



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

JUNE

"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 toward 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 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. You can pick up a copy of the book at Books by the Park. The prayer requests for different countries in this calendar are excerpts from that book and the operationworld.org website.



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$3,421,410 towards missions in 2024. 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



B & J*

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Mike & Joan Ross

Steve, Ben, Aaron

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1

Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Europe, and the Americas

Pray for continued growth in evangelism and discipleship in the ILC Church that Kep and Debbie planted in Bolivia. Pray for the Costa Rican pastors Kep, Debbie, and Paulo met with in April in San Jose and for the Equipping Servants International (ESI) groups of Spanish speaking pastors in Los Angeles and Central America which Jose oversees.

Barbados (Caribbean). Population: 282,624 Believers: 34.2%. Since settlement in 1627, Barbados has been Christian. But despite overwhelming religious profession and a large number of evangelicals, real commitment to the lordship of Jesus is the exception rather than the rule. Pray for the Spirit's renewal and for the church in Barbados to reawaken. **Belize (Latin America).** Population: 422,924 Believers: 18.8%. Most Belizeans profess Christianity, but only 10% of the population attend church regularly. People need to encounter the true gospel in ways that are meaningful and sensitive to their culture. The Spanish-speaking immigrants sometimes mix truth with superstitions, the Mayans with paganism, and the Garifuna with black magic. Pray for revival and spiritual conviction for any confusion in beliefs.

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

On June 6-14, Mark and Patti will be traveling to visit the California redwoods in celebration of Mark's 70th birthday. Thank God with them for this opportunity and for the beauty of his creation. Another three-week translation workshop with a group of men representing four closely related Quechua languages begins June 16. The men will travel to town to work together with Mark, who will join them online. They plan to finish the book of Genesis and get well into Exodus. Pray for increased facility and understanding. These men are just months into working in their language in written form, having never written it before now. Pray also for a growing attention to detail.

Belarus (Europe). Population: 8,997,603 Believers: 1.3%. Evangelical Christians are increasing despite concerted opposition and intensifying persecution. The state steadfastly maintains laws that forbid meeting in homes for worship, forming congregations of less than 20 people, opening religious schools, ministering outside of the home city, and importing and distributing non-state-approved literature. Pray for patient, overcoming faith for believers to withstand such difficulties.

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E & J, North Africa

E is investing in a young brother. He and his mom, who is open to hearing about Jesus, spent a holiday with their family. Please pray for good relational connections and that they may adorn the gospel with both their words and deeds. Getting the first shipment through the port for their business was more complicated than they initially anticipated, but they can see evidence of God's provision. Last month, they got the "all clear" for their shipment of date products to be released from the port. Pray for E and his team as they look for ways to best market the products.

Belgium (Europe). Population: 11,758,603 Believers: 1.2%. The secular worldview seems to have triumphed in Belgium. Atheists and non-religious now number 31% of society. The Bible has been reintroduced to Belgian society after many centuries of being discouraged, even banned, by the Catholic Church before 1960. Pray that the Word of God might take root deeply within the fabric of Belgium society.

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Truth For Life, United States

Please pray for Alistair as he concludes his time as senior pastor at Parkside Church and considers opportunities to continue in a new season of ministry at Truth For Life. Pray for God to provide guidance, wisdom, and to open doors so that the teaching from Truth For Life can reach new audiences and lead more souls to Christ. Pray for the directors as they reach the midpoint of the year. Ask God to give them wisdom, help them prioritize well, and lead them as they look to advance many projects between now and December.

Bermuda (North America). Population: 64,555 Believers: 24.3%. Bermuda is an earthly paradise, and Christianity is a strong part of its heritage. Sadly, the appearance of religion takes priority over genuine spirituality. Pray for revival that brings lifestyles in line with biblical knowledge. **Bhutan (Asia).** Population: 796,682 Believers: 1.8%. Bhutan is one of the world's least evangelized nations. The continued isolationist policies of the government combined with the highly significant role of the Buddhist monarchy further reinforce the hold of Vajrayana Buddhism. Pray for true spiritual freedom in this "Land of the Dragon."

