Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions September

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

Introduction

"Pray also for us..."

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

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

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

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



To see unbelieving people become committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do

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Pray

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

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



Go

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



Learn

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



Give

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

Parkside Church Missionaries



Mark & Patti Bean Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Chris & Leanne Harrington Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham



Kep & Debbie James Heather, Katie, Andrew



Mike & Joan Ross Steve, Ben, Aaron



Wes & Nancy Collins Elisa, Molly, Isaac



Andrew & Angie James Nicole, Camille, Zack



Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson Ben, Emily



Mike & Cindy Hannah, Rachel, Luke, Elizabeth



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

Please pray for the 2,170 ESI participants that God will use their study of Romans to develop a commitment to honor Christ by being true to the Scriptures thinking, living and serving Biblically. Pray that pastors and church leaders will grow in their commitment to be Biblical friends - and stop walking alone but rather together with other believers to experience gospel unity under the banner of the gospel. Pray that the church in each country will be strengthened and mobilized to disciple believers and reach the least reached with the gospel of Christ so that no one will live or die without hearing the Good News of Jesus. Pray for the ESI Facilitator Training with seven Spanish speaking pastors in Geneva, Switzerland the weekend of September 12-14. Pray for the four ESI groups starting in Paysandú, Uruguay; Valencia, Spain; Guayaquil, Ecuador; and Valdivia, Chile in September. Also, pray for eight ESI groups that continue to study the Bible in Venezuela despite many challenges they face on a daily basis. Many people give testimony of God's transforming work in their lives as they study, understand, and live on the basis of God's Word.

Tuvalu (Pacific). Tuvalu was first evangelized by Cook Island missionaries, but decline has set in on the back of nominalism. Pray for renewal and biblical faith for all who identify themselves as Christians.



Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

The Harrington's are grateful for the opportunity they had to spend almost two weeks pouring love into the lives of friends from Japan who came to visit them in Ohio. During this time they were able to interact

with many at Parkside and enjoy the blessing of seeing and experiencing the body of Christ. Pray that God would move in their hearts as they have now returned to Japan.

Uganda (Africa). The Church has seen both wonderful breakthroughs and immense obstacles. Pray for: a) Unity. There are numerous divisions in the Church, and the proliferation of independent and single-congregation denominations makes true unity a massive challenge. b) Superficial Christianity. For many, being "Christian" simply means not being Muslim. c) Syncretistic practices and false teachings are multiplying even as the Church grows. d) Training leaders for the Church. Solid biblical formation for pastors is a key issue- training that is affordable, relevant and empowering.



Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Praise the Lord for the Huaylas Quechua Bible dedication which was a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness in bringing his Word to that part of the mountains. The Margos Quechua Bible dedication was also

special. Praise the Lord for his provision in accomplishing this task. Pray that God's word will be read and applied so He can transform lives and equip people to serve and impact others. Praise God that before a commitment was made to air-freight a thousand copies of the third Bible, the churches in that area decided to postpone the dedications they had planned. "What if a thousand copies aren't enough for the dedication?" they said. "Better that all of them come at once by slow boat." That Bible will have two dedications - one at the end of November in one town and the other the beginning of December in another. Pray for blessings to abound as they prepare for these celebrations.

Ukraine (Europe). Leadership training is probably the primary church need in Ukraine. Twenty years of sustained growth created thousands of new congregations requiring leadership formation. There are dozens of seminaries, Bible schools and institutes, the capacities of which must grow to meet current and future demands. Pray for them to serve professionally and humbly. Ask for God's provision for good academic resources and textbooks, for building projects and also funding for student scholarships.



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

Brian sends thanks for our help in reaching the lost with the life changing message of Jesus Christ. Please pray for their Jail Ministry Tour (at the Green Road State Lock-up) on Sept. 4 and for the Urban Teen Center

Tour (on the Near West Side) on Sept. 18. Pray that these tours will be well attended and that many will find out more about these incredible ministries. On Sept. 5th, Campus Life Volunteer Training will be held. Please pray that many new adults will be mobilized to reach lost students through their suburban outreach. Their annual Indian's game outreach takes place on Sept. 21st. Pray for the panel of Christian ballplayers who will share their stories. Please pray that the Gospel will go forward through this outreach. Please pray as they prepare for their 75th Anniversary Dinners in October - especially the one on Thursday, October 10th at Parkside. Pray that many will come and hear an update on the ministry and be inclined to get involved in some way.

