



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

FEBRUARY

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

Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

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

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



Learn

Increase your awareness of what God is doing among the nations by reading *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. You can pick up a copy of the book at Books by the Park. The prayer requests for different countries in this calendar are excerpts from that book and the operationworld.org website.



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$3,543,635 towards missions in 2023. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting God for the capacity to do so.



Go

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

Parkside Church Missionaries



E & J*
M, J, C
**Names withheld for security purposes*



Mark & Patti Bean
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Wes & Nancy Collins
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



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



Andrew & Angie James
Nicole, Camille, Zack



Kep & Debbie James
Heather, Katie, Andrew



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Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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Parkside Kent, United States

God has provided abundantly for Parkside Kent. Pray for the initial steps of the adoption of Grace Baptist Church into Parkside Kent.

Beginning on February 2, the people of Grace Baptist will join them for Sunday worship. When that day arrives, there will be a mixture of sorrow and joy for them. Please pray that the welcome they receive from Parkside Kent and the worship will encourage each person and help build foundations for unity in Christ. Pray that they will all be centered upon Christ and knit together for God's glory and the good of Kent.

North Korea (Asia). Population: 26,244,582 Believers: 1.0%. The Korean revival (1907) began in the Church in North Korea. People in those days called Pyongyang the "Jerusalem of the East." But most Christians fled to the South during the Korean War or died as martyrs. Now if you even say the name "Jesus" aloud you may die for it. We do not know much about the underground Church, but we know it survived and even grows. The government holds up to 100,000 Christians in labor camps. Pray for North Korean believers to persevere in probably the most difficult country for Christians.

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E & J, North Africa

Last month, E & J had a couple of days without running water and were thankful for neighbors and friends who let them fill up buckets.

Thank the Lord for water and community! Pray for God to continue to meet all their needs as he blesses and protects their family. As they set goals for the next couple months, pray that they will have wisdom to know what is best and are diligent in setting good habits in their lives.

South Korea (Asia). Population: 51,741,963 Believers: 16.8%. Praise God for the unique Korean Church! From the 1st Protestant congregation in 1884, South Korea now has as many as 50,000. Now its leadership is well-trained, and its strong missions vision is an example to the world. At the same time, corruption and scandals in church leadership and an inability to connect well with the younger generation means that South Korean Christianity faces rapid decline and decreasing cultural relevance. Pray for fresh expressions of following Jesus that will bring new life—and a new generation—into the churches.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

They are thankful for the time back in the United States on home assignment. They will be flying back to Uruguay February 20. Please pray for their travels back to the field and for God's guidance and strength as they resume their ministry activities. Their two youngest children (Camille and Zack) will begin classes at a new school in March. Pray that the transition would be smooth and that they would be able to make friends.

Kuwait (Asia). Population: 4,349,380 Believers: 1.5%. 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; cultural and familial pressures prevent many from following Christ.

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04

Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Thank the Lord for a joyful Advent and Christmas season. Pray for energy and renewal for their staff. In mid-February, a short-term mission team travels to Cuba to help with four training conferences. Pray that the logistics will work out and that the team will have a fruitful impact. Their teen retreat, "Big Chill," is planned for the end of February. Pray for their teens to have a good response as they invite friends and for the speakers to present the gospel clearly and winsomely. Pray for those in their church with multiple sensitive health concerns.

Kyrgyzstan (Asia). Population: 6,839,606 Believers: 0.7%. The government needs courage, resources, and even miracles to make right the economy and society. The regimes that followed Communism have so far only brought more corruption, crime, and poverty. Pray for Christians to find good, legal jobs. High rates of alcoholism, drug trafficking, gambling, and prostitution create huge challenges. The poor, elderly, and disabled suffer the most. Pray that believers can address these challenges and positively affect their society and economy.

