



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

NOVEMBER

"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!



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To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

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

Join us Sunday evenings for Missions Prayer Time, online or in-person, from 5:00-5:45pm in Room A205. For an online invitation, email Cliff at cjjbandrews@sbcglobal.net.



Learn

Increase your awareness of what God is doing among the nations by reading *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. 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 toward 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



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M, J, C

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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



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J & A*
A, E

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Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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E & J, North Africa

Continue to pray for Owen. The elders of his sending fellowship had a meeting to talk about some character issues. Unfortunately, the situation has gone downhill rapidly. It has become very clear that Owen has been lying to multiple people, including E & J, and spreading lies, fear, and division within his sending fellowship. He has not yet humbled himself, confessed, or repented, and he seems unwilling to reconcile. Their team is ending his employment and will try to convince him to listen to his elders, who are telling him he needs to come back to the fellowship in the capital city. They are concerned for his soul, for their work in the desert, and for the health and unity of the fellowship in the capital. Please ask for grace.

Tanzania (Africa). Population: 70,545,865 Believers: 17.9%. Tanzania's Christian population, though numerous, needs discipleship. Many see lack of biblical knowledge as the greatest challenge for the church. As immature Christians are discipled, lifestyles and worldviews will change, and this in turn will impact the social, economic, and political life of the nation.

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2

Parkside Kent, United States

November marks another milestone for the church, as their first baptisms will be on November 22. Please pray that this service will honor Christ, display the beauty of the gospel, and encourage many to follow him in obedience. As they move through the fall season, pray that Parkside Kent will continue to grow together as a church family. Pray that Thanksgiving and Christmas would bring opportunities to extend hospitality to one another, especially to those who are unable to travel home because of school or work commitments.

Thailand (Asia). Population: 71,619,863 Believers: 0.5%. Thailand means "Land of the Free" because it successfully retained its freedom when surrounding countries were colonized by Western powers. Yet the land is held captive in a complex web of Buddhism, traditional culture, spirit appeasement, and even occult practices, with a social cohesiveness out of which few have dared to come. For many Thai, their nationality and religious identity are inextricably linked. Pray for spiritual breakthrough so that the Thai might truly be free in the Lord Jesus.

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3

Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

In December, Angie and Andrew will be leading their youth group on a short-term mission trip to Bolivia. Please pray that the Lord will guide them as they prepare for this trip and that it will have an impact both on the young people and on the people with whom they will be sharing the gospel during the trip.

Timor Leste (Asia). Population: 1,418,518 Believers: 2.3%. Protestant churches emerged only recently, and their growth is modest. Nominalism and lack of understanding of the gospel characterize the majority. There is great need for biblically trained and spiritually active pastors. Pray that evangelical churches may be planted among every people and in every area of Timor. Pray for true unity among national church leaders.

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4

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Pray for the Harringtons as they continue to connect with their neighbors in Nishibori. They feel that they have been blessed in this new area of Japan, but they still are looking for those to whom the Lord wants them to be his light and with whom they can share the gospel.

Togo (Africa). Population: 9,721,608 Believers: 10.7%. The church in Togo stagnated between 1960 and 1990. Long-established groups grew slowly and remained confined to particular ethnicities. False shepherds and unbalanced prosperity teachings are also increasing as the true church grows. Pray that strong, indigenous congregations and denominations with solid teaching, biblical worldviews, and visionary leadership will be established.

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

For a few years, Ambassadors Football has been partnering with denominations around the world. These partnering relationships include multiple churches in three African nations and one Asian country. Please pray for God to guide them through this learning process and that it will bear much spiritual fruit. Jon and Ruthie are grateful for our faithful prayers. This year, they were blessed with their three children having three little girls. Their son, Henry, and his wife, Megan, had granddaughter number three. Teagan was born about six weeks early, is struggling with swallowing, and has a feeding tube. The doctors do not seem to have answers. Pray that she will be able to swallow, making the feeding tube unnecessary.

Trinidad & Tobago (Caribbean). Population: 1,511,155 Believers: 20.2%. Christianity is professed by nearly two-thirds of the population, but true disciples faithful to God's Word are not so common. Greater theological training—for leaders as well as laity—is needed and a discipleship mentality must be fostered. Thank God for the minority who do live to please God and pray that purity and passion might be restored across all denominations.