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



Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Johannes says, "I would like us to give praise to God for the bakkie (truck) that he has provided through the strength of Parkside people. This generous gift is one of the instruments of God to take the gospel to

the community and other townships." Please pray for the completion of the building work so that the daycare center will be certified by the government. Good progress is being made in classroom walls and ceilings and in plumbing. The caregivers and children need our prayers and also the parents. One man named Fusi, who hadn't attended a church service for 3 years, was invited by Johannes's daughter and he is now attending. Please pray for Mr. Fusi to grow spiritually. Pray that other parents will be drawn to the Gospel through the children. Pray that the plans and preparations for a weekend Christian camp in September combining children from Grasslands with others will be successful and that the youth leaders who help will be strong for the Lord. Also pray for health and strength through Jesus Christ for Johannes' co-laborers in ministry Frans, Peter, and Lynn.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Europe). A national awakening is needed. There has been one in virtually every century of the last 800 years – the last was in 1859-69. Pray that Christians might grow passionate for God's honour, burdened to pray for revival and free from deadening negativism and materialism that pervade the churches.



The City Mission, United States

Praise God for the success of the Intensive Outpatient Program which has been operating from their facilities for the past months. With easier access and productive time management, they report more effective

treatment for the women in their program. Praise the Lord for volunteers who meet one-on-one each week with a specific child living at Laura's Home. Pray that the love of Christ poured out by these volunteers will be used for His glory. Pray for the right students to apply for fall internship opportunities. Pray that the Ride with a Mission fundraiser, Sept. 7th, will result in people coming to know Christ through this event. Pray for staffing needs that remain unfilled and for new team members as they experience challenges. Pray for peace and endurance for those workers who serve on the "front lines" of their facilities as client and safety specialists.

England (Europe). England is the most secular of the four countries that comprise the UK. Notional Christianity is giving way to atheism as the main barrier to true faith; the trappings of inherited cultural forms of Christianity are being discarded. This presents both a great challenge and a new opportunity for a fresh start to the re-evangelization of England. Pray that the Holy Spirit may break into lives and bring a sense of the reality of God and the truth of the gospel.



Amy Cottle, Thailand

Become part of Amy's team by praying for the wonderful opportunity she and her team have at the University of Maha Sarakham. On the weekends 10-53 Buddhist students meet in the student center in small groups, led

by one of the team members to listen to Bible stories, which they are hearing for the first time. Praise the Lord they are interested and asking questions and requesting prayer as they search for true happiness.

Northern Ireland (Europe). Segregation and sectarianism remain, despite the prevalent peace. Separate confessions, separate churches, separate schools, separated communities keep Ulster a divided land. Northern Ireland's history has long been used as an example of religion's destructive influence; pray that it may become a testimony of faith's power to heal and restore.



Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

On September 1, Wes and Nancy, together with Jeff and Terry Mills and Kep and Deb James, traveled to Guatemala to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Maya-Mam New Testament. Pray

that seeds of hope planted during this day of rejoicing will bring glory to God and that the ongoing work on the translation of the Old Testament will be blessed.

Scotland (Europe). There is a shortage of clergy; many current clergy are out of touch with the needs of their congregations. Nominalism is widespread, liberal theology still dominant and Freemasonry influential. Still, there are stirrings of new life through those evangelicals who remain. Pray for the Church of Scotland to return to its biblical roots and to the radical but biblically grounded faith of its early martyrs.



Shoreline Church, United States

Shoreline Church is thankful for everyone who has been praying for them during their transition from Lakeland to their new building. Praise the Lord for a smooth transition, and pray that His blessings will continue.

They welcomed about 600 people during their first Community Day, and praise God for going before them and working out every detail. Please pray for the ministries starting in September - Women's studies, Shoreline Students, Parent Connect (community for anyone who parents), and also for their Community Day follow-up.

What a Celebration!









