



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

SEPTEMBER

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

Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



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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**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



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

On September 1-2, Kep and Debbie will be training church planting leaders with our ministry partners in Cairo, Egypt, followed by an ESI training with Elias in Lisbon, Portugal, on September 4-7. Elias will then join Pastor Marcel in Paris, France, to train ESI facilitators on September 20-21. Pray for God's purposes to be fulfilled in the lives of all involved.

Panama (Latin America). Population: 4,527,961 Believers: 19.3%. Proximity to Colombia and the prevalence of offshore finance in Panama mean that drug cartels and other undesirables have a strong presence. Much of Panama's economy is in service to either these offshore banks or is used to launder money. Pray for a government that will root out corruption, oppose wickedness, and uphold righteousness.

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E & J, North Africa

E & J are thankful for our prayers for their travel back to North Africa. They made it safe, as did all their luggage, and are adjusting to a new time zone and surroundings. As they reconnect with friends and neighbors, please pray that God would give them favor. Pray that those around them would welcome relationships with them and that they would seriously consider the truth as they talk with them.

Papua New Guinea (Pacific). Population: 10,515,788 Believers: 25.7%. Translation and literacy programs and appropriate Christian literature are fundamental for acculturating the gospel. PNG has over 800 languages, and the majority still do not have a single verse of Scripture. About 210 languages have a NT, but only 12 or so have a complete Bible. Translation teams are needed for 160 languages and possibly for a further 250. Pray for translators, for means of making the arduous task faster and more accurate, and for indigenous translators/language assistants.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

Parkside Heights has returned to John Hay High School for Sunday services. Thank God for providing the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM) for them to use for services during the summer months and for continuing to provide for them at John Hay. There will be a cookout after church on September 8 to welcome college students. Continue to pray for wisdom as they minister to students from Case, CIM, CIA, and John Carroll. As their community groups and youth group start back up, pray both for those returning and for those attending for the first time.

Paraguay (Latin America). Population: 6,947,270 Believers: 6.1%. Thank the Lord for evangelical church growth. Pray for Christian unity and collaboration among many different evangelical denominations. Pray that local churches will embrace the challenge of the unreached and needy within Paraguay and beyond. Workers planted churches among many of the 21 indigenous Amerindian groups. Pray for the gospel to root and grow in these and the remaining minority groups.

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04

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

Pray for the training of 30 coaches/leaders from 10 Anglican church primary schools in Rwanda the first week of September. Pray for God's guidance as Ambassadors explores the possibility of partnering with Kep and Deb James (ESI) in Nepal to train pastors. Pray for Ambassadors clubs around the globe and for their club here in NE Ohio, with its 22 teams and more than 530 players. They are initiating a new Bible time curriculum and have a number of new coaches and staff coming on board to minister to the players. Pray for their leadership as they work to install the infrastructure to serve the players, families, and coaches well.

Peru (Latin America). Population: 34,683,444 Believers: 11.6%. The Quechua and Aymara peoples, descendants of the Incas, are emerging from centuries of oppression, cultural deprivation, grinding poverty, and isolation. The Quechua Church is flourishing as Christianity at last becomes indigenized in Scriptures, structures, worship, and music. Whole villages are turning to Christ. Pray for: a) Millions of mountain Quechua and Aymara still bound by superstitions of pagan and "Christian" origin; b) Bible translation has been a major factor in the Quechuan renaissance and church growth. Pray for the translation teams at work and for widespread use of these new resources; c) The full reconciliation between Quechua and Spanish speakers at the foot of the cross, and the full integration of all ethnic groups into national Christian life.

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05

Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Chris and Leanne count it a blessing to be back in northeast Ohio and to see and reconnect with their Parkside Church family. Join them in thanking and praising the Lord for the opportunity to gather with brothers and sisters in Christ at Parkside, open God's Word, and worship. Please continue to pray for their kids as they settle into new surroundings in school and in the community.

