



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

JULY

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

MATTHEW 9:37 (ESV)

Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

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

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. The prayer requests for different countries are excerpts from this book. You can pick up a copy at Books by the Park or visit their website, operationworld.org.



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*
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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



B & J*
M, O, P, P, G
**Names withheld for security purposes*



Mike & Joan Ross
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Latin America, United States

Since beginning Equipping Servants International (ESI) groups in English-speaking Africa, church leaders there have said that to see the best traction for the gospel, they need to get the African pastors living and working in London on board with what they are doing for influence, leadership, and funding. Pray for the ESI facilitator training conference in London that Kep and Debbie are leading for 70 African pastors, June 25-July 2. Please pray for gospel impact in the life of each participant.

Guatemala (Latin America). Population: 18,358,430 Believers: 24.4%. Praise God for the growth among evangelicals who now are almost 25% of the population, in 25,000 congregations! Churches that fail to disciple new believers may lose them in the next two decades. Pray that pastors and leaders will demonstrate Christ-like humility and rise above foolish divisions and greed.

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Church Planting Ministry in South Asia

Pray for the upcoming English as a Second Language course that began July 1. Pray for the Lord to give them faithful and deserving interns. Pray for the Lord's continual hand to lead and sustain the work of the organization in sharing the Word.

Guinea (Africa). Population: 14,528, 770 Believers: 0.7%. The Church declined around 15 years ago. Evangelism and church planting slowed down, and less-committed Christians left the faith. 43% of the population are under age 15. Pray for believers who will persevere and pray against the enemy who seeks to destroy young or weak Christians before they can grow.

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03

Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, United States

Continue to pray for the ministry of the gospel with the Mam in Guatemala. Pray for the Scriptures to be used more and more by the villagers, resulting in more and more people coming to faith. Pray that Byron and his wife would stay strong in their faith as he teaches literacy classes and broadcasts a radio program among the Mam. Praise God that Nancy's mitral valve repair is performing well. She was recently in the hospital for jaundice and is thankful that all the tests ruled out cancer, although they haven't been able to find a definitive reason for the jaundice. Pray that her liver enzymes and bilirubin will keep decreasing and return to normal.

Guinea-Bissau (Africa). Population: 2,197,149 Believers: 1.6%. Church leadership is solid, mature, and indigenous, with increasingly well-organized training programs for general discipleship and for pastoral training. But poorer and more remote rural congregations are much less appealing to workers and are therefore neglected. Pray for the vision of the evangelical Church to be fulfilled, and for trained, passionate national workers to go to the remote and unreached parts of Guinea-Bissau and to the entire region.

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04

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

Matt and Laura are grateful for the opportunity to invest in the lives of high school and college students throughout the year. This summer, over 200 young men and women will take part in the Ambassadors Football programs in NE Ohio, with many more involved around the world. Among them will be their two daughters. Claire traveled back to Lima, Peru, where they lived during her middle school years. Alyssa will be traveling to Pittsburgh to put on a camp for refugee kids as well as serve in the soccer camp for Parkside and Shoreline this summer. Pray that the Lord will continue to guide these young men and women as they grow in their faith.

Guyana (South America). Population 819,594 Believers: 19.8%. Ministry among young people is vital because family life, further education, employment, and the future in general are great challenges. Most evangelical denominations have work there among the youth. Praise God for many decisions to follow Jesus; pray for effective discipleship. **Iceland (Europe).** Population: 375,318 Believers: 3.8%. The majority of Icelanders are Christian, but only nominally so. Biblical Christianity and a lifestyle of following Christ are alien concepts to most. Some of the more isolated areas are spiritual wastelands, with almost no active Christianity at all. Ask the Lord to break into Icelandic society and orchestrate a revival that touches every person and aspect of life.

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Pray that Mark and the Pano Quechua team finish up all the back and forth on the books of Deuteronomy, Numbers, and Ruth this month in anticipation of Mark's trip down to Peru in August. As he notes places that are unclear or misleading, they return with a correction that may or may not need further tweaking. Pray for their daughter, Emily, who is in great pain in a hospital with a broken back. They praise God for the local church who is doing so much to help care for the family (two preschoolers and a baby). Pray that they will trust God—being still before him and waiting patiently for him to act.

