



Prayer Calendar

A simple way to pray
for our missionaries

Parkside Church Missions **October**

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

Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

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



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 2019. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting Him for the capacity to do so.



Go

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

Parkside Church Missionaries



Mark & Patti Bean
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Wes & Nancy Collins
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



Chris & Leanne Harrington
Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham, Jude



Andrew & Angie James
Nicole, Camille, Zack



Kep & Debbie James
Heather, Katie, Andrew



Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Praise God for a good trip to Oaxaca last month. Pray for Mike as he spends time in Mexico encouraging the team in early October. Pray that God will provide for many in Oaxaca with limited access to medical care. Thank God that critical medical flights are still happening in Mexico. Pray for Mike and Joan as they seek ways to disciple Christians in Latin America who desire to serve in worldwide missions. Pray for pilots to be called to serve on mission fields around the world. They are thankful God has provided funding for Juan Carlos to continue his training to become an MAF pilot. Pray for the logistics to get the training started this year. Continue to pray that the Ross's three sons along with their families will serve God with their whole hearts.

Guatemala (Latin America). Leadership training is a key issue, but a solid foundation has been laid. Pray especially for effective ways to train leaders of poorer rural churches. Pray also that pastors and leaders would demonstrate Christ-like humility and graciousness and rise above petty divisions, pride, and carnality.

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02

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew & Angie are very thankful for God's protection over their six-year-old son, Zack's life when he ran into a glass door at church and totally shattered it. He had cuts all over his pants, but when they checked his leg, he had only one deep cut. They also thank God for the many ways he provides and takes care of them—even without them realizing it. Their church is now meeting in-person for Sunday services and all other ministries. Pray for those who are not yet able to attend because of health and other issues—that they would be strengthened in their faith in the absence of fellowship.

Guinea (Africa). The Church suffered serious numerical setbacks in the late 1990s and 2000s. Some established denominations shrank significantly, and evangelism and church planting slowed—probably largely due to nominal Christians falling away. Pray for believers who will persevere and pray against the enemy who seeks to destroy these young and weak Christians before they can grow.

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03

Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Before releasing any Facebook advertisement for the downloadable Quechua Bible apps, Mark needed to create a webpage which should launch this month. Pray that the website as well as the advertisement targeting Quechua speakers will reach those whose hearts God has prepared. Meanwhile, Patti is planning to travel to Houston. She has been fingerprinted, background checked, and has completed a Red Cross course so she can watch Blake and Emily's foster son, Nathaniel, while Emily gives birth to their new grandson. Pray for a safe delivery, healthy baby, and safe travels to and from Texas. Also pray that Patti can work out some good tricks to avoid lifting Nathaniel.

Guinea-Bissau (Africa). Church leadership is solid, mature, and indigenous, with increasingly well-organized training programs for general discipleship and for pastoral training. But poorer and more remote rural congregations are much less appealing to workers and are therefore neglected. Those who do minister rurally must often care for several congregations at once. Pray for the vision of the evangelical Church to be fulfilled, and for trained, passionate national workers to go to the remote and unreached parts of Guinea-Bissau and to the entire region.

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04

The City Mission, United States

Pray for continued patience and perseverance for staff, parents, and students at Laura's Home as they face technical issues with virtual learning and care for high needs children while adjusting to additional programming and changes in their daily schedule. Praise the Lord for the return of volunteers for Childcare and Pathways ministries. Crossroads asks for prayer as they reallocate program spaces and sleeping quarters in response to the COVID-19 guidelines. Also, pray for their new comprehensive program redesign that they are launching soon. Thank God for a successful "Ride with a Mission" fundraiser event last month which had 155 riders participate.

Guyana (South America). Ministry among young people is vital because family life, further education, employment, and the future in general are great challenges. Most evangelical denominations have work among youth. Praise God for many decisions to follow Jesus; pray for effective discipleship.

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05

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

Pray for the ESI leadership training groups in the 15 countries where they currently meet. Many of the 180 ESI groups never stopped meeting because they were able to continue via internet. Please pray for all the groups as they return to physical meetings over the next several weeks. Pray especially for ESI Guatemala as they plan to start ESI with six new groups in October. Pray that the Lord will continue transforming the lives of many pastors and church leaders studying Romans. Pray that these men and women will become gospel-centered in their thinking, passionate about Jesus in their living, and faithful in their service—because no one should live or die without having the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.

