hold much power and the potential to transform Manila and the whole nation.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as they continue to spread the gospel locally and globally. Please pray that they will continue to love and serve neighbors in Lakewood. Pray for the members of Parkside Westside to boldly proclaim Christ in the daily mission fields in which the Lord has placed them. Pray for a church family abroad who is working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Continue to pray for the health and safety of Nathanael Wiles and the work he is doing at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. As 2024 begins, pray the Lord will direct their steps as they consider new international mission opportunities. They are thankful for Parkside's continued support and prayers.

Poland (Europe). Population: 41,026,067 Believers: 0.3%. Praise God for the stability, progress, and freedom that allows believers to preach the good news! Many Poles dreamed of new wealth after independence from Communist rule. Sadly, unemployment and poverty still affect many, especially in rural areas. Even those who found riches did not find true satisfaction. Young people have more material possessions, but now struggle with violence, immorality, and meaninglessness in society. Pray the people might search first for God, above all other pursuits.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Goran (& Beth) Tomic, Ambassadors Football, United States

Pray for the development of an opportunity in a sensitive country in Asia. Ambassadors is responding to requests that could lead to a strategy for an entire denomination and thousands of churches to reach the next generation. Acknowledging it is not in their control, they are asking God for his will, that they can clearly see and know what is from him.

Portugal (Europe). Population: 10,247,605 Believers: 3.0%. Religious and political freedoms gained in 1975 have transformed the nation, but high religious affiliation and freedom does not translate into genuine faith. This is reflected in the challenges of materialism, individualism, and increasing substance abuse. The religious freedom gained is taken advantage of by Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and New Age philosophies. Pray for the truth about Jesus to be made known by wise Christian leaders of all confessions.

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Church Plant Training Ministry, South Asia

Pray for the All-Around Development Course students' good health and for them to grow in the Word of God. Pray for the team members to be good stewards and serve God faithfully. Pray for the Lord to add more faithful coworkers and interns to the team. Pray for them to be able to reach the unreached with the love of God in their communities. Pray for the protection of their associates and their families and for their labors to bear fruit for God's glory.

Puerto Rico (Caribbean). Population: 3,260,314 Believers: 25.2%.

Evangelical churches grew from 0.1% in 1900 to over 25% today! Pray for effective training and support of new mission ventures. Media ministries use TV, local radio, and internet sites to offer practical answers to life and faith questions.

IFES (International Federation of Evangelical Students) and indigenous student movements reach most campus students. Pray for ministries to continue shaping future leaders, and for discipleship movements to transform the lives of believers.

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Human Coalition Cleveland (Health for Her), United States

Pray for wisdom and discernment from the Lord on new ways to reach and serve the women with unwanted pregnancies. Pray for the possibility of several donors purchasing a new ultrasound machine for the clinic. They are also in need of baby toiletries—shampoo, lotion, body wash, Dreft detergent, and size 3 months infant clothing. Pray that God would move generous hearts to respond to these needs.

Qatar (Asia). Population: 2,716,391 Believers: 1.0%. Almost every Qatari follows Islam, whether they are from Arab, Persian, or Bantu (former slave) backgrounds. Pray that Qataris at home and abroad would hear about Jesus, and for the birth of a Qatari Church. Expatriate workers come from many nations. Pray for Christians to take employment opportunities (from manual labor to executive positions) to increase the presence of God's Kingdom in Qatar.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Please pray for the Harrington family as they prepare to return to America for one year, beginning this summer. There are a lot of details to work out to prepare for their return—including many goodbyes with their friends. At the same time, Leanne and Chris are excited to reconnect with their church family at Parkside. For their kids, it means leaving their home, Japan, and going to a place where they feel less connected. Pray for their tender hearts as they plan for this move back to America.

Romania (Europe). Population: 19,892,812 Believers: 5.4%. Romanians as a mission force are a new and quickly expanding dynamic. At least ten indigenous sending agencies have emerged since 2000, and training programs are multiplying. Romanians can easily access fields that Westerners cannot, and agencies are interested in Romanians serving with them. Limiting factors are the lack of financial support/sponsorship and the lagging missions' vision in many churches. Pray for the removal of every barrier to the full flowering of an indigenous missions movement.

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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

North Africa	E & J
Japan	Chris & Leanne Harrington
Uruguay	Andrew & Angie James
Africa/Latin America/United States	Kep & Debbie James
Central Asia	Bobby & Julie

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 & Around the World**

- 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 had 3,200 graduates since 2002, and has 2,850 active participants, in 250 groups, meeting in 30 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, Lesotho, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, United States, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. 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.
- South 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 fulltime with students in the farm schools, local church, and university in Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

Financial Support to Mission Partners and Local Churches

Fieldstone Counseling	Parkside Church Westside
Hope for Glasgow	Parkside Green
Human Coalition Cleveland	Parkside Heights Church
The City Mission	Scranton Road Bible Church
Truth For Life	Shoreline Church
Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries	

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

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

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2022: \$3,091,762

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 parksidechurch.com/missions.



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.