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

Pray that God will continue to give Edgar wisdom in assembling a Mexican board for the Missions Aviation Fellowship (MAF) work in Mexico. Pray for the two ESI groups that he is leading in Oaxaca and for a new group forming in Ensenada. Pray for the Bible study he recently started with two families in the town of San Lucas. Pray that Neri will have safety and wisdom as he facilitates ESI groups in the state of Chiapas. Twice a month Neri visits Amoltepec, where political turmoil resulted in the president and two bodyguards being murdered in May. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. Praise and rejoice with them as they look forward to using their new church building in July. Pray for strength for Neri as he continues treatment for lymphoma and for wisdom to work within his physical limitations. Pray for healing for Neri and for extra strength for Karina during this difficult season in their lives. Pray for their daughter Tete, who is graduating from high school and is dealing with emotional struggles because of the changes in her life.

Benin (Africa). Population: 14,814,460 Believers: 8.3%. Animism is a powerful force in Benin. Although Christianity is poised to numerically overtake ethnic religions in the near future, far too many Christians have a syncretized, compromised faith that sees them in church on Sunday and consulting the witch doctor during the week. Pray for a revival that purifies the church and sees Christians honoring God alone. Benin is one of the few places where there is freedom, receptivity, and fruitfulness in reaching Muslim peoples with the good news.

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6

Parkside Green, United States

Please pray for the Lord to work in the lives of all the kids attending their camps this summer. Nearly 80% of the kids are from outside the church.

As their adults gather for various summer gatherings, pray that God will grow them as followers of Christ. Join Parkside Green in asking the Lord to work through their global partners: Dr. Jen Kintner guiding women's ministry training at the Gulf Theological Seminary in Dubai; Brett and Jennifer Wright doing aviation missions in central Africa; and Bryan and Erin Joseph serving in Mazatlán, Mexico, this summer before completing their language training in the fall.

Bolivia (Latin America). Population: 12,581,843 Believers: 16.2%. Evangelical Christians have grown greatly in number and in influence, but they face challenges. Some follow false teachings or fail morally without good discipleship and Bible knowledge. Ask God to set apart thousands of new leaders for his use.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Recently, families who are exploring overseas ministry visited Bobby and Julie. Pray for these families as they seek God's will. Pray for Bobby and

Julie's children as they work hard caring for one another and studying diligently. Their school depends on volunteer teachers. Without a normal track program, the oldest two have been regularly committed to track voluntarily. Pray for rest for the children and for Julie, who is short on sleep with a 4am sunrise and a teething baby. Pray that by God's Spirit, Bobby and Julie will share the river of mercy, love, and sacrifice that is flowing from the throne of grace with their family, with their church family, and with those around them.

Bosnia (Europe). Population: 3,140,096 Believers: 0.1%. Evangelical believers have increased significantly but still represent only a miniscule proportion of the population. Pray for believers and their witness in this divided land. Bosnia is not a spiritually receptive place; pray that many hearts might open to the gospel.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Shoreline mini camps for baking, brick building, and fishing are happening throughout June. Pray for the children's ministry team and volunteers as they share the gospel with the kids and their families.

Some families attend Shoreline, and some are from the surrounding communities.

Pray for the men's and women's summer Bible studies that begin in June.

Praise God that they can host Ambassadors Soccer Camp again at the end of July.

Please pray for the ministry opportunities with the kids that attend the camp as well as the Hispanic Community leading up to and beyond the camp week. Join the

Youth for Christ private school ministry in praising the Lord for a wonderful school

year. Pray for their upcoming trip to Kiawah Island in July, for their new staff

member Zac Fletcher from Northern Ireland, and for the right students to volunteer as leaders for the next school year.