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6

Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Pray for their annual fundraiser, *Fieldstone Forward 2025*, taking place on Friday, November 7, at Hartville Kitchen. Each year, this evening is a highlight as they gather with friends of Fieldstone to share dinner, hear stories of God's work through the ministry, and look ahead with hope. Pray that God will provide abundantly through this event and that more individuals and families will be reached with Christ-centered counseling in the year ahead. Please also continue to pray for their counselors as they serve faithfully, walking alongside those facing life's hardships and offering the lasting hope of Christ.

Tunisia (Africa). Population: 12,348,573 Believers: <0.1%. In the years since 9/11 and subsequent events in the political-religious sphere, many Tunisians have become more fervent in their Islamic faith. Although the government strives against politicized Islam, the general trend in the Arab world at large and locally, and the lack of prospects for the younger generation, are pulling society toward greater Islamization. Pray that a living, growing Christian church might become a reality again in this land.

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7

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

Continue to pray for the Equipping Servants International (ESI) Colombia leader, Pastor Sebastian, who led a three-day ESI Facilitator Training in Caracas for 50 Venezuelan pastors. Pray that the launch of ESI will bring hope to that city, where the gospel need is great. In September and October, Kep and Debbie journeyed across South America and then to Africa. Their itinerary included ESI leadership meetings in Fortaleza, Brazil, and Montevideo, Uruguay; retreats in northern and southern South American countries; and an ESI pastors' conference in Rwanda, Africa. Pray for lasting impact from these meetings and for rest for Kep and Debbie.

Turkey (Asia). Population: 86,260,417 Believers: <0.1%. Give praise for the slow but steady growth of Turkish evangelical Christianity. Pray for the evangelism and church planting of the past generation to carry on! Meanwhile, there is a remarkable turning to Christ of migrants from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, who are refugees in Turkey. While ministry to Turks and Kurds is watched closely, there seems to be greater freedom to minister to these refugees. Many are praying that the shaking of the nation from the 2023 earthquakes would trigger a mass movement of people to find and follow Jesus.

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8

Parkside Heights Church, United States

Parkside Heights continues to thank God for the opportunity to participate in a small mentoring program at John Hay High School.

Please pray for the students participating in the program and for fruitful connections for those from the church who are mentoring them. Many younger women at Parkside Heights have signed up to be spiritually mentored by older women in the church. Pray that these discipling relationships will be a helpful and mutually encouraging way to grow in Christ. They are planning a Chili Potluck event on November 8. Pray that God will use this church family gathering as a step to continue building meaningful relationships with one another.

Turkmenistan (Asia). Population: 7,618,848 Believers: <0.1%. Hostility against almost any foreign Christian activity or even presence has persisted for over 20 years. Ethnic Turkmen Christians are few but have increased since independence, from one or two people to as many as 1,000. Persecution has brought growth, greater unity, and a strong spirituality, and the church continues to grow despite the constant threats. Pray for these believers to stand firm in their faith and to win others to Christ.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

They are currently looking for a car. Please continue to pray for God to provide a good vehicle for them. Pray that they will be able to meet with campus workers to learn more about students and their access to

the gospel. Pray for new workers on their team who are eager to plant a church.

Tonga (Pacific). Population: 103,742 Believers: 15.5%. A strongly Christian nation, Tonga sends significant numbers of missionaries, despite its relative poverty and isolation. Much more can be done; pray for the evangelical groups working toward this. **Turks & Caicos Islands (Caribbean).** Population: 46,855 Believers: 32.4%. Christian values in society are challenged by offshore finance with its frequent money laundering, by tourism with its increasing licentiousness, and by illegal drug trafficking. Pray that churches might address these through holy living and genuine faith.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Join Mike and Joan in praising the Lord for a good trip to Tapachula to visit Neri and Karina Rivera and witness God's blessing on their ministry.

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the Missions Aviation Fellowship (MAF) work in Mexico and for the best use of the tools God has provided to reach the lost. Pray for the pastors in Amoltepec to use the resources they have to reach the lost. Pray for Edgar and Gregorio as they make trips to Amoltepec to encourage and equip the believers. Pray for Gregorio and Eily as they work to get a visa for her to accompany him to Candidate Classes with MAF in Idaho. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much spiritual fruit for the kingdom.