Philippines (Asia). Population: 119,106,224 Believers: 12.3%. Metro Manila is a mega-city of 13 million people, with the Greater Manila area up to 26 million. It faces enormous challenges, but God is greatly at work here. Many are open to the gospel, but most evangelical churches are in wealthier areas. Nearly 50% of slums and squatter communities have no evangelical church. At the same time, Manila is home to the country's wealthy elite. Pray that the gospel will impact them also, as they hold much power and the potential to transform Manila and the whole nation.

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The City Mission, United States

Pray for the 13th Annual Running with a Mission event on September 7. Pray that they will meet their goal of raising \$150,000 to help men, women, and children in crisis through the transforming power of

God's love. They are excited that a New Horizons mother now has the title to her own home. Also, thanks to generous donations from so many, children in grades K-12 received backpacks and the school supplies they needed at the Back to School Bash. Pray for a successful school year for the children they serve at Laura's Home. Pray for volunteers to help with evening childcare by playing games and bringing joy to young residents while their mothers attend chapel and classes.

Poland (Europe). Population: 40,221,726 Believers: 0.3%. Praise God for the stability, progress, and freedom that allows believers to preach the good news! Many Poles dreamed of new wealth after independence from Communist rule. Sadly, unemployment and poverty still affect many, especially in rural areas. Even those who found riches did not find true satisfaction. Pray the people might search first for God, above all other pursuits.

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

This week, Patti hopes to catch a flight to Australia to help their daughter Emily's family. Emily continues to recover from multiple fractures of her spine. In addition to praying for Emily's continued recovery, pray for Patti to have extra energy, strength, patience, and love as she cares for two preschoolers, a baby, the home, and meals. The third week of September, Mark's regular checking work will be set aside as he participates in an online training for new translation consultants from Latin American countries. Pray for the training.

Portugal (Europe). Population: 10,223,349 Believers: 3.0%. Pray for church planting efforts in Portugal. Many more churches are needed. The EA targeted a goal of 4,000 evangelical churches by 2015. Instead, evangelical congregations actually decreased from 1,630 to 964, despite nearly 300 new church plants. 82% of new church plants have congregations with fewer than 25% Portuguese participating. Pray for continued church growth, for affordable and appropriate meeting places, and for leaders for these future churches.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

Pray for direction for their team with the business and for unity as their team grows. Please pray for Bobby and Julie as they get into new rhythms this fall. Pray for wisdom in their family schedule that includes a baby, language learning, and older kids' activities. Pray for their youngest daughter, who will attend a new local kindergarten this month.

Puerto Rico (Caribbean). Population: 3,268,802 Believers: 25.2%.

Evangelical churches grew from 0.1% in 1900 to over 25% today! Pray for effective training and support of new mission ventures. Media ministries use TV, local radio, and internet sites to offer practical answers to life and faith questions. IFES (International Federation of Evangelical Students) and indigenous student movements reach most campus students. Pray for ministries to continue shaping future leaders, and for discipleship movements to transform the lives of believers.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Pray for all the families as kids return to school. Pray for all the teachers and other workers in the school system from their congregation who are returning to work. Pray for the children who will move up to new classrooms for Sunday school and for those moving up into youth group. Matt Montonini will kick off his Sunday morning men and women's adult class on the book of Job. Pray for him and those he will be teaching. Continue to pray for the Bible studies and community teams that meet regularly in the church and in the community.

Qatar (Asia). Population: 2,737,061 Believers: 1.0%. Almost every Qatari follows Islam, whether they are from Arab, Persian, or Bantu (former slave) backgrounds. Pray that Qataris at home and abroad would hear about Jesus, and for the birth of a Qatari Church. Expatriate workers come from many nations. Pray for Christians to take employment opportunities (from manual labor to executive positions) to increase the presence of God's Kingdom in Qatar.