Botswana (Africa). Population: 2,562,122 Believers: 8.1%. Praise God for political stability, economic growth, and lower corruption in Botswana. Religious freedom allows agencies to evangelize and plant churches. The government set new goals for health, economy, the environment, and society (Vision 2036), which fit well with biblical principles. Vision 2036 seeks "prosperity for all" and includes a sustainable environment, human and social development, good governance, and peace. Pray that it might be so!

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

The Harringtons return to Japan on June 10, and Chris will begin a new position as the Area Director for Japan with SEND International. This new assignment has influenced their decision to move from rural Japan,

where they have served for ten years, to Tokyo, one of the biggest cities in the world. Pray for all the details this move entails as well as for their Japanese ministry partners in Tohoku as they continue the ministry there. Pray for Chris as he assumes his new position, which will involve caring for missionaries and networking with Japanese pastors.

Brazil (Latin America). Population: 212,812,405 Believers: 26.3%. Brazil's evangelicals grew from 2 million in 1960 to an estimated 55 million in 2020.

They are one of the largest evangelical populations in the world and very strong in prayer meetings and movements. Praise God for Brazilian prayer warriors! Ask God also to bless the 45 current Bible translation efforts and to send workers to help with the 10 languages that still need the Scriptures.

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

Pray for their ministry in Pittsburgh, where they run soccer programs for kids from all over the world who have settled there. With heavy hearts, they shared that one of the young boys in the program, Hamine, passed away in May. Pray for them as they seek to come alongside Hamine's family, who come from another faith background. Pray for the staff as they work through this situation not only with this family, but also with all the kids who are struggling with the news. Ask the Lord to use this situation to draw many to himself.

British Virgin Islands (Caribbean). Population: 39,732 Believers: 27.3%. The motto of the Virgin Islands is "Where there's no vision, the people will perish." Pray that local Christians might recover a powerful vision for the lost in their own islands and abroad. **Brunei (Asia).** Population: 466,331 Believers: 6.1%. Islam dominates life in Brunei, with a brand that is conservative but not radical. Pray for an atmosphere of religious freedom and spiritual openness and for the observance of the constitutional right for other religions to be practiced. Pray for an opening for Kingdom workers to minister inside the nation.

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Ruth (& Artis) Powell, United States, Zambia**

Pray for the start of a new term at the University of New South Wales, where Bridges International is partnering with a local church to start an international student ministry. Pray that new students will join their investigative Bible studies. Also, pray for a group of eight Christian students from this local church who are open to being trained in evangelism and discipleship. Fifty international students will gather for their Mid-Year Conference in Canberra, Australia's capital city, for a week of exploring Jesus. Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw many students to Christ. Pray for their team's mid-year evaluation and planning process as they look back on what God has done and forward as they make plans for the rest of the year. Ruth is thankful for our prayers and partnership with Village Hope International Ministries Inc. in the work of the spreading gospel in Kasempa, Zambia. Thank God for providing the funds for the medical clinic. Construction will start soon. Continue to pray for funds for a solar pump for their water supply. Pray that despite the many challenges they face, people there will make time to pray, read the Bible, and gather with others. Pray also for those who faithfully encourage them to meet with God daily and to make telling others about Christ a priority.

Bulgaria (Europe). Population 6,714,560 Believers: 1.9%. Bulgaria suffered under Communist rule from 1947 to 1989, and troubles remain. Corruption, crime networks, and poverty affect many lives. Abortion, while less than in the past, is still widespread, and divorce is common. The populace continues to age even as its overall numbers have been steadily declining since 1986. Many young people leave Bulgaria (one of the poorest EU countries) to find work and opportunity in other nations. Pray for the church to demonstrate God's love in this country where racial tensions are strong and hope is rare.

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The City Mission, United States

On Mother's Day, they celebrated the strong and resilient women at Laura's Home. Pray for these moms who are working hard to rebuild their lives and care for their children in the face of many challenges.

Pray for the 15 men living at Crossroads Crisis Center who graduated in May.

Over the course of many months, each graduate engaged in Bible study, life-skills training, mentorship, and personal development rooted in God's truth. Pray for the staff and volunteers as they seek to reach the hearts of the residents with the life changing power of the gospel.