Haiti (Caribbean). Population: 11,867,030 Believers: 16.0%. Pray for the current hunger crisis. Haiti needs godly leaders who will prioritize the good of the nation and address its massive problems. Two centuries of misrule, tyranny, and recent flawed democratic attempts have brought hopelessness and despair. Corruption is rampant, and robberies and kidnappings are commonplace. Pray that men and women may be raised up who will reverse these trends and establish justice, righteousness, and long-term stability.

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E & J, North Africa

Please pray for their teammates as they move their family to a city in the "C" region. This is an answer to many years of prayer. E & J hope to follow them there soon. Last month, E & J finished up a Facebook campaign inviting people in their neighborhoods in North Africa to consider and talk with them about how our unclean hearts can be made pure. Pray that our Father would use these interactions to draw many to faith in the one who purifies us. E & J's two older children enjoyed attending Parkside's Vacation Bible Camp in June, despite not knowing anyone. Please pray that God would use what they learned to save and sanctify them.

Honduras (Latin America). Population: 10,759,406 Believers: 23.0%. Missions vision has grown significantly in the past decade. There are now several mission agencies that train and send cross-cultural workers. Pray for the whole Honduran Church to gain a greater vision for outreach and mission. Foreign mission agencies can still play a key role in training and development, specialized ministries, and in holistic projects, for which there are many openings. Pray for humble sensitivity and for a legacy of raising up and empowering Honduran leadership and initiatives.

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Parkside Students Mission Trip, United States

A group of Parkside middle school and high school students, along with their adult leaders, are joining an organization called World Changers this week for a mission trip in Cleveland. Please pray for the team as they participate in various work projects throughout the city and seek to share the gospel with the people they are helping.

Hungary (Europe). Population: 9,994,993 Believers: 2.8%. Hungarians have lost contact with the gospel, despite enjoying a rich theological history. They seek answers in many places: materialism, hedonism, alcohol, and increasingly, false religion. Postmodern mentalities predominate. Pray for all falsehoods and empty philosophies to be exposed as such and for Christ to be exalted as the truth in this historically Christian nation. Pray that Hungarians might see the truth of the gospel and the freedom it brings through Jesus.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Chris and Leanne feel blessed as they have connected with family, friends, and the Parkside family over the past month since returning to the U.S. In Japan, schools will begin their five-week summer vacation break at the end of this month. Please pray for their team as they plan and prepare for summer ministries and camps. Pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of those who attend to hear and accept the gospel. Some of the kids have been attending the children's ministry for years. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give them courage to ask the deepest felt questions of their souls. Pray that the Holy Spirit moves in mighty ways.

India (Asia). Population: 1,441,719,852 Believers: 2.2%. India has more unreached individuals than any other nation. Christians in India are unequally spread—the south and northeast have a much higher proportion of Christians than the more populated north and west. Thirteen states in North India are less than 1% Christian. Pray that the Church worldwide might rise to this task. Training Christian workers is an important need that is immediately urgent and essential in the long-term. The life and health of the Church depend on the proper development of pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

Parkside Heights Church is meeting for services at the Cleveland Institute of Music throughout the summer. They are thankful for this unique opportunity and pray that God would continue to open doors to share the gospel. This month, they are planning an outdoor service and potluck. Pray that this will be a time of fellowship for their church family and provide an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to share in the love of Jesus. Pray that the church core group will build and strengthen their relationships with one another and with the Lord.

The Islands of Indonesia (Asia). Population: 279,798,049 Believers: 5.6%. A spiritual conflict rages for Indonesia. Ancient and strong occult powers seek to oppose the influence of the gospel, while modern Muslim stratagems seek to eliminate Christianity and remove the presence of the good news. Pray specifically for the binding of these powers and for continued growth of the Church in the midst of intense opposition and growing persecution.

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Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/ Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand

Pray for the Ackerson family. In June, Emily fractured one of her vertebrae mysteriously after a sneeze. They are unsure of the cause. Please pray for Emily and the long recovery time she is facing. They are grateful for the help they are receiving from their church, but it is a challenging time for the entire family. Pray that they can renew their visas for another two years. Pray for their team as they prepare to welcome new international students in August.