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Johannes (& Grace) Thaele, South Africa

Pray for the women's retreat they are holding in September. Women in their community will be challenged to be ambassadors for God in their homes, shepherding their children according to God's Word. Pray that the Holy Spirit will search and draw the hearts of these women to come to repentance and accept the gospel message, resulting in changed lives for them and for their families. Please also pray for their Equipping Servants International (ESI) classes in Lesotho and South Africa, that students will continue to have interest in learning the Word of God.

Romania (Europe). Population: 19,618,996 Believers: 5.4%. Romanians as a mission force are a new and quickly expanding dynamic. At least ten indigenous sending agencies have emerged since 2000, and training programs are multiplying. Romanians can easily access fields that Westerners cannot, and agencies are interested in Romanians serving with them. Limiting factors are the lack of financial support/sponsorship and the lagging missions vision in many churches. Pray for the removal of every barrier to the full flowering of an indigenous missions movement.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, United States

Continue to pray for their friend Byron and others involved in the ministry in Comitancillo, Guatemala. Pray for love for the gospel to explode in that area, and then for that love to spread to the lost. Wes and Nancy are grateful to be back in their home and resuming normal chores. Pray they will find help to improve Wes's memory and other Parkinson's symptoms. Pray for increased energy and strength for Nancy as she continues to recover from heart surgery.

Russia (Europe). Population: 143,957,079 Believers: 1.2%. Russia's increasing predations in other former Soviet states fully manifested in the 2022 invasion of Ukraine. The hundreds of thousands of young lives spent and the hundreds of thousands of others that have fled the country exacerbate an already grim demographic future for Russia. When you add to this the countless billions spent and the tattered global reputation, recovery may take generations—if it comes at all. For the sake of Russia, its neighbors, and the world, pray for peace, transparency, and truth to prevail in a nation where all three have been in short supply.

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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 Mission Aviation Fellowship (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 closed to the gospel. 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. Pray for wisdom for Neri's future treatment for his leukemia (he is dealing with low blood platelets, chemotherapy, and possible surgery). Pray that Neri has wisdom to work within his limitations. Pray for healing and for Karina and the family during this difficult time.

Rwanda (Africa). Population: 14,414,910 Believers: 26.9%. Rwanda made great progress since the tragic events of 1994, when Hutu extremists seized power and began the genocide of the Tutsi minority and Hutu moderates. 800,000 perished in 100 days. Over 1 million fled, and more violence followed. Political stability since 2000 allows Rwandans a chance to rebuild. Rwanda's economy is now one of the fastest growing in Africa. The government banned ethnic identification. People are called Rwandans, and only Rwandans. Give praise for the people's commitment to reconcile and build peace. Praise God that churches help lead this movement.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Praise the Lord with them for seven years in ministry. They currently have openings for counseling. Pray that those in need would be served by connecting with them through counseling or other training and equipping opportunities. Please continue to pray for their counseling team as they offer Christ-centered care to those who are struggling, and pray for encouragement and growth, empowered by the Holy Spirit, for their counselees.

Samoa (Pacific). Population: 228,966 Believers: 18.0%. Samoans have been Christian for over a century, and every village has at least one church. But the traditional class structure and pre-Christian cultural standards were not necessarily transformed by the gospel. Pride and politics influence church life too much, and the financial demands on a poorer population are heavy. **San Marino (Europe).** Population: 33,614 Believers: <0.1%. The Sammarinese are Catholic by tradition and culture, but few practice their faith. San Marino calls itself the "Ancient Land of Liberty," and people have freedom to worship. But evangelism hardly exists. Past outreach by evangelicals resulted in jail or expulsion from the country, so no churches or ministries currently evangelize here. Pray for a new season of true spiritual liberty.

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

Pray that international students who are investigating Jesus across two campuses in Sydney would turn to him for salvation. Pray for believing students to have the desire to share the gospel with their friends this semester and to then help lead other international students spiritually. Pray for Emily as her fractured vertebrae continues to heal. They are especially grateful for her parents, who are coming to visit this month to provide support for the family. Join Amy in continuing to pray that the Lord will draw students to himself. Pray for Jo to grow in her faith and to find someone to study the Bible with her. Pray for Pack, who is working in Bangkok, to see his need to find a church and be in fellowship with other believers. Pray for all students like these to find a loving community to grow in Christ.