August 10th began with a big parade. We marched two and a guarter miles through the city. Quechua speakers in their colorful dress paraded in groups by church or village. There was lots of special music as the city coliseum filled up for the program. Eventually, two llamas walked in carrying the first boxes of Huaylas Quechua Bibles. Mark helped unload the Bible boxes and presented them to our Quechua partners. Tears flowed as friends held all of God's Word in their own language for the first time. People joyfully purchased their own copies. It was so encouraging to see people pour over their new Bibles. These photos are all from the first dedication, August 10th.

Praises and Prayer Requests

*Praise: The Huaylas Quechua Bible dedication was a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness in bringing his Word to this part of the mountains. The Margos Quechua Bible dedication was also special. That just happened on the 18th.

***Pray:** Owning a Bible isn't the important thing. Pray that God's words will be read and applied so he can transform lives and equip people to serve and impact others.

May you feel part of these joyful celebrations! You have helped make them possible by your faithful prayers and gifts to us and this ministry. Thank you!

-Mark & Patti Bean

Wales (Europe). Wales is known as the land of revivals and the land of song. From early in the 18th Century, Wales experienced a consistent series of revivals, the last of these occurring in 1904. Since then, decline in church attendance and closure of churches in Wales have been higher than in any other part of the UK. In recent years, though, pockets of growth have appeared, especially within evangelical congregations that both proclaim the gospel and demonstrate it through community involvement. Pray that revival may come again and that the entire country will again sing the praises of Jesus.



Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew sends thanks for our prayers during the time he had the added responsibility of teaching an expository preaching class. Although it was difficult balancing that with their church planting responsibilities, he is thankful for each student and for the opportunity he had to encourage them to renew their commitment to preach the Word. They are thankful that God has brought several Uruguayan young people to the church. Pray for them as they invest time and develop more of a national team. They are planning a big outreach event on Sept. 27th. Pray for this event and for all who come. Please pray that God would continue to lead their church planting efforts, and give them grace, wisdom, and boldness to reach those without Christ

Isle of Man & Channel Islands (Europe). The Isle of Man has a long Christian tradition, but just as in the UK, nominalism is rife and non-religion is growing. Pray that the Church will continue to strive to bring people back into the fold and that the Isle of Man might see an awakening. Relative prosperity and an emphasis on material wealth have inevitably blunted the spiritual life of the (Channel) islands; pray for an awakening.

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, United States Praise God for a great Welcome Picnic held the end of August. Approximately 140 volunteers from various churches welcomed international students from six campuses in the Houston area. Pray that

these new international students will be receptive to the gospel. Pray for believing student leaders as they begin to form new discovery Bible studies and invite their international friends. Pray that God would draw both believing and non-believing students to these Bible studies and that lives will be transformed by the Gospel.

United States of America (North America). The moral decay in America points to the need for revival – not the slick mass evangelism and theatrics associated with the word, but true revival with conviction of sin, repentance and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. More often than not, the public face of Christianity turns people away from Jesus rather than drawing them to Him. The gospel is often little more than a self-help philosophy. Thank God for the pockets where revival is happening; pray that it may spread.



E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

Praise God for a special time E & J had in Peru celebrating the completion of the Bible for some of the Quechua people and spending time with E's family. Baby M did really well with all of the traveling and

transitions. Pray for them as they prepare to welcome a new baby into the family next month. Also, continue to pray that God will direct their steps as they consider future long-term ministry locations.

Uruguay (South America). Expatriate workers are still needed, even though the Uruguayan Church has come into its own. Those who would serve and resource the burgeoning local churches would be valued. Church planters from other Latin American countries are having success; pray that they, too, would be sensitive to Uruguay's unique culture and people.



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

Please pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the MAF work in Mexico. Pray with them as they minister to 60 children in a local Children's Home. Pray for their own children as they study and especially

for Juan as he desires to be a missionary pilot. Neri and Karina ask for prayer for their daughter Carol as she graduates and hopes to start college in the fall. Pray for wisdom for Neri as he works with several Equipping Servants (ESI) groups in Chiapas and starts a new church plant in Tapachula. Praise God that they had a successful Vacation Bible Camp. Pray that as they follow-up with the many children who attended, families would be reached for Christ.