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

Looking back on 2024, Jon and Ruthie are grateful to God for his protection, provision, and most of all, his presence. The government in Rwanda has closed thousands of churches due to pastors lacking the education standards and the church facilities not meeting sanitary requirements. Pray for wisdom as Ambassadors partners with these denominations, many of whom are using their Deuteronomy 6 Discipleship curriculum with the 7,000 boys and girls continuing to come weekly to play soccer, study, and memorize the Word of God. Pray that the churches reopen soon. Ministry opportunities have opened in SE Asia, Latin America, and a potential partnership with One Hope. Ambassadors' leaders are seeking wisdom from the Lord to know which opportunities to pursue. Please pray for God to give clear direction.

Laos (Asia). Population: 7,736,681 Believers: 2.6%. Praise God for rapid church growth, even under government restrictions and persecution! Indigenous Laotians lead almost all churches and evangelism efforts. Over 90% of all trained leaders left Laos in 1975, and most congregations lack a trained pastor. Pray urgently for leaders both in the recognized churches and in the house church networks. Pray that new believers will grow strong in faith and not fall away.

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06

Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

As Bobby and Julie serve in Central Asia, they ask that we pray for God's vision for them there. Pray that the time with their ministry team is productive. Pray for their marriage and family to be strong as they recover from illnesses, the children return to school, and they deal with hot water plumbing problems. Pray for encouragement for them and that God will meet all their needs.

Latvia (Europe). Population: 1,810,204 Believers: 7.0%. After decades of Communism, the Soviet Union's collapse left a moral vacuum in Latvia which was quickly filled by opportunistic negative influences. Drug and alcohol abuse, a widespread sex trade, and high rates of abortion and suicide all point to significant needs. People often feel numb or even helpless. Latvia has done relatively well from a technology and development perspective but needs prayer for the deeper and eternal needs of its people.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Johannes asks for our prayers in two areas of ministry. With the reopening of schools in January, he requests prayer for more Christian teachers in the schools to be the mouths and hands of Jesus Christ and for God to prepare the hearts of the new learners they meet to receive the gospel. Pray that these new disciples will be an influence for Jesus both with their peers and families. The second area of ministry is the new church that they started with the help of the monies raised at Parkside's 2024 VBC. Pray that as the church grows stronger, more people will come and hear the gospel message. Starting a new church can require a lot of hard work. Pray for the team that is working at the church to be focused and strong.

Lebanon (Asia). Population: 5,219,044 Believers: 0.5%. Lebanon reels from decade after decade of tragic communal wars, foreign interventions, and internal crises. The impact of COVID, the massive explosion in Beirut in 2020, and the ongoing fuel/energy crisis intensify Lebanon's woes further. Meanwhile, over a million refugees seek shelter in Lebanon—from Palestine, Iraq, Syria, and beyond. Pray for this biblical land to know the loving mercy and rich blessings of our loving Father.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

Pray for a youth retreat they are holding the weekend of February 8. Please pray that God will use this time to bring about meaningful conversations and spiritual growth for all in attendance. They will also have an event this month called “Lunch and Learn” for people newer to Parkside Heights who want to know more about their history and priorities, with an opportunity for them to ask questions and receive answers. Pray for good connections to be made.

Lesotho (Africa). Population: 2,356,083 Believers: 12.1%. Lesotho faces great challenges. The HIV infection rate is among the highest in the world (20.9%). Family breakdown, poverty, unemployment, and limited access to water frustrate daily life. Pray for wise leadership and creative ways to improve quality of life. Pray for fruitful ministry in this needy land.

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09

Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Mark and Patti spent most of January in Peru working with representatives from four related Quechua languages with Mark seeking to discover the differences between these related Quechua languages. Next, he will write rules for the computer for the guys to use to generate better drafts. Pray for Mark as he works on this project and for his careful check of their work on Genesis. Praise God that Mark is feeling well. Their grandson, Jeremiah, has been in and out of the hospital again, and Mark’s younger sister Margaret, who has also been battling cancer for a couple of years, does not have many treatment options left. Pray for family members dealing with health issues and for their caregivers. May their endurance and trust in God grow through tough times. Mark and Patti praise God that their lives are in his hands, no matter the physical state of their bodies.