Tuvalu (Pacific). Population: 9,492 Believers: 17.8%. Tuvalu faces an uncertain future. Very limited resources, possible rising sea levels, and modern/global external influences make this traditional culture fragile, both environmentally and socially. Pray that wisdom would prevail in preserving Tuvalu as a nation and culture and that the long-standing presence of the church would play a major role in this.

Vanuatu (Pacific). Population 335,169 Believers: 45.9%. The Protestant church is numerically strong. Revival has occurred on some islands and in several denominations, but not in all places. Pray for the training of future leaders in the seven Bible colleges/schools. Pray that pastors and group leaders would lead with guidance from both the Word and Spirit.

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

As the semester ends, pray that the Lord will continue to open doors for Emily and Blake and their team to make Jesus known. Pray that the Lord will give Bridges International clear direction and wisdom as their team prepares and makes plans for next year. Pray that many students and hosts will sign up for their *Friends for Dinner* hospitality program, when local Christians will welcome international students into their homes for a meal and friendship during the Christmas season. Thank you for praying for the funds to purchase the solar pump and the solar panels for people in the village of Kasempa, Zambia. The goal is to provide running water so they don't have to spend so much time pumping to fill a bucket with water. God provided the funds, and the solar pump and panels were purchased and installed. They still need timber for the base of the water tank, cement sand, gravel to cement the stand for the water tank, water pipes, and a garden tap for water supply. Those items and labor will cost \$340. Please pray that God will provide what is needed to finish the project.

Uganda (Africa). Population: 51,384,894 Believers: 37.0%. Young people's ministry is fundamental to developing the country, given that nearly half of all Ugandans are under 16 years old. Pray for the extensive ministry in schools and for ministries on university campuses. Pray also for effective Sunday school and youth programs in churches. Pray that a nation with such a high proportion of Christians and a high proportion of children might produce a generation that truly knows and loves the Lord!

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12

Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Westside's community groups as they continue studying Romans together. Pray for the church's involvement with International Friendships as they care for students living far from home; with Building Hope in the City as they develop relationships with immigrants in the Cleveland area; and with the Cleveland Pregnancy Center as they provide help to moms in need. Pray for their missionaries working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Pray for the safety of Ryan and Samantha S. as they seek to share the gospel with Somalian refugees in Africa. Continue to pray for the health of Nathanael Wiles.

Ukraine (Europe). Population: 38,980,377 Believers: 3.8%. The Russian invasion of 2022, Russian support of the breakaway republics of Donetsk and Luhansk, the occupation of the Crimea and the Euromaidan of 2014, and the Orange Revolution of 2004-5 all demonstrate Russia's determination to dominate Ukraine. They also equally demonstrate Ukraine's determination to be free. Millions of Ukrainians have been displaced, and hundreds of thousands have been killed. Whenever the conflict ends—and on whatever terms it ends—rebuilding from the devastation will take years, or even decades. Pray for the intervention of the God who makes wars cease to the ends of the earth and who breaks the bow and shatters the spear (Psalm 46:9). Pray for wisdom from above and divine fortitude for Ukraine's leaders and its people.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

Pray that the targets set for this year will be achieved with the help of the Lord. Pray that each student will be equipped to proclaim the good news faithfully, rightly handle God's Word, and serve effectively in ministry. Pray for more doors to be opened for the one-week Regional Development Trainings. Pray for courage, safety, and protection for believers in sensitive regions.

United Arab Emirates (Asia). Population: 11,346,000 Believers: 1.3%. Oil wealth transformed much of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from a poor, rural region to a haven and playground for the world's ultra-rich. Now it branches out to business and finance, as well as tourism. While those at the top live with incredible wealth, millions of migrant laborers often work in terrible conditions for low pay. Injustice, human rights violations, and human trafficking are significant challenges. Pray for God's compassion for the poor and downtrodden to be powerfully conveyed to all migrant laborers who endure oppressive conditions in the UAE.

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The City Mission, United States

Ten mothers and their children are now living in Rothstein Village, the new transitional housing community at The City Mission. Each mom is taking bold steps toward self-sufficiency with renewed hope. Having graduated from Laura's Home, these families receive an additional 18-24 months to access on-site services. Pray for the staff and volunteers as they serve Christ by caring for every person, knowing all are made in the image of God. Pray that the lives of the men at Crossroads and the women and children at Laura's Home and Rothstein Village to be restored through the transforming power of God's love.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Europe). Population: 69,551,332 Believers: 8.8%. A national awakening is needed. The steep decline of organized Christianity in the UK is almost unparalleled in Europe. Pray that Christians might grow passionate for God's honor, burdened to pray for revival, and free from deadening negativism and materialism that pervade the churches.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie thank God that their children are doing well.