Honduras (Latin America). Foreign mission agencies can still play a key role in training and development, specialized ministries, and in holistic projects, for which there are many openings. Pray for humble sensitivity and for a legacy of raising-up and empowering Honduran leadership and initiatives

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06

Shoreline Church, United States

Pray for the many ministries that are restarting this month. Pray for workers to serve in their Shoreline Kids ministry to replace the many they have recently lost. Pray for their Shoreline Students ministry that restarted via Zoom and for the Community Teams which are resuming, both in-person and virtually. Continue to pray for their pastors and elders as they move Sunday services indoors this month and as they continue to make many decisions regarding church services and pursue ways to encourage their church family during this time.

Hungary (Europe). Hungarians have lost contact with the gospel, despite enjoying a rich theological history. They seek answers in many places: materialism, hedonism, alcohol, and increasingly, false religion. Postmodern mentalities predominate. Pray for all falsehoods and empty philosophies to be exposed as such and for Christ to be exalted as the truth in this historically Christian nation. Pray that Hungarians might see the truth of the gospel and the freedom it brings through Jesus.

OCT
07

Amy Cottle, Thailand

There is much to praise the Lord for in Maha Sarakham! Attendance at the student center has been great and students are hanging out at the center with the team after the official program is over. Pray that the team can build into the lives of the students for God's glory. Amy's team will be meeting with some local Thai church members for a time of prayer each week as they consider ways to start a church plant close to the university campus. Pray that God will continue to build His church in Thailand so that disciples can be made and sent out.

Iceland (Europe). The majority of Icelanders are Christian, but only nominally so. Biblical Christianity and a lifestyle of following Christ are alien concepts to most. Some of the more isolated areas are spiritual wastelands, with almost no active Christianity at all. Ask the Lord to break into Icelandic society and orchestrate a revival that touches every person and aspect of life.

OCT
08

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

Praise God for a healthy pregnancy for Emily and pray for a safe delivery this month. Pray for Emily and Blake as they adjust to adding a new little one to their family! They are thankful for our prayers and joyfully share that they have been able to match-up around 100 students with 80 volunteers from local churches in Houston. These students will receive a personalized care package dropped-off at their door. Praise God for these new opportunities to connect students with the local body of Christ this semester. Pray for students to experience God's welcome through them, and for opportunities to share about Christ.

India (Asia). India has more unreached individuals than any other nation. Christians in India are unequally spread—the south and northeast have a much higher proportion of Christians than the more populated north and west. Thirteen states in North India are less than 1% Christian. Pray that the Church worldwide might rise to this task. Training Christian workers is an important need that is immediately urgent and essential in the long-term. The life and health of the church depend on the proper development of pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries. In churches, poor discipling and lack of teaching and modeling of biblical life and leadership are problems. There are over 100,000 full-time workers in India; about half are pastoring local churches. There is, on average, one trained pastor for every six congregations.

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09

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in directing the MAF work in Mexico. Pray that new opportunities brought about by COVID-19 will result in people understanding the gospel. Pray for Edgar's son, Juan and his fiancée, Amy as they get married on Oct.10th. Pray for the newlyweds as they plan to start training for Juan to be a missionary pilot next August. Please continue to pray for healing for Edgar's back. Pray Neri will have wisdom as he encourages several Equipping Servants (ESI) groups through this time of social restriction. Pray that a new ESI group in Ocozingo will be able to adapt to using electronic materials instead of physical books. Pray that the church plant will continue to grow and that many opportunities would arise to share the Good News. They continue to be thankful for a dependable car. Pray for Karina as she is battling some health issues. Pray that God would continue to bless His Word as it is proclaimed in Tapachula.

Delhi, State of India (Asia). Delhi is the National Capital Territory of India. Christians officially number over 130,000, but the informal number is as high as 400,000. There are over 3,000 churches, tripling the number in 1999. Many of these Christians are migrants; most do not regularly attend church. Pray for revival, new life, and effective outreach by those who claim to be followers of Christ.

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10

Parkside Church Westside, United States

September 30th marked the 5th anniversary of Parkside Church Westside! Thank God for his faithfulness to them over the years. They are humbled to be a part of all that he is doing on the westside of Cleveland. Please pray for continued discipleship of children, youth, and adults through their various courses and ministries taking place this fall.