Liberia (Africa). Population: 5,536,949 Believers: 14.6%. Liberia has a complex and painful history, including racism and colonialism. But praise God for the stability and peace of recent years. Hundreds of thousands of refugees returned, a new president came to power, the country began to rebuild, and Christian ministry began to thrive once again. Pray that Liberia might truly fulfill its name as a “land of freedom.”

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Human Coalition (Health for Her Cleveland), United States

Pray that this year their staff will have many opportunities to share the gospel with the women and families they serve, resulting in women choosing life for their babies. Pray for donations for their baby boutique—newborn socks/booties, blankets, onesies, sleepers, and pants for both boys and girls, lotion, baby body wash, Dreft detergent, baby bottles, and bibs. The boutique, filled with thoughtful gifts, speaks of Christ’s love to the women facing unwanted pregnancies.

Libya (Africa). Population: 6,964,197 Believers: 0.3%. Large numbers of migrants come into Libya. Pray that these tens or even hundreds of thousands would find salvation, and not just earthly gain. Some of these migrants are believers; many others find Jesus in the midst of their turbulent lives. Pray that they might have a powerful spiritual impact on Libyans and on fellow migrants.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the Missions Aviation Fellowship (MAF) work in Mexico and the best use of the tools God has provided to reach the lost. Pray for a visit from MAF management this month to determine the future of the work in Mexico. Praise God for the Parkside dental team and their hard work in La Mesilla. The Jesus Film (The Gospel of Luke) was shown in the local language while patients and their families waited for attention. About 300 patients were served by the team, including many medical patients by Dr. Josias. Pray that God's Word and the loving care received will cause many to turn to Jesus. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much spiritual fruit for his Kingdom. Pray that Mike and Joan's extended family will love the Lord with all their hearts.

Lithuania (Europe). Population: 2,692,798 Believers: 1.1%. Freedom brought good progress. Doors for the gospel remain open. However, freedom also brought dangers like greed for material goods, selfish pleasure-seeking, and a belief that traditional morals have no value. Spiritual transformation must accompany economic growth. Lithuania was the last European nation to be Christianized. Pray that God will bring massive social change through his people!

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Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia

Thousands of international college students are arriving for the start of a new semester. Pray for the Bridges International team as they seek to connect with students who are ready to explore Jesus. Pray that their team will be unified in their love for Jesus and in their love for international students, walking daily with the Lord as they start a very busy season of ministry. Also, pray for Blake and Emily and their three children. Their son Nathaniel starts kindergarten this year. Pray that his transition to school will be encouraging for him and that he will develop healthy, positive relationships with his teachers and classmates.

Luxembourg (Europe). Population: 661,594 Believers: 0.5%. The growth of other faiths presents a challenge to traditional faith. Pray that believers in the Lord Jesus might seek and make use of chances to share the gospel and help shape the nation according to biblical principles. **Maldives (Asia).** Population: 517,887 Believers: 0.1%. Powerful social and official forces limit freedom of expression and belief. Islam is the only recognized religion, and the government forbids open practice of all other religions. Pray for the light of the gospel to shine among Maldivians. Pray against strongholds of pride, fear, and selfish pursuit of physical pleasures.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

Pray for the church to grow spiritually and in numbers and that pastoral networks will be strengthened. Pray for the salvation of neighbors.

Pray for the students studying in the one-year residential course—that they will be faithful in learning and practicing God’s Word. Pray for new doors to be opened for Regional Development Trainings. Pray for the hot meals served to reach the poor and needy and open doors for their spiritual transformation.