Iran (Asia). Population: 89,809,781 Believers: 0.2%. Widespread protests in 2022 demonstrated that the younger generation is fed up with the legacy of oppression, bloodshed, cruel 'justice', corruption, economic hardship, and cultural isolation from most of the world. Despite external religiosity, drug addiction, and prostitution is widespread. Iran is an ancient, noble, and proud civilization. But in the modern era, these struggles have made many people very open to the gospel. Pray that Iranians' desires for greatness, prosperity, freedom, and even for righteousness might ultimately be met through worship of Jesus.

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Johannes (& Grace) Thaele, South Africa

Pray for Johannes as he organizes the activities for the Parkside high school mission team coming to serve in mid-July. Praise the Lord for the students from Lesotho and South Africa who have completed the first term of ESI training. Please pray that they will continue to be faithful, staying rooted in the Word of God, and used of God in their various cities. The aim is to expand to other cities, teaching leaders using the ESI program. Pray for wisdom from God to start new classes.

Iraq (Asia). Population: 46,523,657 Believers: 0.2%. The emergence of Iraqi Arab evangelicals in recent years (now over 50,000) is an answer to prayer! Many of them come from Muslim and even extremist backgrounds, but they encountered Christ through evangelical witness, gospel radio, and especially through dreams and visions of Jesus. Pray for leaders for the churches. Many fled the country and others died, often targeted by Islamists. Many times, the Christian widows of these leaders continue with the pastoral and discipleship work.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Recent changes in family life with new baby Gilbert and transitioning back to their country of ministry, with all its unique challenges, gives us much to intercede for on their behalf, and for the Kingdom. Bobby and Julie are thankful for our prayers and God's power, which has been keeping them. Pray that they will laugh and rejoice together as they comfort and encourage one another. Pray for the following needs—purchase of family vehicles, purchase of a building to meet the various aspects of their ministry, language study for their children, Julie's CrossFit business, Gilbert's health, and for Serenity, Katie, and Hannah, their summer college interns.

Ireland (Europe). Population: 5,089,478, Believers: 1.5%. Evangelicals are experiencing sustained growth. The immigration surge contributed to this, with around one-third of evangelicals coming from non-Irish ethnicities. Pray for unity amid the new diversity, continued growth, good Bible-trained leadership to be raised up, and for the further development of holistic ministry by evangelicals.

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The City Mission, United States

With the goal of touching hearts and changing lives, The City Mission continues to offer help and hope to the hurting and homeless in the city of Cleveland. Pray that women at Laura's Home will cross the bridge from crisis to stability through the power of the cross, and that the children in the Pathways program will experience love from the staff and volunteers. For men in crisis, Crossroads is a place of rest, refocusing, and restoration. Pray for the many men who have been restored and have moved on, and for those who are currently living at Crossroads. Pray for the leadership and staff as they serve God and their clients with personal integrity.

Israel (Asia). Population: 9,311,652, Believers: 0.4%. Interest in the gospel increased within Israel, especially among Jews, and especially the last few years. At least 12,000 Jews recognize Jesus as their Messiah just within Israel. Messianic Jews are now an undeniable part of Israeli society, but growth also brings persecution. Pray for boldness in witness, and perseverance in faith despite the opposition.

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Parkside Students Mission Trip, South Africa

A group of six high school juniors and seniors, along with five adult leaders, will be heading to Bloemfontein, South Africa, July 18-29.

While there, they will be serving alongside Johannes Thaele, his family, and the members of their church. The team will be sharing the gospel in local schools, helping with some repairs and updates on the church, and participating in outreach events for the community. Please pray for the team's safety and that the gospel will be spread in South Africa!

Italy (Europe). Population: 58,697,744, Believers: 1.1%. The challenge of Christian leadership in Italy remains urgent, since lack of mature, qualified, and gifted lay leaders persists. Academic and pastoral training are needed, but finance, time, and lack of vision limit opportunities. Pray that the various means of training would bolster pastoral leadership across the nation and, in turn, uplift and disciple the whole Church to entirely new levels of maturity.

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Parkside Green, United States

Please ask the Lord to accomplish his purposes through their congregation as they put into practice Pastor Adam's recent messages on the basics of evangelism, and in July, on the basics of discipleship.

Praise God for his work through their youth mission trip to Mexico last month and their ongoing summer camps. Please continue to ask the Lord to bear lasting fruit through the missionaries they support in Dubai, UAE, and Arua, Uganda. Pray also for the family of Bryan and Erin Joseph, who are completing their fundraising and preparing for full-time missions in Mexico.