Please continue to pray that they will grow in their love and passion for the Lord. Pray for fruit from an evangelistic outreach they will hold on

November 29. Ask the Lord to continue to provide wisdom, strength, and love as Andrew and Angie seek to serve people within the context of the local church.

England (Europe). Population: 51,460,000. 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.

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

Pray that God will continue to give Edgar wisdom as he works with the Mexican board for the Alas de Socorro (MAF) work in Mexico. Pray for Edgar and Lety's daughter Esther in her first semester of Bible college.

Pray for the two ESI groups that Edgar is leading in Oaxaca and for a new group forming in Ensenada. Pray for trips that Edgar is making to Amoltepec to encourage the pastors and believers there. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he facilitates ESI groups in the state of Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant and thank the Lord that they can now meet in their new building. Pray for strength for Neri as he continues battling lymphoma and for wisdom to work within his physical limitations. Thank the Lord for encouraging lab results on critical blood counts. Continue to pray for healing for Neri and for extra strength for Karina during this difficult season in their lives.

Northern Ireland (Europe). Population: 1,775,000. 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.

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Parkside Green, United States

Pray for the Lord to draw people to himself as they begin to celebrate Advent at the end of November. Please also ask the Lord to accomplish his purposes globally through those they support: Dr. Jen Kintner,

overseeing women's ministry training at the Gulf Theological Seminary in Dubai; Brett and Jennifer Wright, now on home assignment in the US, where Brett is pursuing additional aviation training/certification; and Bryan and Erin Joseph, completing language school and biblical training in Texas this fall before launching into full-time missions in Mazatlan, Mexico.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth







AN UPDATE FROM THE HARRINGTON FAMILY

Parkside missionaries serving in Japan

"It's unique to be going back to the field refreshed," Chris Harrington said toward the end of his family's home assignment in the United States, which lasted from June 2024 to June 2025. Their year in the US was a treasured gift from God, as it allowed them to connect with their relatives and church family, rest and recover, and focus on their relationships with Christ. Though they rested for that year, they were not inactive.

In March, the Harringtons facilitated a "reverse mission trip," which allowed several Japanese students and adult leaders to hear the gospel without the cultural pressures they experience in Japan. These students and leaders came to the US and stayed with Parkside families for a week. The students forged deeper relationships while participating in fun activities—such as WhirlyBall and visiting the Ark Encounter—and opened up in meaningful ways. "I pray that over time, that will come to fruition, and the Lord will water it," said Chris. He also thanked God for the host families, who showed their guests the love of Christ, a different culture, and the "family resemblance" between Christians from all nations.

When the Harringtons returned to Japan in June 2025, they did not go back to the church at which they served for so long. Instead, they went to Tokyo, where Chris has taken a new role as Area Director for SEND International's office in Japan. SEND International has a two-pronged approach to missions in Japan: ministering directly to Japanese people and ministering to fellow missionaries. In his new role, Chris will be focusing on ministering to missionaries, but he will also meet with more church leaders.

Chris is working hard to learn the policy and financial aspects of the organization, but he is so thankful for the team the Lord has provided him. "This is a huge transition for our missionaries," he said. "Almost 80% of our missionaries on the field right now have only known life here with our last Area Director at the helm. This is a change for many, and I hope to encourage them toward Christ and what he has called them to do, which is to

share Christ with others. God is a great God and worthy to be praised in all languages and in all corners of the world. May his name be lifted high here in Japan."

Ministering in Japan presents some unique challenges, including the language and cultural resistances to Christianity. First, Japanese's inverted syntax, complicated characters, and multiple levels of formality make it difficult for foreign missionaries to learn. Second, Japan's highly collectivist culture heavily rewards being like the rest of the group. In terms of religion, this means being Shinto-Buddhist, so making a choice for Christ is to make a choice to be outside of the group. On top of all that, religion has, historically, been used as a method of control in Japan, causing its people to mistrust it. God is using the Harringtons and other missionaries like them to communicate to the Japanese people that Christianity is a relationship, not religion.