North Macedonia (Europe). Population: 2,082,706 Believers: 0.2%. The evangelical witness is small but growing. Even so, there are fewer than 100 evangelical congregations. Expressions of oneness in Christ are increasing, including pastors’ prayer summits and networks, citywide worship events, and even websites focused on the issue. Pray that believers might press into true unity and that Christians’ love for one another might attract many to Christ.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Praise God for a great start to another year for Shoreline. Please pray that the year continues to be a fruitful season for ministry. A second

fellowship event for young families is scheduled this month, providing an opportunity for families to connect, form bonds, and strengthen believers and the church. Continue to pray for their grief support group as they help hurting people work through their grief. As their men’s and women’s Bible studies meet, pray that their time spent in the Word will spur spiritual growth. Join Cleveland area Youth For Christ in praising the Lord for the response of teens during special year-end events held at City Life Center on the urban west side. The gospel was presented, and 34 teens sought counseling with four of them making decisions to follow Christ. Pray for these new believers to grow in their faith.

Madagascar (Africa). Population: 31,056,610 Believers: 11.5%. The old beliefs still prevail in many ways, despite the growth and spread of Christianity. Compromise with the old beliefs, veneration of ancestral spirits, and witchcraft is widespread among those who claim to be Christian. A Christian veneer often prevails, but many have little understanding of the biblical message of salvation. Revival as well as biblical teaching and leadership are urgently needed. Pray for a new move of the Holy Spirit to reawaken these churches that have such a strong legacy.

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

Pray for the ILC Church that Kep and Debbie started in Bolivia in 1990, that its leadership will continue honoring Christ by staying true to his Scriptures. In early March, Kep and Debbie will be training Italian pastors in Florence, Italy, to become ESI facilitators. Pray for these pastors as they study Romans 1-3 in preparation for the four days of training.

Malawi (Africa). Population: 21,475,962 Believers: 19.6%. Malawi faces serious challenges in the future, such as the combination of poverty, high population growth, and increasing pressure on agricultural land. The grip of poverty hampers development not only in the financial sense but also in terms of education, AIDS prevention, family life, and even effective ministry and discipleship. Pray for leaders in Malawi, most of whom are church members, to act with wisdom, humility, and long-term planning on biblical principles.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, United States

Last month, a celebration for the completion of the Old Testament Mam Bible was held in Comitancillo, Guatemala. Praise God for the completion of many years of translation work and that Wes and Nancy were able to attend the celebration. Continue to pray for Byron, Samuel, and others involved in literacy and Bible translation in Guatemala. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors handling Wes's heart and memory issues. They are thankful that his A-fib seems to be under control with medication.

Malaysia (Asia). Population: 34,671,895 Believers: 4.3%. Pray for the less evangelized. The Malaysian Church has the resources and cultural knowledge to reach them, but it also needs the courage and commitment. The Malays are one of the world's largest unreached groups. Some now worship in house groups and multi-ethnic churches, but no public congregation of ethnic Malays exists.

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The City Mission, United States

On January 9, The City Mission celebrated the completion of Rothstein Village Transitional Housing for Families, Cleveland's first and only transitional housing for women and children. These 16 units will safely house Laura's Home graduates. Transitional Housing is the next step to permanent housing and self-sufficiency, giving mothers and their children the gift of time with an additional 18-24 months of stability. Mothers will have continued access to on-site services. Children will be able to continue in the Pathways youth program and remain in the same schools. Pray that lives touched by the staff and volunteers at Crossroads, Laura's Home, Rothstein Village, and New Horizons will be transformed through the power of the gospel.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Our Focus in Global Missions

-  Parkside Missionaries
-  Ministry Partner (13 states in N. India)
-  Ministry Partner (Training in 13 countries)
-  ESI Locations



AN UPDATE FROM **Mark & Patti Bean**

WORKING TO PROVIDE BIBLICAL
MATERIALS AND TRANSLATIONS
FOR QUECHUA CHURCHES IN
CENTRAL PERU.



THE LORD IS GOING TO WHAT?