São Tomé & Príncipe (Africa). Population: 236,381 Believers: 4.2%. Evangelicals are free to minister and do see significant growth. Pray for the development of locally led, culturally relevant congregations with effectively trained Christian leaders. Pray also for local support of national workers and for the launching of an interdenominational training center. **Seychelles (Africa).** Population: 236,381 Believers: 5.9%. The vast majority of Seychellois claim to be Christian, but evidence of true spiritual transformation seems outweighed by superstition and nominalism. Pray that the Holy Spirit may bring new life evidenced by repentance and sustained fruit.

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Parkside Church Westside as they spread the gospel locally and globally. Pray that they will continue to love and serve their Lakewood neighbors. Pray for their members to boldly proclaim Christ in the daily mission fields into which the Lord has placed them. As they kick off the fall season for their community groups, pray for lives to be impacted as they study the book of Romans. Continue to pray for a church family abroad who is working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Pray for the health and safety of Nathanael Wiles and the work he is doing at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. Pray for International Friendships ministry as they seek to care for students living far from home this semester. Pray for their friends at Garden Christian Academy as they begin a new school year.

Saudi Arabia (Asia). Population: 37,473,929 Believers: 0.3%. Saudi Arabia is the birthplace and stronghold of Islam. From Mecca, Islam holds influence over billions and touches many cultures worldwide. Billions of oil dollars go towards promotion of Islam around the world every year. A spiritual breakthrough for Jesus Christ here would transform Islam and all who follow it! All Muslims must pray toward Mecca five times daily, and over two million Muslims make the pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca every year. Pray that many who seek God might encounter the living Christ.

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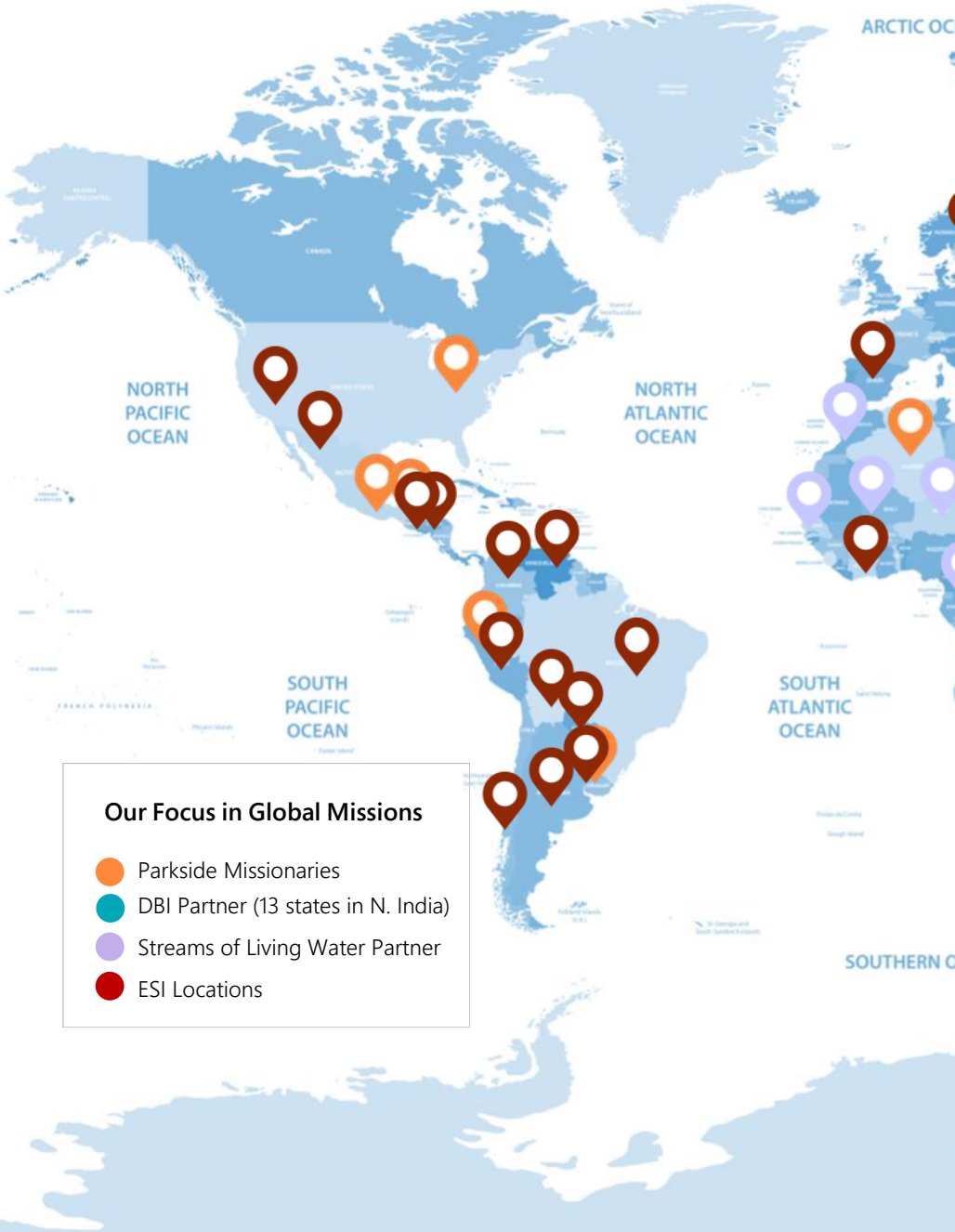
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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, England, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Spain, South Africa,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