The Islands of Indonesia (Asia). The challenges within the Church are no less serious than those outside it. While praising God for Christian growth, pray also for the overcoming of these weaknesses: nominalism, failure of discipleship, theological error in the Church, foreign expressions of Christianity, and the rejection new believers from a Muslim background face for following Jesus.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Parkside donations made for their COVID-19 response have brought a positive message of Christianity to more than 100 families. The impact has made their community desire to come to church in large numbers to hear the word of God. Unfortunately, in most cases they have had to send some people away because of the pandemic limit of 50 people. At the Center more than a hundred children come to the Good News Club to sing, pray, and hear the Word of God every Wednesday. Pray that these children will commit their lives to Christ. Their plan for reaching the youth through sports is moving forward since the national lockdown is at a less restrictive level. Please pray for wisdom in this venture. Thank God that the Good News Club for elderly people continues to have a positive impact. Please pray for God's protection for the Thaele family as their children have started back to school.

Iran (Asia). Young people are particularly responsive to the gospel. With nearly two-thirds of the population under age 30, with disillusionment at an all-time high and with frustrated desires for freedom, there is a unique window of opportunity to impact this generation with the liberating good news about Jesus. Political, economic, and social frustrations are often expressed in resentment against the regime and in increasing hedonism and materialism. Pray that the unmet longings of their hearts might be fulfilled as they meet Christ. Already, much of the underground Church is made up of this younger generation.

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The Women's Clinic of Cleveland, United States

Pray for wisdom as they navigate entering back into their center and for a smooth transition as they begin using a new software system. There is a possibility they will need funding for a new ultrasound machine. Pray that the Women's Clinic will continue to provide compassionate support to women and families affected by unplanned pregnancy.

Iraq (Asia). Leadership for the churches is an increasingly desperate need. Many good leaders have fled the country; many others are dead, specifically targeted by Islamists. Much of the pastoring and discipling is handled by Christian widows of slain leaders; pray for their equipping and enabling. With a young population and many Muslims coming to faith, leaders gifted in discipleship and teaching are crucial. Pray for the return of leaders who have fled, for the development of new leaders, and for protection of all who shepherd God's people in Iraq.

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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Please pray for the ILC church in La Paz as it considers starting services after so many months of doing everything via Zoom. As life starts to return to normal in Bolivia, pray that the Lord will give wisdom to the ILC Church elders to know the best way to begin meeting. They are thankful for encouraging signs that God is developing in Pastor Pepe Rocha a heart for Jesus in his private life and pastoral ministry. During the months that COVID-19 caused so many deaths in Bolivia, many people came to faith in Christ. Pray for the ILC Church as it helps ground these new believers in their relationship with Jesus.

Ireland (Europe). Evangelicals are experiencing sustained growth. The immigration surge contributed to this, with around one-third of evangelicals coming from non-Irish ethnicities. Pray for unity amid the new diversity, continued growth, good Bible-trained leadership, and for further development of holistic ministry. Pray that evangelicals might be salt and light in their communities and demonstrate the whole gospel by word and by deed.

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

The Jail Ministry recently hosted a panel called "Let's Talk" with a judge, a city council member, and a police officer. Young people could ask any question including asking about the current racial injustice issues. Praise the Lord that it was a success with 57 people on the live Zoom call and 800 people who viewed it. Their Campus Life/Private School ministry recently had a great retreat in which they challenged students to own the outreach this school year since staff are limited in the building. Pray that God will enable these students to reach their friends with the Good News of Jesus. They are thankful that the Urban Outreach (City Life) Center recently hired a quarter-time staff person. They would like to hire two or three additional part-time people. Please pray they find exactly the right people to fill these positions.

Israel (Asia). The Jewish mindset toward Christianity, often characterized by animosity and part of a long and painful history, is a barrier to be overcome. "Christian" nations are seen to be destroyers of the Jewish nation whether by persecution or by proselytization. Pray that the gospel may be understood as a fulfillment of their Jewish heritage and pray that a widespread turning to their Messiah might come. Those who oppose the gospel are more active than ever; pray also that all attempts to restrict religious freedom may ultimately cause even more Jews to come to faith.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Praise God for a new relationship with a family who recently came to the church plant. Pray that the Lord will them allow to grow deeper in relationship with this Japanese family.

Italy (Europe). Many challenges and difficulties remain, and progress is invariably slow. Some encouraging glimmers of hope, however, need to be earnestly prayed for: cooperation among churches, evangelism and outreach, missions' vision, still in its' infancy, and immigration of believers into Italy.