Jamaica (Caribbean). Population: 2,824,738, Believers: 28.0%. Jamaica has a wonderful Christian heritage, with a rich history of sending missionaries. It has the most evangelicals and the best-resourced churches in the Caribbean. The Bible Society (Kingston) provides Bibles to most mini-states of the region with a special vision for young people. Pray that the 15 Bible schools and seminaries, and the Keswick teaching conferences may be strongholds of biblical theology, godly lifestyle, and mission sending for the Caribbean.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the MAF work in Mexico and how to use the tools that God has provided to reach the lost. Pray that Mike and Joan's extended family would love the Lord with all their hearts.

Praise God for the love shown to the community of San Miguel through the Parkside dental team. Pray that the gospel seeds sown there will bear much fruit. Pray for Gregorio as he starts flying with Amos in Mexico in his final phase of training before flying on his own. Pray that God will open the door for Juan and Amy to serve in a closed country. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much fruit for the Kingdom.

Japan (Asia). Population: 122,631,432 Believers: 0.5%. Spiritual powers and principalities in Japan hinder the gospel. The powers associated with idolatry in temples and ancestor worship in homes remain strong. Many Japanese claim no religion, but actually follow some rituals of Buddhism and Shintoism. Even the idea of a Creator God is foreign to the Japanese worldview. Many new religions get started in Japan each year, often based on Buddhism, but also on the occult, the worship of extra-terrestrial aliens, and other strange ideas. Ask God to remove the spirit of delusion!

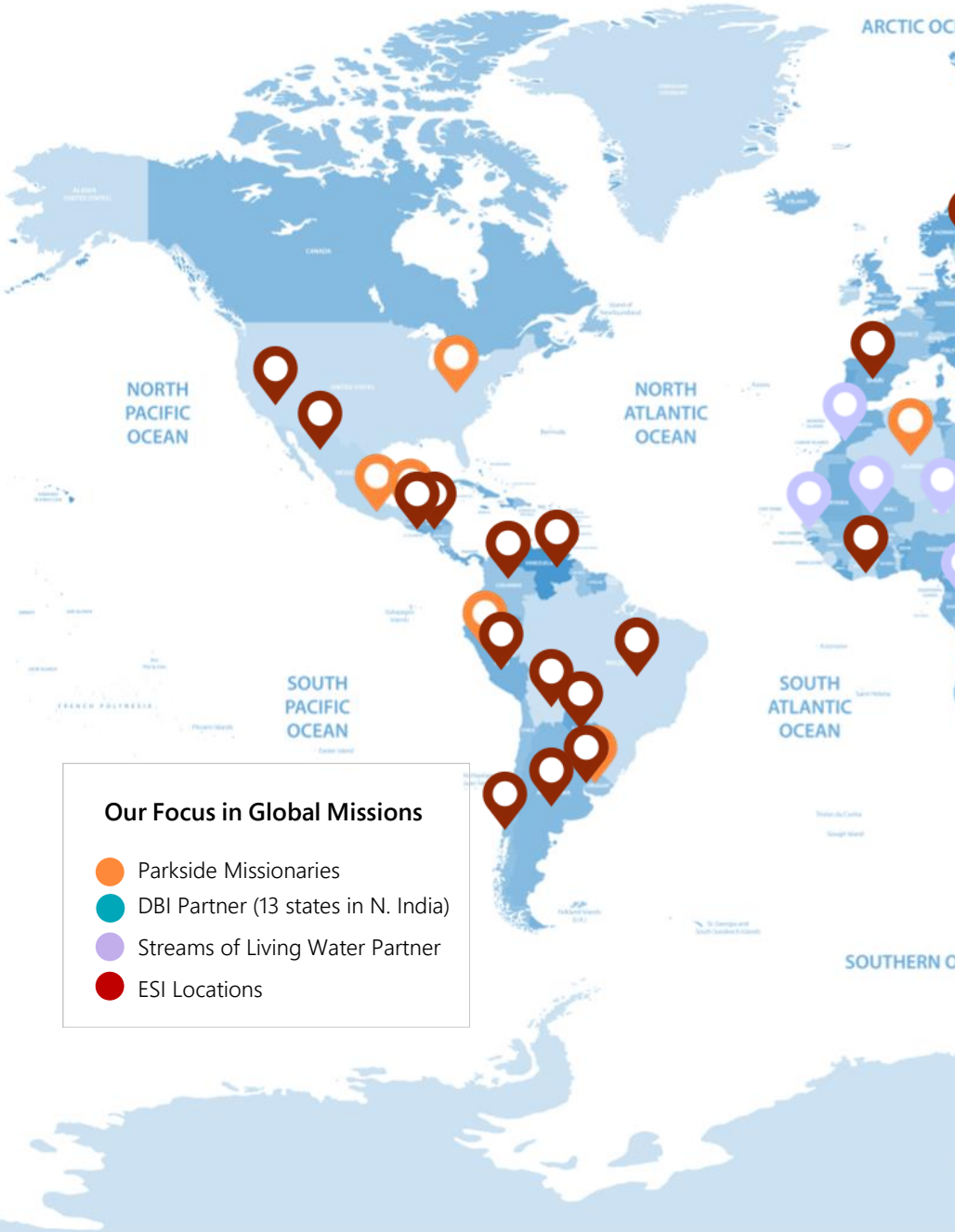
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Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Goran (& Beth) Tomic, Ambassadors Football, United States