Pray for the 3,000 participants, in 250 ESI groups, spread across 32 countries. Since 2002, there have been 3,200 graduates. Pray that these pastors and ministry leaders will grow strong in the grace found in Christ Jesus as they study and live out the Scriptures. Pray for 15 new ESI groups starting in the northeast region of Brazil this month. Pray for Elias as he joins Pastor Marcel in Paris, France, to train ESI facilitators on September 20-21.

Senegal (Africa). Population: 18,221,567 Believers: 0.2%. Spiritually, Senegal is both open and closed. The nation enjoys religious freedom and is remarkably tolerant toward other faiths—a point of pride for Senegalese, perhaps because so few Muslims have ever come to Christ. Despite a longstanding Christian presence and outreach, a spiritual heaviness covers the land. Allegiance to religious leaders, renewed in each generation, prevents any significant people movement to Christ. Pray for the spiritual breakthrough for which so many wait.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth







AN UPDATE FROM PARKSIDE HEIGHTS

“And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them...” -Acts 14:27 (ESV)

We see in the book of Acts the pattern of Christian workers being sent out from a church and then reporting back to those who sent them with all that God had done. As some of those who were sent out by Parkside Church in 2021 to plant a church, it is our privilege to share with you a little of what God has done in the last few years!

After looking unsuccessfully for a place to meet on Sunday mornings in the Heights, God opened a door for us to meet at John Hay High School in the University Circle neighborhood of Cleveland, and we held our first service there in January 2022. While this building wasn't initially on our radar, God knew what he was doing: in addition to having a large auditorium, the building has classrooms for our kids' ministry, and parking. But more importantly, it is located in University Circle, which has opened up many ministry opportunities for us. As if to reinforce that we were in the right spot, God provided us with free office space right across the street from John Hay through the generosity of a Christian businessman.



One of the great things about our location is that we are within walking distance of Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and the Cleveland Institute of Art, and a short drive from John Carroll. Each year, over a thousand new undergraduate and graduate students arrive in the area, including many students from foreign countries, giving the church an opportunity to both win skeptics to Christ, and build into believing students, helping to prepare them for future

Kingdom usefulness. It has been exciting for us to watch more and more students find our church. A large group of them now meet on Sunday mornings at a local coffee shop before service to walk over together.