Adjusting to a new position and life in Tokyo has given the Harringtons many opportunities to see God at work. They had been accustomed to rural life, so getting used to the number of people and narrow streets of the city was a bit of culture shock. But God blessed their children with the ability to participate in a camp that allowed them to connect with their old church over the summer. God has also graciously provided a home for the family that is well suited to them and is close to the three different schools their children attend, and he has been good to their family as the kids started school. While starting a new school can be daunting for any child, the Harrington kids faced an extra difficulty, as they were starting in the middle of the Japanese school year. Thankfully, God has provided, and where he has not yet, their family trusts that he will.



CHRIS ASKED FOR PRAYER IN A FEW WAYS:

- **Ask** that the name of the Lord would be exalted in Japan.
- **Pray** that the Lord would continue to help their children settle into their new communities in Tokyo.
- **Ask** God to guide and direct their family toward the church he would like them to pour into.
- **Pray** for Chris as he starts his new role. The previous leader was in that role for fourteen years, and he feels he has big shoes to fill.

Photos: Page 1: Harrington Family. Page 2, Left to Right: SEND International Japan Team, Japanese students with their host families in Cleveland, Japanese students visiting the Ark Encounter.

Scotland (Europe). Population: 5,169,000. 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.

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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Latin America & Africa

There are now 3,300 ESI participants in 250 groups in 37 countries. Pray for Jose Gutierrez as ESI expands in Central America and for Pastor Sebastian, who is overseeing the work of ESI in Colombia, Panama, and Spain. He is encouraged by seeing evidence of God's grace transforming many lives. This year, four new ESI groups started in Italy, four in London, five in Paris, one in Los Angeles, and three in Virginia and Florida. Pray that as these students study Romans together, they will grow in their love for God and experience deep gospel transformation in their lives, relationships, and local churches.

Wales (Europe). Population: 2,990,999. 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, the 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.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

As SRBC prepares for their annual Thanksgiving Turkey outreach, pray that they will make connections that lead to people coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Continue to pray for the men who are currently a part of their Elder Cohort. Scranton Road has a legal clinic staffed by attorneys who advise clients and share Christ with them. Pray for more attorneys to be available for the clinic. Their after-school programs, Good News Kids, and youth group have had a big boost in attendance this semester. This is a great thing, but it creates logistical challenges. Pray for their staff and volunteers and for the students to respond as they hear the gospel taught.

United States of America (North America). Population: 347,275,808

Believers: 28.9%. The church in the USA is as deeply divided as the nation itself. The USA's spiritual heritage has long been under attack by those opposed to the gospel, but no external enemies have done more damage than the politicization of Christianity and accompanying polarization in the body. The idol of nationalism—"Christian" or otherwise—is a blight on the message of the gospel, as is any ideology that divides or distracts believers from their core identity as the body of Christ. Pray for the Lord to raise up believers who will fearlessly and publicly place their oneness in Christ above all race, ethnicity, gender, and ideology! Everything else must be placed at the nailed-pierced feet of Jesus on the throne. May such faithful saints be an inspiration to others and a healing salve on America's wounds.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Praise God that Ms. N., a new believer who recently received her first Bible, has thrown away all her spiritual amulets. She still lives with her parents, who have an extensive number of idols in their home, but she has been reading through the Bible as much as possible to learn about the God who freed her. Pray that the Lord continues to draw her to himself. Thank God for doing for us all what we could not do for ourselves.

Uruguay (South America). Population: 3,384,688 Believers: 6.2%. Uruguay has the most secular society in South America. Most Uruguayans follow a "do-it-yourself" spirituality influenced by New Age ideas. The nation is 55% Catholic (the lowest in Spanish-speaking Latin America), and only 2% attend mass. Afro-Brazilian Spiritism attracts many people. Pray for the Holy Spirit to expose religious deceptions and defeat the demonic powers behind them.

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Truth For Life, United States

Pray for Samuel Sanya as he begins his new role overseeing the translation of Alistair's books and other teachings into non-English languages. Ask the Lord to give him guidance and wisdom as he establishes new relationships with a team of global partners. Ask the Lord to provide needed staff members in customer service. Pray for God to bring the right candidates to support the team during the busy months of November and December. Pray for God to use the many books distributed through Truth For Life in November and December to introduce Jesus to those who don't know him. Ask the Lord to use the newly released book *The Man on the Middle Cross* in a far-reaching way to lead unbelievers to saving faith in Christ.