In May, Goran visited Serbia, where he spent time with ministry partners and preached at First Baptist Church in Belgrade. He also went to Croatia and was encouraged to see how the Lord is using pastors and church leaders in that soccer-strong country to share the gospel. Pastors from Zagreb, Osijek, Cakovec, Zadar, Varazdin and other Croatian cities came together to organize summer camps for children and some adult ministry projects. Pray for summer ministry throughout Europe. Plans include a men's soccer team tour from Ireland to Senegal, a ladies team tour from Holland to Slovenia and Italy, and dozens of camps taking place in the UK, N. Ireland, Holland, Spain, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, and Czechia.

Jordan (Asia). Population: 11,384,922 Believers: 0.3%. Religious freedom could be a casualty amid rising religious tensions. This nation is a center for many Christian activities and ministries, and much Christian work in the Middle East would suffer were a setback to occur in Jordan. Pray for the peace of this land, and for the King and government. Pray for the freedom to proclaim the gospel and for followers of Jesus to be able to remain in Jordan.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth







AN UPDATE FROM MIKE & JOAN ROSS MISSIONARIES SERVING IN MEXICO AND THE U.S.

Dear Parkside Family,

When we think of you, we are reminded of Paul's letter to the Philippians where he says, "I thank God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." We really appreciate your partnership with us in making the gospel known in Latin America. You have faithfully walked alongside us through your gifts, prayers, and many visits to work with us. It is difficult for us to adequately express how much your partnership has meant to us through the good times and through the challenges that have come our way as a family.



Our Mexican team is serving some of the most needy people in the State of Oaxaca. The Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) flights open the door for the gospel in many isolated communities and provide the opportunity to encourage believers facing open opposition to their faith. Mike makes several trips a year to Mexico to help with flights and maintenance. We work with a foundation that generously helps with the cost of moving critically ill patients to better equipped hospitals in the City of Oaxaca.

One of the special opportunities we have is to partner with indigenous pastors like Pedro, Roberto, Gavino, Ciprio and Gaudencio. They speak the heart

language of the people and share the gospel in culturally appropriate ways. These pastors identify communities where the Parkside Dental Teams will work. The Parkside Teams have been instrumental in connecting with families in places otherwise closed to the gospel. Demonstrating God's love by meeting the physical needs of the people has eternal impact. We are often asked why these teams come to serve. This allows us to share the Good News.



Mike has the privilege of partnering with our national pastors, Edgar and Neri, to coordinate their work with Equipping Servants International (ESI) groups in Mexico. Edgar is leading ESI groups in the State of Oaxaca, and Neri is leading ESI groups in the State of Tapachula, training Christian leaders to study the Bible and live biblically.

One of the dreams God gave us in our ministry is to train and equip nations to do the work of the gospel. We are very blessed to see nationals running the MAF work in Mexico. Edgar Rivera is revamping our local Board of Directors and Edgar Quero is our Country Director. Amos is flying and overseeing our maintenance. Gregorio has finished all his formal training as a pilot. Manuel recently earned his Aircraft Mechanic License and will be helping with our maintenance. Juan Carlos and Bryan are in training. Please pray for all these committed Christians doing God's work in Mexico.