Burkina Faso (Africa). Population: 24,074,580 Believers: 8.9%. The spirit world is very real in Burkina Faso, where as the saying goes, the population is "50% Muslim, 20% Christian, and 100% animist"! Few countries in West Africa are more dominated by idolatry, fetishism, and secret societies. Pray for the risen Christ to demonstrate his power and set many free. Pray for Christians to demonstrate the power and authority of the name of Jesus and to live out holy, blameless lives in his name.

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Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Europe, and the Americas

In the Tipnis area of the Bolivian jungle, Pastor Edgar Mamani leads several ESI groups, helping pastors study the Bible in communities that are traditionally very resistant to the gospel. In London, four ESI groups meet weekly, and five groups meet in Paris. Praise the Lord for two ESI groups that started recently in Italy. In Pakistan, preparations are being made to launch new ESI groups, and in Africa, Paulo continues developing ESI leadership and groups. Pray for these ESI groups in various parts of the world and pray that more discipleship groups would spring up to expand and strengthen the spread of the gospel.

Burundi (Africa). Population: 14,390,003 Believers: 27.0%. The socio-political situation is one of cautious hope, due to the decades-old enmity between Tutsi and Hutu that boiled into a violent eruption claiming 300,000 lives in the 1990s. Pray for genuine respect and cooperation as these two peoples build Burundi's future together. Due to the past violence and current poverty, leadership for the churches is in short supply. Ask the Lord for financial provision for those who wish to equip themselves for the Lord's service.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

Amid rising tensions and the prevailing probability of a war-like situation, they appreciate prayer for their teams and families, students, and training centers as they have international borders. Pray for comfort for the families who have lost their loved ones in a terrorist attack, for peace to prevail, and for the leaders of their nation as they make critical decisions. Pray for the upcoming Summer Bible Camp. Pray for ongoing student recruitment for the one-year course in Expository Preaching and Practical Theology.

Cabo Verde Islands (Africa). Population: 527,326 Believers: 6.6%. Economic and ecological problems must be wisely addressed. Scant resources were poorly managed in the past, intensifying Cape Verde's poverty. Pray for government leaders who will make good decisions and develop the economy for the betterment of the whole nation. **Cayman Islands (Caribbean).** Population: 75,844 Believers: 21.3%. With one church for approximately every 500 people, Christian faith and values should (and do) have a significant influence on society—pray that this may continue to be the case amid the materialism and hedonism. The new constitution includes recognition of the Christian heritage of the Cayman Islands. Pray that God's sovereign power would not only be acknowledged in documents but lived out with joy!

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Human Coalition, (Health for Her Cleveland), United States

Pray for God to provide someone with a passion for their mission to fill the nurse coordinator position. Their staff is being trained in a new process to be used in ministering to their clients. Pray for patience for the staff and that the new process will be helpful in bringing hope found in Christ to those who come for assistance. They can use new boys' and girls' clothing in sizes 3-24 months for their Baby Boutique. Pray that this need will be met.

Cambodia (Asia). Population: 17,847,982 Believers: 1.6%. Spiritual darkness persists in Cambodia and must be lifted by prayer. That darkness is seen in ubiquitous spirit shrines, Buddhism's opposition to any ideological rival, and a general moral collapse. Pray for the light of the gospel to shine that the structures of society as well as of individuals may be decisively changed.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa




On June 16, their youth will be hosting a conference for youth in the community. Pray that they will be salt and light to other young people. Johannes and his team are preparing for Vacation Bible Camp in July and need God's guidance. Their team will be joined by a team from Parkside. Pray for the teams from Parkside and South Africa as they prepare. Pray especially for the leaders of the small groups to be ready for God to use them for his glory.