It was sort of a last minute decision to leave for Peru on January 2nd. On the way, my phone dinged with a message: *"Tomorrow the Lord will come to install the shower..."* This was just one of the humorous results that an automatic translator produced. If you know Spanish, you can understand where this one came from ("el señor" can mean "the Lord" or just "the man"). We enjoy funny translation examples, but we sure don't want to find any in the work we do!

The new translation project is meeting together for the second time. Mark will usually work with them virtually from Ohio, but we came in person this time to meet them and to be known. Plus, Mark wants to iron out some technical glitches that will make long-distance consulting easier. We're staying in a little Airbnb just down the hill from where the translation workshop is being held in JAWCA's office (our Quechua partners). This location is very convenient. The tricky part isn't walking uphill, though some days the mud is pretty slippery. The real trick is trying to safely cross a major road with no stop light or designated crosswalks.

A NEW GROUP



Here's Mark with the teams working to translate the Bible into their languages. A new group of guys around the table isn't very interesting. But do you notice that the room is open to the outside? Or the sheepskin cushions? Pretty classy, no?



The last workday will be January 25, and then, Lord willing, we'll head home. These men represent four related Quechua languages. They are just getting started in translation. As we mentioned in our last letter, two of these groups have New Testaments and two don't have anything printed in their particular Quechua.

THE GOALS OF THIS WORKSHOP:

- Work together to polish up the eleven simple reading books that they worked on last time.
- Incorporate into the translation the changes and suggestions they found when checking Genesis 1–2 in their communities.
- Each team edit their computer-generated drafts of Genesis 3–21.
- Work with Mark to improve their edited drafts.
- Have Genesis 3–21 corrected, spellchecked, printed, and ready to take out and test in their communities.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pray** for Mark as he discovers the differences between these related Quechua languages and his work to program the computer to generate better drafts.
- **Pray** for his careful check of the teams' work on Genesis.
- **Praise** for good health and that Mark is doing well.
- **Pray** along with us for family members dealing with health issues. Pray for their caretakers as well. May their endurance and trust in God grow through tough times. Praise God that our lives are in his hands, no matter the physical state of our bodies.

We're thankful for all the ways God loves us. And we thank him for your encouragement, prayers, and partnership with us.

~Mark & Patti

Mali (Africa). Population: 24,015,789 Believers: 0.7%. Mali has experienced great upheaval in recent years. Since 2012 there have been three military coups. There is another ongoing conflict between the nomadic Fulani herdsmen and the farming tribes of the Dogon and Bambara. Meanwhile, the Islamic State has gained control of significant chunks of Mali's southeast. All of these developments have spelled intensifying challenges for Christians. May the Prince of Peace prevail in a land crippled by violence!

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Many of their schools are in the process of choosing new students. This process takes great discernment and wisdom from God, so pray for the leaders. Pray for their workers in Syria and Lebanon to have God's wisdom in whether to stay or leave during this uncertain time politically. Pray for their protection from authorities and safety from the violence of the transition. Please pray for their upcoming prayer conference in Cairo and for the USA conference in Columbia, South Carolina, in March.

Malta (Europe). Population: 536,740 Believers: 1.3%. The most religious nation in Europe, Malta has deeply Catholic sensibilities. The majority regularly attend mass and over 80% feel that their religion is important to them. However, not many Maltese enjoy a personal walk with the living Lord Jesus. Pray that their strong religious tradition may serve as a door into and not a barrier against greater commitment to the kingdom. **Martinique (Caribbean).** Population: 366,416 Believers: 6.1%. Many Christians come from dysfunctional or single-parent families and from a background of immorality and drug abuse. Pray for churches to be grounded in the Word and for young people to be called into full-time service.

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Parkside Green, United States

Pray for the Lord to instruct and inspire as Pastor Adam preaches from Galatians. Pray that God will accomplish his purposes through the children and youth ministries and through their adult Bible study on the Gospel of John. Continue to ask the Lord to work through the global partners they support: Dr. Jen Kintner in Dubai, UAE; Brett and Jennifer Wright in Arua, Uganda; and Bryan and Erin Joseph at the Rio Grande Bible Institute and Language School as they prepare to serve in Mazatlán, Mexico.