Uzbekistan (Asia). Uzbekistan is an arena of competing value systems. The term Uzbek means "master of himself," but many seek to enslave the Uzbeks with their ideologies:warmed-over communism, radical Islamism (especially in the fertile Ferghana valley) and occult-tainted folk Islam. Pray that Uzbeks might find freedom by serving the Lord their Creator and true Master.



Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Continue to pray for an effective search to fill 1.5 staff positions. Pray for God to move in the raising-up of three potential elder candidates. Ask God to bring salvation, comfort, and healing, all for His glory, to families

of three tragic events. Pray that God would be honored as the new senior pastor is installed on September 15, and Pastor Joe drops to half-time.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth





Peru Huaylas Quechua Bible Dedication











Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna Islands (Pacific). The spiritual challenges for Christians: a) Small pockets of traditional ethnic religion remain. b) Pray that ni-Vanuatu believers would be guided rightly in what parts of custom can be redeemed and what parts must be set aside. c) Pray for the truth to be made manifest and for ni-Vanuatu to hold fast to the life they found in Christ. d) Pray for a deeper grasp of the Christian faith in Vanuatu. More Wallisian and Futunans live in New Caledonia than live in their own home islands. Seeking work, many find themselves caught in a spiral of substance abuse instead. Pray for those in New Caledonia to find freedom in Christ.



Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for God's continued peace as they progress through the blending process with Cross Point Church. They are thankful for their new brothers and sisters in Christ and the spirit of unity reminding them that together

they are the body of Christ. Please pray that many would participate in their Community Groups this fall, growing together in knowledge and in truth.

Venezuela (Latin America). Mission work by evangelicals is difficult. Obtaining visas for religious purposes is often a battle in faith; the government increasingly refuses applications and the process is slowing. Expats are now all but prohibited from evangelizing Amerindian groups. But there is a great need for more missionaries for urban church planting and Bible teaching ministries. Pray for good relationships between expatriates and national workers and for open doors for those called to serve in Venezuela.



Delhi Bible Institute, India

Praise God that the inaugural Regional Word Conference was held in Lucknow. The vision is to organize three of them each year in three of their regional centres. This is an ongoing effort to improve the quality of

biblical teaching in Hindi churches. Through the Conference, renewing of the vision for Biblical preaching, retooling through the hearing of model expositions of the Word and encouraging one another in fellowship and Biblical preaching were achieved. Please pray for the upcoming Regional Word conference to be held in Dehradun Anugrah Ashram from Sept. 25-27. Pray also for the 20 men supported by Parkside as they travel throughout Northern India preaching and teaching the gospel. Pray that God will protect them and provide many opportunities for David, Mani, Amar, Benjamin, Gabriel, Kalap, Suresh, Vinay, Desh, Ram, Anil, Dilip, Kamlesh, Rajendra, James, Shiv, Rajesh, Dinesh, Bhim and Sanjay to share Christ. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Isaac Shaw and the rest of the DBI leadership team of Ramrajh, Namgyal, Abuan, Andrews, Punam, Basant, Samuel and Yogatah as they oversee the ministry. **Vietnam (Asia).** The country is increasingly opening up as economic progress continues. Most of the population was born after the Vietnam War and are more interested in capital gain and the outside world than Communist propaganda. They are proving responsive to the gospel – for reasons good and bad. At the same time, newfound prosperity has opened the door to rampant materialism and other competing ideologies. Pray that the Truth might be clearly and effectively proclaimed, particularly among the growing masses of young professionals.



Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Please pray for Fieldstone Counseling as their counselors and staff continue to offer care and counseling to hundreds of people across Northeast Ohio. Pray for their location on the Westside of Cleveland to

finalize as they are considering new office space. Please pray for their counselees who are struggling with life's hardships and in difficult and complex relationships. Please pray that the light of Jesus Christ would shine in every dark place.

Virgin Islands of the USA (Caribbean). Tourism and the influx of wealth affect society profoundly, corroding its moral fabric. Pray that the gospel might impact society, personal lifestyles and family life. Pray that local churches and their leaders may work together in evangelism and in vision for the future.



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

They are grateful for God's faithfulness this summer as Ambassadors Football ministered to 1,802 campers and their families. Over 1,000 campers memorized the Bible verses, and all of them heard the Gospel.