Cameroon (Africa). Population: 29,879,337 Believers: 9.0%. God has blessed Cameroon with material resources, relative stability, and a diversity of peoples. Many significant leaders (professional, military, police, political) now follow Christ! This gives hope for change in a society infamous for corruption. Pray that those who steal from the nation would change their ways or be caught and prevented from doing it any longer and that people will no longer tolerate corruption but rather will work together to eradicate it. The best solution to corruption is a transformation of hearts.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

-  Parkside Missionaries
-  Ministry Partner (13 states in N. India)
-  Equipping Servants International Locations





Dear Parkside Family,

We trust you are doing well, being “strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:1).

We wanted to take a moment to share an update on what God has been doing in our lives and ministry here in Uruguay. First, we are thankful that our children are doing well. This year, Camille and Zack transitioned to the school that Nicole has been attending since 2023. We were uncertain about how the transition would go, but thankfully, it has been better than expected. Although it was difficult for them to leave friends at their previous school, they are making friends at their new school and adjusting well to the changes.

With regards to ministry, we are deeply encouraged by what God is doing. Although Uruguay has traditionally been considered a challenging place for gospel outreach, we continue to witness unbelievers coming to saving faith in Christ and the church growing—not only in number but also in spiritual maturity.



Last April, we moved into a new church building and have been working on renovations since then. Though the process has felt long, we are now in the final stages of construction and hope to begin using the main auditorium on the bottom floor within the next month or two.



As the church continues to grow, so do the needs for discipleship and biblical counseling. To meet these expanding needs, we hope to form a team of biblical counselors within the church who can support and guide people effectively. This year, we will begin the training process with

two workshops in biblical counseling. Through this initiative, our goal is to identify a group of lay counselors who we can continue training next year and then start referring people to.

One of the most encouraging developments this year has been the launch of a new Equipping Servants International (ESI) group with pastors from four different cities in Uruguay. Previously, our ESI groups were focused solely on training individuals within the church. However, as pastors recognized the importance of deepening their understanding of God's Word and walking in fellowship with other pastors, they eagerly joined this new group. We pray that God will continue to use this time of fellowship in his Word to strengthen the unity and maturity of Christ's church.

Throughout the year, I (Andrew) have sometimes felt overwhelmed by the sheer weight and complexity of my ministry responsibilities. However, I have been repeatedly encouraged by Isaiah 41:10, which says, *"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* Though I am weak and often feel I lack the wisdom and strength I need in ministry, I can rely on the presence and power of Almighty God, trusting that, if he has called me to something, he will provide everything I need to carry it out as I lean on his strength.

We thank God and feel blessed for your partnership and prayers!

Sincerely,

Andrew and Angie

Photos: Page 1, Top: *The James Family*; Bottom: *Main auditorium downstairs*.
Page 2: *A church service*.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as they spread the gospel locally and globally. Please pray that they continue to love and serve their neighbors in Lakewood. 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 as he prepares to return to Tenwek Hospital with World Gospel Mission. Pray for the safety of Ryan and Samantha S. as they seek to share the gospel with Somalian refugees in Africa. Pray for International Friendships as they seek to care for students living far from home. Pray for Building Hope in the City and the work that they are doing with immigrants in the Cleveland area. Pray for the relationships that Westside members are forming with refugees. Pray for the Cleveland Pregnancy Center and the help they provide to moms in need.

Canada (North America). Population: 40,126,723 Believers: 7.7%. One of the world's leading industrial nations with the lowest public debt of G8 nations, Canada is marked by freedom of religion; however, rapid secularization and pluralization are taking place at every level. The influence of Christianity has seen a long, sustained decline in Canadian society. Pray for a much-needed revival, starting in the church and radiating outward to address the failure of relevance, morals, and theological and spiritual dynamism in the church. Pray that Canadian Christians would be more concerned with being loving witnesses to the gospel than with political agendas and culture wars.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Due to a growing need for counseling in their church, they will hold a biblical counseling workshop on June 20. Please pray that the workshop goes well and that the Lord will use it to call and equip members to serve as lay counselors in the church.