We are also near the main campuses of the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals, which has given us access to the medical community and those in medical school. Wanting to bless people in this field, a group of families in our church started a medical fellowship, which hosts potluck events for doctors, nurses, med students, and anyone else in medicine, providing Christian medical providers a place to connect with each other, encourage each other, and talk about the unique challenges they face.



Further, meeting in a building that belongs to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District has given us an opportunity to begin engaging with the school. Taking our cues from Jeremiah 29:7, we desire to not just rent the building on Sundays, but bless the school while we are there. Toward this end, a small group of people from our church has met regularly to pray for the faculty, students, and staff of John Hay. Last year, through the efforts of two principals at the school, we participated in a mentoring program where Parkside Heights people met with students from the school during the week.

All in all, we are thrilled at where God has placed us. Even as we're thankful for all the ministry opportunities God has given us, there is so much more to do: in particular, we'd love to find ways to reach into the rich arts community of University Circle and further engage with the city of Cleveland.

Thank you for the support that you have given us over the past three years. Thank you for praying for us, visiting us, giving to us financially, and encouraging us. Please continue to pray for us, that God would continue his work in us and that he would use us to help people in University Circle and the Heights become committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Your partners in the gospel,
Dan Southam, Peter Lindia, & Joan Lacey

Photos: Page 1, Top: A service at Parkside Heights Bottom: Students gather from local colleges.
Page 2: The exterior of John Hay High School, where Parkside Heights meets.

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Human Coalition Cleveland (Health for Her), United States

Praise God for the clients who have chosen life for their babies and pray for those clients who are abortion determined. Pray for the staff as they share the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. The clinic is in need of a full-time sonographer. Pray that God will provide the right person to fill this need. Also, pray for staff who have family members with health issues. With the challenging situations that face both the staff and clients, pray that they will not grow weary in doing good.

Serbia (Europe). Population: 7,097,028 Believers: 0.6%. Evangelicals in Serbia face many difficulties. The recent religion law creates difficulty for all new religious groups, including many new evangelical groups. Protestants have a long history among Hungarians and Slovak minorities but little impact among Serbs and Albanians. Many do not live out their faith. Pray for revival. For groups where ethnic identity determines religious identity, evangelicals can appear to be traitors and part of a religious sect. But through all these challenges, newer churches do grow and minister Christ to others!

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

As their church in Japan moves into the fall season, please pray that the team and church members of SBBC will get much needed rest and recovery. The summer ministry season in Japan, though short, can be full. There were opportunities to grow deeper in relationships throughout the summer. Pray the Lord will give their team gospel moments with friends in the community in the coming months. Also, pray for the kids and families who heard the gospel for the first time over the summer. Pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling their names and will turn their hearts toward him. Pray that they will treasure a relationship with him above all else.

Kosovo (Europe). Population: 1,667,483 Believers: 0.1%. The evangelical church is very small but growing. Though it started around 80 believers at the outbreak of war in 1998, there are now over 2,000, mostly young men and teens (often, girls are forced to keep their faith secret). The formation of an evangelical alliance (Evangelical Movement of Kosovo) and the recognition of evangelicals as one of Kosovo's five faith communities are both answers to prayer. Pray for unity among believers and continued growth in numbers and spiritual maturity.

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Parkside Kent, United States

Thank the Lord for the provision of Kent Roosevelt High School as a place to worship each Sunday. Ask that the Lord would use their presence there to build gospel links in the community of Kent. Please pray particularly for their first services as they go through many things for the very first time as a church family. Pray for all the details, large and small, that go into preparation for their official launch on Sunday, September 22.