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Parkside Green, United States

Thank the Lord for granting the elders, pastors, and staff at Parkside Green a strong measure of unity and granting the congregation safety and patience through the past half year of pandemic. As they hold indoor services throughout the fall and winter, please ask the Lord to knit them together in Christian love and unity and equip them to be salt and light in the world. Additionally, ask God to strengthen and accomplish his purposes through the missionaries they support in Nairobi, Kenya and in Dubai, UAE—including their church plant in the slowly recovering city of Beirut.

Jamaica (Caribbean). The country finds itself in the midst of moral and social collapse. Powerful South American drug cartels, using Jamaica as a transshipment point for cocaine destined for the USA, wield great influence. This fuels violence, putting Jamaica fourth globally for murders per capita. As part of an anti-corruption drive, the government has invited greater participation from churches. Pray that government and church leaders may reject compromise. Pray for courage, moral integrity, and determination to turn the country back to God. **Kiribati (Pacific).** The once-strong Congregational Church (Kiribati Protestant) is in slow decline and losing members to other groups. The theological college in Tarawa is not evangelical. Pray for a return to the Bible. Nominalism and syncretism with traditional spiritism practices are all too common.

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Delhi Bible Institute (DBI), India

Pray for the Lord to ignite the passion in them to see North India reached for the gospel. Pray that DBI's response to COVID-19 would result not just in the physical needs of people being met, but also in the transformation of their lives. Pray for wisdom in responding to the right people. Pray for the task force teams in all their centers across North India, as they go out to distribute emergency food aid, face masks, and soap. Pray that the Lord will protect them as they share the love of Christ. Pray for wisdom in how to handle technology at all levels as they continue their work in the Lord. Pray for electricity and internet to work in all the ashrams and in church members' homes. Pray that in the next three months they would be able to acquire and distribute 10,000 audio Bibles, made available and given out by the teams in the different ashrams. Pray for a revival beginning with us, our families, our communities, and nations. Pray that 1 billion people would come to the know the Lord all over the world because of the Church praying and sharing the gospel during this pandemic.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

- Parkside Missionaries
- Regional Missions Agencies

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AN UPDATE FROM TRUTH FOR LIFE



We continue to be overwhelmed by how God uses Truth For Life to reach more people than we could have ever imagined!

By His grace, we marked the 25-year milestone this year as a daily program. It was in February of 1995 when Truth For Life was first heard each day on a handful of radio stations. Just three years before that, in April of 1992, the weekend program had begun. Remarkably, the teaching that originates from right here at Parkside Church is now heard daily on about 1,900 radio outlets in nearly every radio market across the US and in several foreign countries. We regularly receive letters and emails from listeners benefiting from the teaching. Radna in Fresno, California, recently wrote to say, *"I'm so happy when I tune my radio to your daily sermons. Thank you for teaching the Word."*

We've added to our team and, as you know, reside in the building just across the parking lot. The added technical staff has helped us continually modernize our website and mobile app. Our goal is to bring God's Word to people wherever they are through whatever channel they choose, and as we aim to do this, we now deliver the daily program through YouTube, Roku TV, Alexa, Google Home, Apple Watch, Apple TV, iTunes, and several other digital channels. For your encouragement, we received this note from Ed in Flamborough, Ontario, *"I listen to Truth For Life every day on my mobile app. Thank you for bringing the Gospel and speaking truth with sincerity and conviction."* You'll be amazed to hear that so far in 2020, our digital outlets have seen 36.5 million downloads and streams of Alistair's sermons!

We also hear from people as far away as India, England, Scotland, Brazil, Australia, and South Africa, grateful for the Sunday morning livestream. The DeNuke family in Granville Beach, Nova Scotia wrote, *"We as a family have been appreciating watching live on Sunday mornings during this time while our church is closed."* During the last six months, like us, many of their churches haven't been gathering. We're so thankful for your partnership to make the livestream possible. On an average Sunday, there are approximately 40,000 viewers.

We're thankful for our growing volunteer team, which includes many members of Parkside. They do an excellent job packaging and mailing approximately 24,000 books, CDs, DVDs, and USBs a month. Packages are sent to people all around the world. This comment came from a new Truthpartner in Waipahu, Hawaii, *"I received my wonderful Truthpartner welcome gift! Thank you so much! Receiving all of that was like receiving an early Christmas gift. I'm happy to be able to support Truth For Life and thankful for the faithful teaching and preaching of God's Word."* A heartfelt thank you to our essential volunteers!