Uzbekistan (Asia). Population: 37,053,428 Believers: 0.3%. Uzbek believers continue to increase despite great opposition. The prospect of retribution from three sides—the government, local Muslim leaders, and the community (family and neighbors)—has not halted growth. There are now probably more than 10,000 Uzbek believers, where there were possibly none only a generation ago. But much prayer is still needed for the discipling and mentoring of new believers and for indigenous leadership to be raised up.

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Continue to pray for Mark as he works at assisting and consulting on two translation projects. One is a single Quechua language project with an experienced mother tongue translator. The second project consists of four closely related languages with inexperienced men who are learning the ropes. Pray for wisdom for Mark as he is also building files to help him adapt Scripture from one Quechua variety to another and is working on automating the ability to go back and forth between different spelling conventions for words borrowed from Spanish.

Virgin Islands of the USA (Caribbean). Population: 84,139 Believers: 23.8%. 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. **Wallis and Futuna Islands (Pacific).** Population: 11,194 Believers: 1.0%. The Catholic church and Polynesian culture and social structures are so interwoven that adherence to Christianity is often more outward than through a living, personal faith. Pray for firsthand faith for these two island peoples.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

It is springtime in South Africa, and the youth are planning an open-air outreach. They want to see unbelievers come to know Jesus Christ. Pray for Johannes and the youth as they share the gospel. Continue to pray that those involved in the Bible study group at Grasslands Primary School will grow stronger in their commitment to follow Jesus and become more effective in reaching other children.

Venezuela (Latin America). Population: 28,516,896 Believers: 10.8%. Spiritual forces battle in Venezuela. Both rich and poor visit witch doctors in the thousands of spiritist and occult shops. Fewer people go to church in Venezuela than in any other Latin American nation. New Age spirituality attracts the educated and rich. Satanists actively try to destroy the church. Caracas has Latin America's largest mosque. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bind all the powers that blind Venezuelans to truth and to reveal Christ to all.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, United States

Continue to pray for the believers in Guatemala and around the world; that no matter the trials and temptations, they would follow Jesus with their whole hearts. Wes and Nancy are faced with many distractions due to their health issues. Please pray for wisdom for their family and for the Lord to be the priority in their lives.

Vietnam (Asia). Population: 101,598,527 Believers: 1.8%. A growing, witnessing church is emerging from years of persecution. The Vietnamese diaspora is seeing many become believers. These converts then bring the gospel back to Vietnam with them. There is even a fast-growing missionary vision spreading among the churches of Vietnam! Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep fanning these flames of spiritual passion, all for the maturation of the Vietnamese church and so that Jesus might be known through the entire nation.

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J & A, Missionaries in Training, United States

On October 10, J and A welcomed the smooth arrival of E, their healthy and beautiful baby girl. Join them in thanking the Lord for this wonderful gift and for an enjoyable visit from A's family. As J and A face many transitions, they request prayer for wisdom and energy as parents, especially during the coming weeks when they will both be in classes all day in preparation for their move overseas. Pray for their toddler son to feel secure amid all the changes. Continue to pray for J and A as they complete important paperwork, travel documents, and planning that need to be taken care of for their upcoming travel.

Western Sahara (Africa). Population: 600,904 Believers: 0%. There are only a handful of Christians among the entire Sarahawi people of Western Sahara, but they see a new day of growth and witness through low-key mission work and national believers. Pray for those who are, and could be, serving among them. Pray for the Saharawi people to meet Jesus! **American Samoa (Pacific).**

Population: 46,029 Believers: 21.3%. 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.

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E & J, North Africa

E & J have had many answers to prayer recently regarding school for their son. They were able to get him registered for first grade at the local public school, which was quite an ordeal. Other answers to prayer include a kind teacher, small class size, kind classmates, ability to understand, and fun. They are also meeting more parents and kids from the neighborhood during pickup and drop-off times. Discipleship with Isaac has continued well and they have included another young believer, whom we can call Lucas. Pray that God will raise up a generation of young men and women who are not afraid to identify with Christ and can carry on the work of the gospel.