Central African Republic (CAR) (Africa). Population: 5,513,282 Believers: 32.3%. The CAR was one of the world's most evangelized nations, but the upheavals there and in nearby Chad and Sudan mean the progress in some regions has reversed. Muslims grew rapidly in influence, especially in the cities. Few Christians feel equipped to reach out to them. Pray for all CAR denominations to send students for missionary training. Pray that those with training would resist the draw to serve as city pastors and instead go to the unreached.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

SRBC is searching for a new director for their children's ministry. They are thankful for someone within the church who is serving as an interim director until the search is completed. Pray for this search for and for the training and equipping of their elders. As plans for this year's Ambassadors Soccer Camp are being made and implemented, pray that the kids and families who come will not only experience the beauty of soccer but, more importantly, will also experience a relationship with Jesus.

Chad (Africa). Population: 21,003,705 Believers: 10.1%. Many Muslims have heard the good news! New groups of believers from Muslim backgrounds have emerged. Bible storytelling and Chadian Arabic Christian radio help spread the gospel in culturally relevant ways. Violence in nearby Darfur at the hands of other Muslims caused some to question Islam and left them open to the loving ministry and witness of Christians. Still, Islam grows in numbers and in financial and social influence. Pray that Christians will learn to reach out to the Muslims around them.

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E & J, North Africa

Last month, a young brother who was baptized this past year approached E and asked for counsel. Please pray for “Lucas” that truth would penetrate deep into his heart and mind and set him free.

He agreed to meet with the elders. Pray for sensitive and skilled shepherding. Their colleague recently met with a “Chay” brother who is very interested in reaching out to his own people. He has already started translating some material into the “Chay” language. Thank God for this brother and pray that they can communicate and collaborate well with him for the glory of Christ among the “Chay.” Pray for continued blessing on E & J’s three children.

Chile (Latin America). Population: 19,859,921 Believers: 18.4%. Student witness needs strengthening in the 54 universities and colleges and among the 500,000 students. Chile’s evangelicals need to focus much more on reaching and discipling young people. Systematic inequalities and underinvestment in education prompted massive student demonstrations in 2006, which in turn forced government reforms. Pray for students to find their identity in Christ and not in the many other alternatives they face.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Please continue to pray for God’s wisdom and provision as Fieldstone prepares for growth and transitions both within their team, and in the communities they serve. They have immediate openings for counseling.

Pray that those in need will be able to connect with them and receive timely, Christ-centered care. Pray for their counselors as they walk alongside those facing life’s hardships, offering lasting hope through the truth and love of Christ.

Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China) (Asia).

Population: 7,396,076 Believers: 6.1%. The massive protests of 2019 seem a distant memory as Beijing’s grip on Hong Kong has relentlessly squeezed out all effective opposition to its control. Divisions in the church over the protests and associated politics need to be healed and believers need to be reconciled. Although the setbacks to Hong Kong’s freedoms can be discouraging, believers in China itself have demonstrated that the flame of the gospel cannot be snuffed out by even the most brutal oppression. May the church in Hong Kong learn how to be a powerful witness amidst the profound changes it is experiencing.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Ruth, a recent Air Force Academy graduate, has joined their team for the months of June and July. Pray that God will work in and through her during this time. Bobby is thankful for prayers for his preaching in Russian. Although he finds it very challenging, he is growing and trusts that God is using this seemingly impossible task. Preparing to preach at the end of May brought conviction concerning his prayer life and his love for others. Pray for these areas of his life, along with his desire for personal growth in meekness and in encouraging others.

People's Republic of China (Asia). Population: 1,416,096,094 Believers: 5.7%.

The survival and growth of the church in China are two of the most decisive events of our generation. The window of opportunity for spiritual receptivity might not be open indefinitely. China today faces materialism—with increasing wealth, the debilitating effects of spreading corruption, moral decline, and the growing social and economic impact of the one-child policy. All of these may profoundly affect the spiritual openness of the nation and the church itself. Pray that the Refiner's fire might keep burning and that the church's spiritual cutting edge—honed in the midst of persecution—might not be blunted.