As we press on, we rely on God to guide our steps and our planning. Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership in this Gospel venture. We hope these few listener comments are an encouragement.

IN CHRIST,
THE TEAM AT TRUTH FOR LIFE

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Japan (Asia). Pray for the specific challenges facing the Church: Christianity is still regarded as an outside Western religion and often churches look more like the introduced Western culture than 21st-century Japan; Christians are a tiny minority in a society where consensus and conformity is important; unity is lacking among the churches; traditions and forms of worship have been elevated to be as important as the Bible itself; church attendance is low; too few viable and active congregations; and the lack of men in the churches.

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E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

E & J are thankful for a special ordination and send-off service right before they moved to Kansas City. Their hearts are also filled with gratitude to God for bringing their teammates to KC and putting them right upstairs! Praise God for providing language helpers to teach them Arabic. Pray for E & J to be diligent and disciplined as they dive into language learning and for an extra measure of grace and patience for them and for their language helpers.

Jordan (Asia). Religious freedom could be a casualty amid rising religious tensions. This nation is a center for many Christian activities and ministries, and much Christian work in the Middle East would suffer were a setback to occur in Jordan. A number of converts find life difficult—pressure comes from family, work, and society. Emigration is often seen as an obvious and safe option. Pray for the freedom to proclaim the gospel and for followers of Jesus to be able to remain in Jordan.

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19

Jon & Ruthie, Ambassadors Football, United States

Jon & Ruthie are thankful that their daughter, Heidi and her husband, Garrett were able to come from CA and spend two months with them. Heidi was able to work remotely. Pray for her to remain close to the Lord as she deals with the culture of Hollywood. God has blessed Ambassadors Football and they are still operating despite the negative impact of COVID-19. Their highlight this summer was the soccer camp for more than 50 children held at Parkside. Most of their partnering churches across the USA cancelled their camps, but in faith, Parkside decided to go forward with the camp, employing social distancing guidelines. For some of the children it was their highlight week of the year! Pray that the memory verse remains in their hearts for life! One of their full-time missionaries who grew up at Parkside Church needs a support team. Pray that God will provide a small team of people to pray for his ministry and help him raise sufficient monthly support to live on.

Kazakhstan (Asia). There is a folk Islam strongly influenced by shamanistic practices. Other Muslim countries invest huge amounts of money to send Muslim missionaries—some are effective even in converting Russians to Islam. The number of registered mosques grew from 46 in 1989 to 1,282 in 2002. Traditional Islam is on the rise, even trendy in some sectors, despite the government actively opposing radical Islam. Orthodox Christianity is perceived as the religion of Russians, as evangelicals are often regarded as dangerous sects. Pray for this misconception to be broken; pray for freedom from historic spiritual bondages and prejudices.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Pray for families who have been adversely affected financially by the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please pray that the students currently going through the Equipping Servants (ESI) leadership development program in Uruguay would finish strong. Pray for courage, wisdom, and opportunities for Andrew and Angie to continue sharing Christ with those who have yet to come to saving faith in Him.

Kenya (Africa). Long-term and rapid growth in churches has brought significant challenges: a) Nominalism is a major issue. b) The recent explosion of independent churches. Pray for their integration into biblical faith and church networks. c) Tribalism, “kingdom building”, and multiplied denominations cause divisions. d) The need for trained leaders for the more than 80,000 congregations gives cause for concern.

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B & J, United States

B's father, Robert (age 63) died on August 29th of a brain tumor. Please keep his family in your prayers. Pray especially for B's siblings, believing and unbelieving. Thanks to all those who have sent notes, texts, and prayers. Please pray with B and J as they seek the Lord for his direction for their future in these turbulent times as the Lord still has them at a crossroads. Pray foremost that they will have an effective gospel ministry where God has them for the time being. Pray that they will seek first God's kingdom and entrust the Lord with their burdens. Please pray for opportunities for B to preach and teach the Scriptures in their local church. Pray that believers in the Twin Cities will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

North Korea (Asia). The Church in North Korea was the birthplace of Korean revival, but most Christians fled to the south during the Korean War or were martyred and their churches destroyed. There are four propaganda “show” churches in the capital, but up to 100,000 Christians are interned in labor camps. Pray for North Korean believers to persevere in what is probably the most difficult country in which to be a Christian.