Yeman (Asia). Population: 41,773,878 Believers: <0.1%. Amidst the terrible suffering, Yemenis are finding life in Christ through radio, Bible distribution, careful witness, and dreams and visions from the Lord! Believers meet secretly and only in small groups. They often face dangerous opposition. Praise God for these followers of Jesus. Pray for them as they learn how to honor their culture and family while faithfully serving the Lord.

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Health for Her Cleveland (Human Coalition), United States

As they begin gathering clients and churches for their Holiday Connection program, pray for all the details to come together smoothly and for each client to be greatly impacted by the love of Christ. The ministry is seeking to broaden their outreach. Pray for their marketing efforts in Cleveland to be effective in reaching women with unplanned pregnancies. Pray for strength and compassion for their staff to love the clients well.

Zambia (Africa). Population: 21,913,874 Believers: 25.7%. Zambians widely accept Christianity, even in public institutions and the media. Former president Chiluba declared Zambia a Christian nation in 1991, and Zambians practice freedom of all religions. But national transformation along biblical lines still has not come. Too few know the Word of God, or how to live a Christian life. Pray for Christians to live pure and holy lives that depend on God alone for spiritual power and blessing. Pray that Zambia will truly be a nation that honors God.

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

In October, Kep and Debbie led a marriage conference at the ILC Church in La Paz, Bolivia. Following the conference, Debbie taught at a women's retreat, also at their Bolivian church. Pray for lasting spiritual fruit from these events. Continue to pray for the De Ark Church in Amsterdam; for the upcoming ESI Training in San Jose, Costa Rica, in February 2026; for ESI Africa leader Paulo Da Silva as he works with Zambian pastor Isaac Chitibwe; and for Isaac's wife, Tania, who had thyroid cancer surgery.

Zimbabwe (Africa). Population: 16,950,795 Believers: 30.9%. As the church has grown, so have the challenges. Pray for: a) *The relationship with the government.* b) *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. c) *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. d) *Spiritual unity.* Divisions and splits still occur. e) *The purity of the church* is often compromised by traditional African practices that are incompatible with the gospel, often by outright witchcraft and occult activities.

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

There are only eight months until the kickoff of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. This World Cup will be unlike any other, the biggest and longest in history. Over the course of 38 days (June 11–July 19), 48 nations will battle for soccer's most coveted prize. An estimated six billion people around the world will tune in as matches unfold across Mexico, Canada, and nine US cities. Ambassadors Football believes the 2026 World Cup offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the church in North America and beyond to share the hope of Jesus with their communities. Pray for their leadership as they implement plans and partnerships to leverage the World Cup for soccer ministry during the event and hopefully long after.

Afghanistan (Asia). Population: 43,844,112 Believers: <0.05%. The church in Afghanistan remains almost entirely underground. Pray for Afghan believers. They can never meet publicly, and even their secret meetings must change times and locations to prevent detection. Pray for protection of these precious believers and for the clarity and consistency of their witness. Women are once again all but banned from participating in public life. Pray for justice and freedom from gender-based oppression and especially that women might find the true freedom that comes only through Christ.

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Shoreline Church, United States

As the season changes to fall, there are many ministry opportunities and needs that arise in the Shoreline local community. Pray that as they are attentive to those needs, they will see opportunities to share the gospel. They praise the Lord for the volunteers who have stepped up to teach in children's ministry this year. Pray for the community teams that meet monthly to discuss the sermons and go deeper with their faith. Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ thanks the Lord that funding was provided to start an outreach in Cardinal Schools and that there has been some connection with local churches in the area. Pray that the Lord will provide just the right staff for this new outreach.

Albania (Europe). Population: 2,771,508 Believers: 0.5%. Thank God for his work in this land! For a long time, it was closed to the gospel, but evangelicals grew from nearly zero to several thousand in just a few years. The church has indigenous leadership, nationwide networks, a vision for discipleship and evangelism, and it sends out workers to other lands! And all this came about during a politically and economically unstable time. Many believe that years of devoted prayer for Albania opened the way for ministry here.

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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/Europe/The Americas	Kep & Debbie James
Central Asia	Bobby & Julie
United States	J & A

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, Italy, 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
Truth For Life	Scranton Road Bible Church
	Shoreline Church

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

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

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2024: \$3,421,410

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

South Asia Trip

Medical/Dental Outreach

Trip Dates: February 26-March 8, 2026

Trip open to both medical and non-medical team members.

To find out more about joining a future short-term team,
please contact the church office at 440.543.1212
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