Mauritania (Africa). Population: 4,993,922 Believers: 0.1%. All Mauritanian peoples remain essentially unreached, and the vast majority have yet to hear the good news of God's grace through faith in Jesus. Pray for increasing freedom of religion, both socially and legally. Pray for seekers to encounter Jesus, and that any who follow him might be courageous in the faith. Also pray that God might minister to believers despite the lack of fellowship.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

As mentioned last month, they would like to start a new Equipping Servants International (ESI) group with pastors from different parts of the country in March. Please pray for open doors if it is God's will for them to start this group. Praise the Lord they are in the final stages of construction work in their new church. They are thankful for its location and outreach potential.

Mauritius (Africa). Population: 1,301,978 Believers: 10.1%. This complex, multi-ethnic, and multi-religious society makes evangelism a challenge; pray for great wisdom and discernment among Christians. The Hinduization of government and culture, as well as strong ancestral and ethnic ties, make it difficult for Indians to become believers. However, large numbers of Hindus are coming to Jesus through the bold witness of evangelical churches. Pray for continued church growth—may the body of Christ in Mauritius reflect the beautifully multi-cultural nature of God's kingdom!

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

Pray for the gathering and tournament in Croatia at the end of February as soccer teams and ministry leaders come from various European countries to play soccer and share the gospel. Pray for Ambassadors staff who are serving in challenging situations. In Mozambique, Daniel shared that the situation has recently escalated to a terrible level with streets, services, borders, and airports closed. People have been burning almost everything—cars, properties like private schools, houses, banks, etc. They cannot even buy bread for breakfast because there is no production. Lucasse reports a similar situation in Haiti. Pray for the church in these countries and specifically for Daniel and Lucasse and their families as they seek to be lights in incredibly daunting situations.

Mayotte (Africa). Population: 345,996 Believers: 0.1%. Pray for the Muslim majority. Although there is religious freedom and direct, open-air evangelism is permitted, response has been very slow, and most converts have returned to Islam. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough. **Federated States of Micronesia (Pacific).**

Population: 116,300 Believers: 24.3%. Biblical Christianity faces challenges on three fronts. On one front are the traditional cultural elements such as the use of magic and of sakau. Another front is the pull of Western consumerism and the temptation to migrate to the USA. Finally, Mormon missionaries are highly active in Micronesia. Pray for a revelation of the power and love of Jesus to the peoples of Micronesia.

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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, England, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Pray for Boris and Marco as they lead ESI groups of Spanish speaking pastors in Virginia and South Florida. Pray for Jose leading ESI groups of Spanish speaking pastors in Los Angeles and for Jose Gutierrez as he works with pastors in Nicaragua who plan to start ESI groups. Also, pray for the three groups of African pastors meeting weekly in ESI groups in London, the three new groups meeting in Paris, and the ESI groups planning to start in Holland in July. Pray for the 3,000 ESI participants in 250 groups in 37 countries as these men and women study the Scriptures weekly and grow in their love for God. Pray that they will experience gospel transformation in their lives, relationships, and local churches.

Mexico (Latin America). Population: 129,388,467 Believers: 8.3%. Evangelicals numbered 800,000 in 1960. They now number over 14 million, and the movement still grows! The Catholic Church oppressed ministry work in the past, but the government now gives freedom at local, state, and national levels. Geographical distance and broken relationships divide many families, and many are first-generation believers who need help to grow in their commitment and faith. Pray for godly church leaders, and for more pastors willing to work among the poor in rural or slum areas.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Continue to pray for the opportunity our Parkside Church family will participate in next month when some of the Harrington's English class students and church youth from Japan will come to Cleveland for a homestay. Chris and Leanne are thankful for this opportunity for their Parkside family to join their church family in Japan and minister in this way. There will be 13 people coming, including the chaperones. They will stay with Parkside Church host families and tour the greater Cleveland area. Their church in Japan uses an annual trip to develop deeper relationships with students and to share the gospel with students and their families more directly. To prepare them to come and stay with host families, their Japanese pastor spends two months sharing what Christians believe with the students and their parents. It is an excellent opportunity for the gospel. Pray that the Lord would open the hearts of the trip participants.