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Parkside Kent, United States

They are thankful for our continued prayers for them. As summer begins, pray that these months will be filled with meaningful times of prayer, service, and fellowship. Ask that God would use each of these to foster unity and growth in Christ. Please pray for their planning as they prepare for fall community groups, student ministry for grades 6–12, and college ministry.

Republic of China, Taiwan, (Asia). Population: 23,112,793 Believers: 2.8%.

Taiwan remains a stronghold of Buddhism and Taiwanese folk religion. Over 90% of Taiwanese follow some combination of Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, and traditional religions. Buddhism now grows strongly among educated professionals. Most traditional folk religions have many gods, and people pay offerings to ghosts or seek advice from the spirit world. Taiwan remains the only major Han Chinese population in the world without a significant spiritual breakthrough. Pray that this will change.

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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Africa, Europe, and the Americas

Pray for the 3,000 ESI participants in 250 groups in 37 countries as they study the Scriptures weekly. Pray that these men and women will grow in their love for God and will experience real transformation in their personal lives, marriages, ministries, and local churches. Pray for the three Spanish speaking groups in Virginia and Florida led by Boris and Marco. In early July, Kep, Debbie, and Rusty Johnson will meet with Dutch pastors and church leaders in Amsterdam. Pray that there will be an interest in starting ESI groups to study Romans.

Colombia (Latin America). Population: 53,425,636 Believers: 7.5%. Pray that peace might hold in this nation so troubled by violence in the past. A long-lasting armed conflict included the government, left-wing guerrillas, right-wing paramilitaries, foreign multi-national corporations, and drug cartels. The historic peace deal in 2016 is now being followed up by the Special Jurisdiction of Peace—an effort to bring justice to those victimized during the conflict, and to those who committed human rights violations or broke international law. Meanwhile, the meltdown of neighboring Venezuela has brought as many as 4 million Venezuelans into Colombia. Pray that believers in Colombia might be peacemakers amidst continuing tensions and violence. Pray also for the church to love their neighbors—including the millions of Venezuelans who find themselves in such desperate need.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, United States

Please continue to pray for the widespread use of the Scriptures in the Mam areas of Guatemala and other areas where Mam is spoken.

They appreciate prayers for help with Wes's memory issues and overall needs due to his Parkinson's Disease. Pray for Nancy as she cares for him.

Democratic Republic of Congo-DRC (Africa). Population: 112,832,473 Believers: 18.7%. The powerful spiritual evil that presides over much of the land manifests in many ways, beyond mere civil wars, killing, tribalism, greed, and corruption. Cry out for God to deliver this land, binding the spirits that exercise such wicked control over the suffering people. Pray for nominal Christians to find new life in Christ. There is a notable lack of biblical knowledge in most churches; pray that the Bible would be read, used, and applied in the churches in the DRC.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the MAF work in Mexico and for the best use of the tools God has provided to reach the lost.

Praise God for the Parkside dental team and their hard work in

La Mesilla. *The Jesus Film* was shown in the local language while patients and their families waited for attention. About 300 patients were served by the team. Pray that God's Word and the loving care received will cause many to turn to Jesus. Pray for Pedro and Roberto as they follow up with people in La Mesilla. Pray for wisdom in planning future travel. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much spiritual fruit for his kingdom.

Republic of Congo-ROC (Africa). Population: 6,484,437 Believers: 15.9%. The Congo has past troubles, but future potential. After two decades of Communism, the past dictator eventually became president of the new democracy. But in the years between he provoked a civil war that devastated the land, killed thousands, and displaced over 300,000 people. The church needs revival and restoration. Pray for a new move of the Spirit. Churches need to be swept clear of flawed worldviews and false beliefs and instead filled with the Spirit's power and led by biblical truth.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

They thank God that their family is well and ask that we pray for their three children to continue to grow in their love for the Lord.

The renovation of their new church building is in its final stage.