30 camps took place across the USA and Canada. Four of these camps ministered to refugees and two focused on foster children. At one camp the coaches were invited to the home of the leader of a Somalian refugee community. This was an honor which they hope will open doors for further ministry in that community. Please pray for the follow-up in all the communities where they conducted camps.

Yeman (Asia). Openly believing in Jesus is dangerous for Yemenis – shari's law, culture and family expectations are all factors in this. Pray for greater freedom for believers to encourage others to follow Christ and to be agents of cultural transformation. Pray for the transformation of their families, for it is from them that the worst persecution comes. Pray for the heartbreaking humanitarian crisis currently taking place in Yeman caused by years of civil war. Pray that other nations around the world will come to the aid of the Yemenese people before a wide scale famine begins.



Indigenous Church Planting Organization

Mark is their most recent missionary to the field. He has a great passion to see Muslims come to know Christ as their Savior. He spent a month with another missionary team leading Bible studies but, Mark has now

settled in a challenging area that is hostile to Christians. Pray for wisdom and grace for him as he seeks opportunities to share his faith. Pray as he is learning challenging languages, for friends to help alleviate loneliness, for finances required to live there and furnish his apartment, and for comfort and peace for his parents.

Zambia (Africa). Leadership training is an urgent need, the natural outworking of sustained church growth. This is a massive priority in a land where nominalism and syncretism are common. There are many more colleges and Bible schools, representing every major denominational expression. Pray for spiritually and educationally qualified leaders to be prepared through these institutions. In-service and modular trainings for both the ordained and laity are essential, especially since most church planting is actually done by lay workers.



Women's Clinic of Cleveland, United States

Pray that God would help women come to the clinic to hear Truth and find hope in Christ. Praise the Lord that one of their supporting churches funded the construction of a new entry door in the clinic hallway. Pray

that needed staff positions - office manager and social worker - would be filled. And pray that an abundant supply of diapers, wipes and baby toiletries would be donated to bless their clients as gifts of love and compassion.

Zimbabwe (Africa). As the Church has grown, so have the challenges. Pray for: *The relationship with the government. Social action:* With much of the country in decay, it is increasingly falling to churches to feed the hungry, care for orphans, protect the vulnerable and heal the sick. *Theological training and education:* crucial as the church grows but threatened by widespread instability and want. Pray for effective teaching and discipling of those called to serve the Lord. *Spiritual unity:* Divisions and splits still occur.



Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for Kep and Debbie who will visit the Tacana indigenous jungle region of La Paz, September 20-22, to explore how ESI can help. There are 30 Tacana communities but only four pastors with their small

churches. Kep & Debbie plan to see how they can mobilize Bolivian pastors from La Paz to use the study of Romans to train these Tacana pastors to help move the work forward in this very spiritually needy region. Pray for Debbie as she leads the ILC Church women's ministry team. Pray that they will see much fruit that remains this month as they make Christ known and disciple women in their commitment to Jesus. **Afghanistan (Asia).** Afghanistan is one of the least reached countries in the world. There are 48,000 mosques but not a single church building. Pray for the 70 unreached peoples of this land, especially for the following groups: Pashtuns, Tajiks, Hazaras, Uzbeks and Turkmen, the six Aimaq tribes of the west, the nine Nuristani tribal groups in the mountains north and east of Kabul, the five Ismaili Muslim Pamir people groups and the Kyrgyz living in the far northeast of Afghanistan, the numerous Dardic people groups near the volatile border region with Pakistan, the nomadic Gujar and Jugi/Kuchi/Ghorbat people groups.



Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Please continue to pray for the work in Japan- that the Holy Spirit would move among the Japanese people in a powerful way, opening their eyes to the truth of the Gospel. Pray specifically for the kids who attended

summer ministries, that they will stay connected with the church and hear more of their need of the saving grace of Jesus.

Albania (Europe). The Albanian Church is maturing from the infancy stages of the 1990s into a wide-ranging community of believers with greater indigenous leadership, nationwide organizational structures and a more holistic vision for discipleship and evangelism. Holistic mission is possibly the defining ministry of the young Albanian Church. Almost all mission agencies and national ministries combine practical and much-needed assistance with sharing the gospel. Pray that such efforts might bear fruit that matures and expands the Church and transforms the country.