Moldova (Europe) Population: 3,329,865 Believers: 3.7%. Evangelical Christians have multiplied greatly in spite of many challenges. Materially lacking, their spiritual vitality and determination yield much fruit. Pray that God might provide the church's material needs—employment, buildings, discipleship materials, training resources. Praise God that unity among denominations is increasing.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Fieldstone Counseling is thankful that God enabled them to reach their 2024 fundraising goals. Parkside's generosity and partnership in prayer makes a difference as their ministry seeks to provide lasting hope to those navigating life's challenges. They are truly thankful for Parkside's support. Please continue to pray for their counselors and counselees.

Monaco (Europe). Population: 36,157 Believers: 1.2%. Monaco is culturally Catholic, but the real culture is one of materialistic hedonism. It is very difficult to foster interest in spiritual things in such an environment. Pray that many would see the ultimate emptiness of such a lifestyle and seek the fullness of life Christ offers.

Montenegro (Europe). Population: 626,102 Believers: <0.1%. Evangelical congregations, while only a handful, have a vision for sharing the gospel; pray for continued church growth. Pray for steadfast witness in the face of opposition, for unity among denominations, and for fruitful ministry.

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

Pray that God will continue to give Edgar wisdom in assembling a Mexican board for the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for the two ESI groups that he is leading in Oaxaca and for a new group forming in Ensenada.

Pray for the Bible study he recently started with two families in the town of San Lucas. Pray that God would give Filemon conviction as he deals with family members who don't want him to study the Bible. Pray that God would open doors for their son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as they prepare to serve in a closed country. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he facilitates ESI groups in the state of Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. The issues with the foundation of the new church building have been resolved and the roof will be installed soon. Pray for strength for Neri as he continues treatment for lymphoma and for wisdom to work within his physical limitations. Pray for healing for Neri and for extra strength for Karina during this difficult time.

Mongolia (Asia). Population: 3,493,629 Believers: 1.2%. The growth of Christianity in modern Mongolia is truly an answer to prayer! Perhaps only four Mongolian believers existed in 1989, but by 2010 over 40,000 believers worshipped in hundreds of churches and groups around the country! Developing Mongolian church leaders is a strategic need and the key to strengthening the church. Good training is central to this—most churches, especially rural ones, desperately need biblically astute leaders and teachers. Pray for the right models of leadership and appropriate support structures to develop, from high-level academic study to informal training of laity.

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Truth For Life, United States

Truth For Life is celebrating thirty years of daily Bible teaching through radio! It was back on February 27, 1995, when the first daily program aired on 31 stations. Please join them in prayer as they thank God for his unwavering faithfulness over three decades. Praise God for leading the team year by year and using Truth For Life to bring his Word to a global audience larger than any of them could have imagined. Pray for their Customer Service Team as they work through staffing transitions. Also, please keep them in your prayers, and ask God to give them grace and patience as they aim to reflect the love of Christ while responding to callers.

Montserrat (Caribbean). Population: 4,372 Believers: 23.4%. The massive devastation caused by the volcanic eruptions in the late 1990s nearly destroyed Montserrat as a habitable island. It will never completely recover. Pray for a new start, with Christ placed at the center of island life rather than the nominal Christianity which largely prevailed in the past. **Nauru (Pacific).** Population: 12,884 Believers: 12.1%. Spiritual awareness grows as the economy shrinks. Materialism's decline is faith's gain. Church life is reawakening, and evangelical numbers are growing. Pray this will continue.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

As they continue language study, pray for their teachers. Pray that Bobby can have meaningful conversations with his Russian teacher concerning his preaching texts. Pray for this teacher's son-in-law, who has ALS that has grown more severe. Bobby sees him regularly. Also, pray for Miss G, their friend and language helper, and for her daughter. Pray that time spent with their ministry team will be productive for building the kingdom in Central Asia.