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Pastoral Assistants (PAs), Bolivia

Pray for the Pastoral Assistant volunteers studying 16 hours each week preparing messages and preaching through the book of Romans in Santa Cruz: Daniel Cabrera, Yorch Cronenbold, Miguel Ortiz, Paolo Paris, Rolando Ruiz, and Aldruin Tapia; and in La Paz: Jonathan Ascarraga, Gerson Calderon, Albaro Cruz, Roberto Garcia, Juan Lopez, Pando Melendez, Miguel Perez, Edwin Quisberth, Gabriel Rodriguez, Miguel Rueda, Freddy Soliz, and Luis Velasquez. God is using these men to impact increasing numbers of churches.

South Korea (Asia). The Korean Church has major spiritual challenges to face if its credibility before the world and effectiveness in ministry are to be at their maximum: a) Stagnation and saturation. b) Spiritual pride. c) Divisions and schisms sadly typify the Korean scene. d) Patterns of leadership. Leadership is sometimes too authoritarian. f) Lack of transformational impact on society.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Fieldstone's annual fundraiser, #FieldstoneForward, took place virtually on September 24th. Pray that the funds raised will further their outreach to hurting people for the glory of God. Please continue to pray for the counseling staff and counselees as they meet for in-person and virtual counseling sessions. Pray that the new support groups forming this fall would reach and serve those in need.

Kuwait (Asia). Kuwaiti Arabs are increasingly exposed to Christians via travel, business contacts, and studying abroad. This is particularly so for students; Kuwaiti students abroad are being reached so effectively that many families are now sending their children to study in Egypt, UAE, etc. in order to protect them from Christian witness. Pray that Christians might take advantage of these opportunities and that the gospel message might fall on open hearts, prepared by the Holy Spirit. Pray also for those Kuwaitis who hear and want to respond.

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Muslim Countries

They are very excited with the progress being made on their Vocational Training Center in South Sudan. The building will eventually have four floors—one for bi-vocational training for the students at their local the missionary school and three floors for new and better accommodations for the girls at the orphanage they run. The older buildings that have been housing the girls will be retooled into a vocational training area for them. Pray for all that is needed to complete the Vocational Training Center. Pray for the recruitment interviews, which have begun, for the next batch of students to attend their missionary schools in Chad & South Sudan. Pray for their new missionary school in Ethiopia, which just opened in late September.

Kyrgyzstan (Asia). Persecution is partly the consequence of church growth and evangelism in a Muslim land. The government is taking a harder line toward any religious expression which it feels may cause social or political instability. Beyond growing government hostility, resurgent Islamism targets evangelicals with intimidation, property destruction, and physical violence.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, Peru, United States

Wes is having ankle replacement surgery on October 28. Pray for a successful procedure and that he will heal well and quickly. Pray also for his sister-in-law, Regina, who has bladder cancer. Wes continues to work on his book about the history of Mam writing. Pray that this document will encourage the people to respect and delve into the meaning, fluidity, and comfort of reading the Scriptures in their native language.

Laos (Asia). Much of Laos remains unevangelized. The remarkable growth of the church is dwarfed by the size of the task remaining. Most people remain unreached, and the gospel has not easily crossed ethnic barriers. Pray for the gospel light to shine throughout Laos and to draw many to Christ.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Praise the Lord for how good it has been for SRBC to gather as a church body for outdoor services. Several people from the neighborhood have joined them for the first time in the parking lot. Pray that they would hear the gospel and respond. Pray for their church leadership as they make plans for moving indoors as the weather cools. Pray for the kids, families, and teachers involved in their learning center for neighborhood students in conjunction with the Cleveland Metro School District. Pray for them as they plan for Thanksgiving and Christmas outreaches (2020 pandemic version). They seek to meet spiritual and physical needs, planting gospel seeds in parents and children that will grow as they follow-up through the year. Continue to pray for new and younger elders to be raised-up for leadership.

Latvia (Europe). Christianity is characterized mostly by nominalism. Although 60% belong to a Christian confession, only a small minority actually practice their faith. Pray for a new move of the Spirit in the mainline churches. Pray for nominal Christians to become true believers.

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Kep & Debbie James, Bolivia

Pray for Debbie as she shares the gospel with many women via phone and internet, disciples women, and continues teaching the Bible to the ILC Church women in Bolivia as well as help helping their grandchildren with online school here in Ohio. Pray that Kep and Debbie would have good family time while they are in the States this fall.