B & J, United States

Pray for B and J and their four children as they settle in St. Paul, MN and for B as he looks for a good job. Pray for M and O as they start school, that they would adjust well to their classes.

Algeria (Africa). Persecution of Christians is intensifying as a reaction to unprecedented church growth; the future of the Church in Algeria hangs in the balance. Legislation passed has made proselytism a criminal offence. The Algerian Church has grown due to bold witness and evangelism. Pray that they will respond to these pressures with faith and perseverance.



Truth For Life, United States

Pray for many Gospel opportunities between Truth For Life and the vendors who support the ministry. Pray that God will use these interactions to draw many who don't know Him to saving faith in the

Lord Jesus Christ. Continue to pray that God will bring the needed team members to Truth For Life, particularly in the areas of Customer Service and Information Technology. Ask the Lord to fill these needed positions so that the ministry can grow and reach more lives with the Good News of the Gospel. American Samoa (Pacific). American Samoa enjoys a higher economic status than Samoa to its west, but suffers the concomitant materialism. Pray that the indigenous people (and their relatives in diaspora) may find their destiny in wholehearted commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for awakening and renewal in these rapidly declining churches. **Anguilla (Caribbean)**. Pray that religious traditions might be infused with real spiritual life. Pray that Christ's followers may function effectively as a united body.



Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Please pray Juan Carlos Ramirez will move forward in his training to qualify as an MAF pilot. Pray for opportunities for him to practice English and become proficient, which is a requirement for his licensing.

Continue to pray for Amos who is currently the only pilot in Oaxaca. Pray for pilots to be called to serve on the mission field around the world. Pray for Mike and Joan this month as they finish furlough and transition into new responsibilities with MAF based out of Ohio. Pray that their three boys along with their families would seek the Lord with their whole hearts.

Andorra (Europe). Ask God to reinvigorate the Christian spiritual life of Andorra by the Holy Spirit and to expose and disarm the power of the occult. Pray that all faithful disciples of Christ might have the passion and discernment that will enable them to effectively share their faith.



Parkside Green, United States

With the September start-up of Wednesday Adult Bible studies and Sunday morning Equipping Classes, pray that God would equip all those involved as they teach, counsel, and guide. Also, pray for the

participants in these groups- that each heart would be softened to the message and open to what the Holy Spirit wants to do in and through each life. They are gearing up for Fall Fest in October. Please pray for them as they prepare for this wonderful community outreach event. Pray for good weather and a great turnout! As always, they are so grateful for the abundance of goodness and blessings that God continuously bestows upon them.

Angola (Africa). Pray for Christ-like, holy living by followers of the Lord Jesus that commends the gospel to unbelievers and passionately reaches out to their disillusioned, apathetic neighbours. Christian leadership is still the most critical challenge before the Church. Only a fraction of congregations have trained pastors. The increase in Bible schools and seminaries is still not keeping pace with the needs.



Jon (& Ruthie), Ambassadors Football, United States

Personally, Jon and Ruthie are thankful that despite recent health problems with Ruthie's mom, Ann Rothenbuhler (heart afib in the fall of 2018 and a more recent fall crushing her shoulder) her mom has

recovered amazingly. They are thankful for her mom- the only remaining parent for Ruthie and all her siblings. Please continue to pray for Ambassadors leaders around the world. God did work in all their hearts as leaders from 33 countries gathered together in Cleveland this summer for fellowship and to work through some major issues. Please continue to pray for the unity of Ambassadors Football.

Antigua, Barbuda & Aruba (Caribbean). Antiguans are almost all Christian by background, including many evangelicals, but complacency prevails in the face of serious moral and spiritual challenges. Pray for revival that galvanizes Christians to prayer, and for involvement that impacts their society. Pray that righteous authorities and the prayers of the saints may break down these structures of sin; pray for wisdom and discernment for the government in handling these difficult issues. Unity in Christ among believers is a key issue for the diverse churches in Aruba. Division can undermine any numerical growth of believers. The greatest threat to this unity is prosperity preachers. Praise God for increased fellowship and cooperation among pastors, enabling evangelicals to present a united front for the gospel.