Morocco (Africa). Population: 37,840,044 Believers: <0.01%. Moroccans became aware of the indigenous church when the media broadcasted negative and inaccurate reports about a large number of converts to Christianity. There may be about 2,000 Moroccan Christians, with 20 to 30 small house fellowships. New believers feel pressure from family, police, or religious authorities. Pray that believers might grow amid such persecution, as with the early church, through faith, witness, mutual support, and encouragement.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as they spread the gospel locally and globally. Please pray that they continue to love and serve their neighbors in Lakewood. Pray for their members to boldly proclaim Christ in the daily mission fields into which the Lord has placed them. Pray for a church family abroad who is working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Pray for the safety of Ryan S. and his family as they minister to Serbian refugees. Continue to pray for the health and safety of Nathanael Wiles as he finishes up his time with Samaritan's Purse and seeks God's leading. Pray for International Friendships as they care for students living far from home this semester. Pray for Building Hope in the City and the work that they are doing with immigrants in the Cleveland area. Pray for the relationships that church members are forming with refugees. Also, pray for the Cleveland Pregnancy Center and the help they provide to moms in need.

Mozambique (Africa). Population: 34,858,402 Believers: 11.1%. Training church leadership is an urgent priority, probably the most strategic spiritual issue in the country. As many as 80% of pastors/church leaders have little or no formal training, with a large number, possibly even the majority, functionally illiterate. Funds and facilities for formal theological training are lacking. Pray that the effective formation of biblically literate, godly leaders would match the ever-increasing needs of the church.

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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

Japan

Uruguay

Africa/Latin America/United States

Central Asia

E & J

Chris & Leanne Harrington

Andrew & Angie James

Kep & Debbie James

Bobby & Julie

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

Peru/United States

Guatemala/United States

Mexico/United States

Mark & Patti Bean

Wes & Nancy Collins

Mike & Joan Ross

Financial Support of Nationals

Bolivia & Around the World

- Twenty Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.
- Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live biblically. ESI has had 3,350 graduates since 2002, and has 3,000 active participants in 250 groups, meeting in 37 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, England, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Parkside Church has assisted and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.

Mexico

- Two Mexican pastors, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Tapachula.

South Asia

- Twenty full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
- Twelve students are enrolled in a 9-month, full-time preaching training course, fully supported by Parkside Church.

South Africa

- Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African pastor working full time with students in the farm schools, local church, and university in Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

Financial Support to Mission Partners and Local Churches

Fieldstone Counseling

Parkside Church Westside

Hope for Glasgow

Parkside Green

Human Coalition Cleveland

Parkside Heights Church

The City Mission

Parkside Kent

The Edge Sports & Arts Academy

Scranton Road Bible Church

Truth For Life

Shoreline Church

Indigenous Church Planting Organization
in Arab & Muslim Countries

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

Emily (& Blake) Ackerson

Jon (& Ruthie)

Matt (& Laura) Pheneger

Goran (& Beth) Tomic

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2023: \$3,543,635

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

South Africa Trip

Vacation Bible Camp

Trip Dates: July 10-20, 2025

South Asia Trip

Teaching English as a Second Language

Trip Date: July 2025

Host Home Needed for Japanese Students

Dates: March 25-April 3, 2025

A team of 8-12 students in grades 5-8, connected with the church in Japan where Parkside missionaries Chris and Leanne Harrington serve, will be coming to Cleveland in March 2025. We are looking for families living close to Parkside who can host 2-3 people (youth and adult leaders) in their homes while they are here. If you cannot host but would like to help in other ways, please let us know.

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



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