Join them in giving thanks for God's provision thus far and pray that he will continue to guide them to completion and beyond for his glory.

Costa Rica (Latin America). Population: 5,152,950 Believers: 14.8%. Evangelicals in Costa Rica grew to 15% of the population and established one of Latin America's most effective mission movements. But the church needs prayer. Most Costa Rican churches are good at winning "converts," but they fail to disciple them well. Pastors survive on minimal incomes and have little help, so they struggle to provide consistent pastoral care. Christians often fall away in difficult times or move to different churches. Pray for effective and sustainable models of doing church and making disciples in Costa Rica.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

On June 29, Parkside Heights is holding an outdoor service and potluck. Pray that this event will be a time of fellowship and deepening of relationships for their growing church family. Praise the Lord for the impact Parkside Heights is having on college students. Continue to pray for Dan Southam as he leads God's work and for the faithful believers who serve the church alongside him.

Côte d'Ivoire (Africa). Population: 32,711,547 Believers: 10.5%. Pray for the church of Côte d'Ivoire. Evangelical churches have grown steadily since the 1990s, even during the conflicts of 2002-2007. Abidjan alone probably has over 3,000 churches now, mostly newer and independent. But many Christians do not know or understand the Bible, and churches pursue prosperity teaching, or focus on miracles and healings more than on Christ.

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Parkside Short-term Team, South Asia

Please pray for the team traveling to South Asia to teach English as a Second Language from July 4-26. The team members are Steven Bautista, Jenny Forsythe, Robyn Needler, and Ellie Young. Pray that their travels will be uneventful and that the Lord will bless them with physical and spiritual protection. Pray that each one will display a servant's heart, that the team will bond with one another while drawing nearer to Christ, and that they will make quick connections with the Bible students they will be teaching. Pray for God's wisdom to be instilled in them as they seek to learn how to best serve the students and the staff of the Bible school.

Croatia (Europe). Population: 3,848,160 Believers: 0.4%. The deep impact of historic and recent hatred among Croat, Serb, and Bosnian may hurt the nation for generations to come. Pray for true reconciliation and for God to break these religious and ethnic bondages through the power of Christ!



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

With soccer camps planned from coast to coast this summer, pray the Lord will continue to link churches to their communities to present the gospel to young families. Last summer, over 150 college-aged men and women representing 20 countries took part in these camps and then returned to their colleges and/or countries to continue Bible studies and other ministries. Pray for God's blessing on all involved and on the details needed to support this ministry here and abroad. Wives and relatives of several of the staff globally are experiencing significant health issues that require visits to hospitals and to specialists. Pray for their staff as they continue to do the work to which God has called them while also serving their families. Pray for direction as they consider ministry in a sensitive southeast Asian country.

Cuba (Caribbean). Population: 10,937,204 Believers: 8.8%. Cuba faces a difficult future. Communist Party leaders hold power, but this economic approach cannot last forever. The economy is one of the weakest in the Caribbean, and too few young people remain to support the older generation. Deep poverty led to a successful black market with widespread crime, drugs, and prostitution. The regime imprisoned more than 500,000 for political reasons, and over a million became refugees in the USA. Pray that the Cuban diaspora might find Christ and influence their original homeland. Pray for reasonable reforms, freedom, forgiveness, and for every industry built on sin to be overcome by good.

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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/United States	Wes & Nancy Collins
Mexico/United States	Mike & Joan Ross

Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia & Around the World**

 - Twenty 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 3,350 graduates since 2002, and has 3,000 active participants in 250 groups, meeting in 37 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, England, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Parkside Church has assisted and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**

 - Two 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**

 - Twenty full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
 - Twelve 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 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	Parkside Kent
The Edge Sports & Arts Academy	Scranton Road Bible Church
Truth For Life	Shoreline Church

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson	Jon (& Ruthie)
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger	Ruth (& Artis) Powell
Goran (& Beth) Tomic	

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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 parksidechuch.com/missions.



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committed followers of Jesus Christ.