Pastoral Assistants, Bolivia

Pray that God will continue to deepen Pastor Pepe Rocha's passion for Christ as he ministers in the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia. Pray for Pastor Edgar Mamani as he pastors the IBM church, trains PA

volunteers, and develops ESI among Tacana First People's church leaders in the Rurrenebaque region of Bolivia.

Argentina (Latin America). Spiritual hunger led to growth. Pray that the Spirit will continue to draw many to himself and to do a deep work in believers. But spiritual openness is also seeing many drawn into cults, including Umbanda occultism from Brazil as well as to churches with some questionable teachings. Pray that those enslaved to sin will find freedom in Christ.



Mike & Cindy, Macedonia

The start of the new academic year was September 16. Pray that the language center would see the return of the students with whom the Parkside team had contact and that opportunities to share on a

spiritual level would develop. Pray also for Josie, a young Canadian intern who will be teaching English at the center for one year.

Armenia (Asia). Armenia was the world's first Christian nation and enjoys a great spiritual legacy of more than 1,700 years of Christianity. The Armenian Apostolic Church has long been a cultural refuge in times of persecution, but the very traditional nature of the Church, which is key to Armenian self-identity, also keeps them from discovering the living Christ. Pray for deep spiritual regeneration of the Church and for godly leaders. Pray for openness within students as well as permission from campus and government authorities to minister.



Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson, United States

Join Jeffrey and Katherine in praise to the Lord for all their many years of missionary service in Germany. Although they are sad to no longer be ministering there, they are thankful for the love, prayers and support

of the Parkside family over the decades of their service. To Parkside they say, "You will all remain in our hearts and prayers!" Pray for a smooth closure to their work with Greater Europe Mission. Pray for wisdom and the ability to transition well as they enter into a completely new work and ministry in Cincinnati, Ohio, both in an urban setting and in service to seniors. Continue to pray for all the committed followers of Christ in Leipzig who face deepening challenges to their faith, but also much joy as they see individuals come to faith. The task before them is daunting, but God is clearly at work in their wonderful city.

Australia (Pacific). The Church in Australia faces a mighty challenge – to remain relevant. While over two-thirds of Australians identify themselves in some way as Christian, only 10% regularly attend church, and increasing numbers have negative attitudes toward the Church's perceived intolerance and authoritarianism. Pray for reformation and revival of the Church.

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Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

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

Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

| Japan | Chris & Leanne Harrington |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Uruguay | Andrew & Angie James |
| Bolivia | Kep & Debbie James |
| United States | Jeffrey & Katherine Robinson |
| Macedonia | Mike & Cindy |
| United States | В&Ј |
| United States | E & J, Missionary Couple in Training |

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

| Peru /United States | Mark & Patti Bean |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Guatemala/ Peru /United States | Wes & Nancy Collins |
| Mexico/United States | Mike & Joan Ross |

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Financial Support of Nationals

Bolivia

- 14 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
- Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a 3 year part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. ESI has 2,000 graduates since 2002 and 2,170 active participants in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church has and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.

Mexico

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

India

- 20 full-time Indian missionaries were trained by the Delhi Bible Institute and sent to Northern India, fully supported by Parkside Church
- 12 Indian students are enrolled in a 9-month full-time preaching training, fully supported by Parkside Church

South Africa

• Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African working full-time with children & teens in the farm schools of Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

Financial Support to Mission Agencies

The Women's Clinic of Cleveland Christian Counseling Educational Foundation The City Mission Fieldstone Counseling Indigenous Church Planting Organization Parkside Green Parkside Church Westside Scranton Road Bible Church Shoreline Church Truth For Life

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson Amy Cottle Jon (& Ruthie) Matt (& Laura) Pheneger Brian (& Maria) Walls

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

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

Philippines

Providing support for the SEND Asia 2020 Conference June 18-28, 2020

India ESL

Teaching English to young Indian Christians at the Delhi Bible Institute July, 2020

Informational Meeting

September 22 at 11:15 am Room A205

To find out more about joining a future short-term team, please contact the church office at 440.543.1212 or visit www.parksidechuch.com/missions.