Thank you again for your partnership in the gospel which makes all this possible.

Love in Christ,
Mike & Joan



PHOTOS Page 1: Top: *Neri in Tapachula*; **Bottom:** *Amos with a patient.*

Page 2: Top Left: *Gus & Joan Komar*; **Top Middle:** *Manuel & family*; **Top Right:** *Gregorio.*
Bottom: *Mike & Joan Ross.*

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Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Latin America, United States

Pray for the Bible students Kep and Debbie trained in Senegal and Mali as they head out in July to start planting churches in small teams in very difficult villages, where they face great resistance to the gospel. Pray for the 10 ESI groups that have started recently in South Africa and in Brazil—that the Lord will help pastors and church leaders grow in gospel transformation.

Kazakhstan (Asia). Population: 19,828,165 Believers: 0.7%. “To be a Kazakh is to be Muslim”—but theirs is a folk Islam strongly influenced by shamanistic practices. Other Muslim countries (Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan) invest huge amounts of money to send Muslim missionaries. They successfully convert even some ethnic Russians to Islam. After the Soviet Union broke up, the number of mosques grew from 46 (1989) to 2,300 (2020)! The government works to keep Islam moderate, and Kazakhstan is the only Central Asian state where Islam is not accorded special status. Pray for freedom from historic spiritual bondages.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Please pray for their growing team as they add counselors and administrative support to their organization. Pray for wisdom and encouragement for all their team as they offer Christ-centered care to those who are struggling. Continue to pray for the ReStoried support group that serves women who have experienced abuse. Pray that this group would be a safe and meaningful space to honor their stories and unpack the truth about who they are, who God is, and how God transforms suffering and sorrows.

Kenya (Africa). Population: 56,203,303 Believers: 48.9%. Long-term and rapid growth in churches has brought significant challenges for prayer. The need for trained leaders for the more than 80,000 congregations gives cause for concern. Pray for grassroots training programs that aim to ground leaders in the Word and to help them lead and plant truly biblical, truly African churches.

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

Pray that God would give Edgar wisdom in assembling a Mexican Board for the MAF work in Mexico. Pray for the three ESI groups that he is leading in Oaxaca and for the Bible study he recently started with two families in the town of San Lucas, which has been traditionally closed to the gospel. Pray that God would provide open doors for their son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as they prepare for missions in a closed country. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he leads ESI groups in Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. Doctors are cautiously optimistic about Neri’s prognosis after his chemotherapy treatment. Pray that his low blood platelet count would increase. Pray that Neri has wisdom to work within his own physical limitations. Pray for healing and for Karina and the family during this difficult time.

Kiribati (Pacific). Population: 135,763 Believers: 7.2%. The once-strong Congregational Church (Kiribati Protestant) is in slow decline and losing members to other groups. The theological college in Tarawa is not evangelical. Pray for a return to the Bible. Nominalism and syncretism with traditional spiritism practices are all too common. **Liechtenstein (Europe).** Population: 39,822 Believers: 0.5%. Liechtenstein has changed from a feudal backwater in the 1930s into a sophisticated and affluent modern state. Expatriates represent several Christian confessions, but non-religion and Islam are growing rapidly. Few in this country have ever been confronted with the necessity of a personal faith in Christ. Pray encounters with the gospel might likewise multiply.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie are thankful that their family is doing well. Please pray that their three children will continue to grow in their love for the Lord and will grow up to serve him with their whole hearts. They continue to work on the construction/repair of the new church building. Pray for wisdom and unity as they continue to move along in this process. Pray that God will continue to bless their evangelistic efforts in the new neighborhood where the church is being established, and especially for an evangelistic outreach they will carry out on July 27.

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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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Pray that as they host an Ambassador Soccer Camp the third week of July, the gospel will be clearly communicated to all the kids, and that the Lord will open their hearts and minds to understand. Pray for protection for the men and women in their community who are sleeping on the streets, especially in the heat of the summer. Continue to pray for the Lord to raise up men and women to use their gifts to build up their church body. Pray for their staff as they take vacation at various times through the summer—that they will find rest and relaxation in the Lord and have renewed energy for the rest of the year.