Lebanon (Asia). Trained leadership in evangelical churches is a precious resource. The decline in foreign missionaries and the emigration of national leaders has left many congregations without effective pastoral care. Despite this, Lebanon has a good number of evangelical Bible schools. Pray for staff members, the supply of needs, and for more students. Pray that increasing cooperation among these colleges would result in significant advances for the Kingdom.

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E & J, Missionaries in Training, United States

Pray that they would walk in a manner worthy of their calling to which they have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:2-3.) Give thanks for the provision of a babysitter who can watch their children while they do language lessons. Pray for healthy bodies and sharp minds to learn Arabic. If any of them (a teacher, a babysitter, 4 adult learners, and 4 children) get sick, it adds quite a bit of complexity to how to make things work. Continue to pray for God's leading on when they might leave for Africa.

Lesotho (Africa). The mountain populations of 600,000 are among the poorest and most vulnerable. Nominally Christian, they have little contact with the life-giving gospel. Lesotho's churches are beginning to wake-up to this challenge. Many villages are only accessible on horseback, others by MAF plane. Pray for fruitful and sustainable ministry that yields thriving churches. **Liechtenstein (Europe).** Liechtenstein has changed from a feudal backwater into a sophisticated and affluent modern state. Expatriates represent several Christian confessions, but non-religion and Islam are growing rapidly. Few in this country have ever been confronted with the necessity of a personal faith in Christ. Pray encounters with the gospel might likewise multiply.

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

Amid COVID-19, several staff members have also had to deal with natural disasters. In El Salvador, Maltez faced the devastation of Hurricane Amanda. Having been quarantined since March, many of the markets had been shut down. Maltez has been able to pull together volunteers and resources to help over 100 families whose crops were destroyed. They are grateful for God's provision via a family who replaced Maltez' truck, which was destroyed in the hurricane, with a new one to help him deliver food and supplies. In Senegal, Robert and Kyla Cuthbert experienced more rain in a couple of days than they normally do for the whole rainy season. Forced out of their home for a time, they have now returned to repair the damage and help others. Please pray for these missionaries as they serve during the lockdowns that effect businesses and programs they run.

Liberia (Africa). Foreign missionaries had a long, hard, uphill struggle to plant churches in the interior; but disease, language diversity, entrenched fetishism, and the disruption of war all hampered the work and eventually drove out all expat workers. Pray for those with a burden to return; pray for wisdom to know how they can best serve in rebuilding the nation, and best help the Liberian Church complete the evangelization of every people.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Because of the ongoing the COVID-19 situation, they are reevaluating how to do ministry—what they should continue doing and what needs to change. Please pray for wisdom as they move forward.

Libya (Africa). The spiritual climate in Libya has changed significantly. God is doing a new work in this land. There is notable spiritual hunger among Libyans, but not enough Bibles for those seeking them. Increasing numbers of Libyans are coming to Christ (though still only a few), and expatriate Christians now enjoy greater spiritual liberty than in the past. Praise God for these developments and pray that they would continue.

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Truth For Life, United States

Pray that God will provide the staff support needed for customer service in anticipation of high call volume during the end of the year. Pray for God to use Truth For Life to draw many listeners to Himself and that the distribution of the teaching will continue to reach an ever widening audience.

Lithuania (Europe). Freedom has brought progress. However, with freedom came many dangers—increased materialism, hedonism, and nihilism. Substance abuse, suicide, and most sinister—trafficking women for prostitution in the West all disintegrate the nation’s foundations. Pray that God would bring massive societal change through His people.

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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	E & J, Missionary Couple in Training

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia**
- 18 Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
 - Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live Biblically. ESI has 2,200 graduates since 2002 and 2,170 active participants in 180 groups in 15 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and Venezuela. Parkside Church has and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**
- 2 Mexican Pastoral Assistants, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live Biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Tapachula.
- 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 course, fully supported by Parkside Church
- South Africa**
- Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African working full-time with children & teens in the farm schools of Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

Financial Support to Mission Agencies

Christian Counseling Educational Foundation
Indigenous Church Planting Organization
Parkside Green
Shoreline Church
The Women's Clinic of Cleveland

Fieldstone Counseling
Parkside Church Westside
Scranton Road Bible Church
The City Mission
Truth For Life

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson
Jon (& Ruthie)
Brian (& Maria) Walls

Amy Cottle
Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2019: \$2.8 million

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in a short-term missions trip

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



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