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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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Amy Cottle, OMF, Thailand**

Pray that Ohm and BM in Thailand will grow in their faith. As Wit and Muey lead cell groups in the community, pray they will have wisdom and the right words. Pray that the children at Sunday School will come to saving faith one day. Join Amy in praising the Lord for the good goodbyes and the seeds that were planted over her last ten years of ministry into the hearts of those who don't know Jesus.

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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Shoreline Church, United States

Praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to share the gospel during the kids' mini camps this year. Pray for the Ambassadors Soccer Camp that Shoreline is hosting July 23-27 in Painesville. Pray that it will be an opportunity to further relationships with the local community, and to share the gospel. Pray also for the Matt Papa concert on September 6, at Shoreline. Praise the Lord that Brian and Maria Walls and their youngest daughter were able to teach English for Youth For Christ Italy as a part of their summer camp. They also met with YFC Croatia. Please pray that the Lord would use the spiritual seeds planted in the hearts of youth at the camp to grow them into lifelong followers of Jesus and leaders for the Kingdom!

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

Pray for the 2,850 ESI participants, in 250 groups, in 30 countries, with 3,200 total graduates since beginning in 2002. Pray that these men and women will grow in their love for God as they study the Scriptures and that they will experience gospel transformation in their lives, relationships, and local churches.

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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Truth For Life, United States

They are thankful for the many ways they can reach a global audience with the gospel. Pray for God to open the door to more international radio opportunities. Please pray for the teaching of Truth For Life to reach a growing audience, both in the United States and abroad, and in particular, that God will guide the team at Truth For Life to new opportunities. Pray for the Customer Service team and the Communications team as they continue to work shorthanded. Ask God to fill these key positions with qualified candidates.

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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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

Their missionary school in Rwanda is forming their second group of students for training. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they determine which students to retain, and which ones are not sincerely called to this ministry. Pray for decisiveness and boldness as the leaders make these calls. Pray for their workers in South Sudan as they work among the refugees fleeing the war in Sudan. These people are vulnerable and ready for the gospel. Pray for wisdom and perseverance.

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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Human Coalition (Health for Her Cleveland), United States

The clients they serve face many challenges in addition to an unplanned pregnancy—housing, finances, employment, and other material needs. Pray that these women, who are filled with feelings of hopelessness, and who see abortion as their only option, will encounter the true and living God and that their needs would be met through his people. Pray for stamina, strength, and faith for their staff as they continue the work to which the Lord has called them.

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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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Pray for the Church in China as believers there continue to be monitored and feel distressed. Since returning to their country of service, Bobby has connected with local brothers in prayer to read Colossians. Please pray for these young men, their wives, and their families, whom God has been raising up to serve and lead the church and share Jesus. Pray for Madyar, Chenghis, Sasha, and Yessin. Pray for opportunities to love and encourage the college students they have invited to their home after church on Sundays. Pray for other ways to gather with, support, and love their church family.

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.”



Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as they spread the gospel locally and globally. Pray that they continue to love and serve their neighbors in Lakewood. Pray for them as they seek to care for those students living far from home who attend CSU and Case. Pray for a church family abroad who is working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Continue to pray for the health and safety of Nathanael Wiles and the work he is doing at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya.

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.



Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

A new family, the Tams, have moved from Tokyo to join their team at the Shiogama Bible Baptist Church. Pray that their transition to this new area and church goes smoothly as the Lord opens doors for relationships with those in the community. Pray that the Lord would work in the lives and hearts of their new neighbors in preparation for his light to move into their community.

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. Pray that God will bring massive social change through his people!

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Missions: More than Money

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

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

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

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

Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

North Africa	E & J
Japan	Chris & Leanne Harrington
Uruguay	Andrew & Angie James
Africa/Latin America/United States	Kep & Debbie James
Central Asia	Bobby & Julie

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

Financial Support of Nationals

- Bolivia & Around the World**
- 20 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 3,200 graduates since 2002, and has 2,850 active participants, in 250 groups, meeting in 30 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Parkside Church has, and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.
- Mexico**
- 2 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**
- 20 full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.
 - 12 students are enrolled in a 9-month, full-time preaching training course, fully supported by Parkside Church.
- South Africa**
- Johannes (& Grace) Thaele, a South African pastor working fulltime 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	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	Amy Cottle
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 Asia

Medical/Dental Outreach

Trip Dates: March 6-16, 2025

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