Sierra Leone (Africa). Population: 8,977,972 Believers: 3.9%. Sierra Leone continues its effort to move forward and away from its tragic recent history. The horrifying civil war of the 90s and the crippling effect of Ebola in 2014-2015 both reversed efforts at nation-building. Many Christian ministries and aid agencies continue to help the long-term process of meeting people's physical, psychological, and spiritual needs. Praise God for their freedom to minister. Pray for their fruitfulness.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Thank God that their family is doing well. Please continue to pray that their three children will grow up to love and serve the Lord. Their church will be hosting a conference on September 21-22 with several other churches called "The Truth of the Gospel in a World of Fallacies." Pray for Andrew as he delivers two of the messages at the conference. Andrew will also present the ministry of ESI. Pray that the Lord will connect them with other churches/believers in the country who would benefit from studying with ESI.

Singapore (Asia). Population: 6,052,709 Believers: 7.8%. Singapore is a strategic center for regional and global Christian mission due to its infrastructure, stability, location, and strong Christian population. Pray that Singapore will be a blessing to the least-evangelized nations and peoples around it and a servant leader that facilitates the emerging missions movement from other Asian nations.

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Truth For Life, United States

Please ask God to fill needed positions at Truth For Life: an Accounting Manager, a Customer Service Representative, and a Manager of Global Outreach. In all these positions, they need skilled people who love the Lord and resonate with their mission. Pray for the Truth For Life directors as they spend three days planning for 2025 at the end of September. Ask God to provide wisdom and direction. Pray that God will show the team how to reach even more people throughout the world with the gospel message through Truth For Life.

Slovakia (Europe). Population: 5,702,832 Believers: 1.2%. Evangelical congregations are few and small. The growth of recent years has slowed, but there is a new desire to reach out and be more active in church planting. To recapture vitality, each congregation must understand what being the Church actually means. Pray for the quality of spiritual life and for fervor in evangelical churches.

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E & J, North Africa

In August, a family on their team moved to the "C" region. Pray for them as they settle into a new home and start getting to know their neighbors and community. E & J are starting to consider purchasing a car. This will be especially helpful when they join their teammates in the "C" region. Please pray that God will give them wisdom and direct their steps to a reliable car that won't draw too much attention to them.

Slovenia (Europe). Population: 2,118,965 Believers: 0.1%. Slovenia has had a Protestant witness since the Reformation, but it still has very few evangelical churches and needs church-planting teams. The very small evangelical population is divided by ethnic group. Pray for unity and for an evangelical alliance to unite the churches. Most congregations lack a full-time pastor and need outside financial assistance. Pray for Slovene believers to evangelize their country, to support their pastors, and even to send missionaries!

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

Praise God for a fruitfully full summer of ministry at SRBC. With their neighborhood schools back in session, pray for the protection of the kids and teachers. As they finish reading together and preaching through God's Word in a year, pray that they will continue to have ears to hear. New construction will begin on a senior housing complex across the street from their church building. Pray for the future residents and a vision for how they can reach them with the gospel message. Also, pray for their men's retreat at the end of September.

Solomon Islands (Pacific). Population: 756,673 Believers: 33.3%. Ethnic diversity and fragmentation as well as geography render the Solomons a patchwork of tribes and political groups rather than a unified nation. This hinders not just national identity but also Christian ministry. Pray that God might knit these many islands and tribes together in the gospel. **Saint Barthélemy (Caribbean).** Population: 11,019 Believers: 2.3%. This island caters to the uber-rich, trading on its sophistication and isolation for its exclusivity. There is little interest in spiritual things. Pray that amid the boutiques, cafés, and villas there might awaken a hunger for spiritual reality and the opportunity to know God. Pray also that the few churches on the island might minister meaningfully into this unique context.

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Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries

People in Burundi are experiencing severe poverty due to fuel shortages. Pray that the economy will improve. Pray that pastors in Burundi will understand God's Great Commission and desire to reach the unreached within their country. Pray for the country of Sudan to find peace, and for protection for their workers as they continue to share the gospel amid fighting. Their efforts have been rewarded as some key leaders from the Jorchol, Nubian, and Tobosa tribes of South Sudan turned to Christ. Rejoice as the light of God's presence continues to spread in South Sudan, bringing hope and renewal to many!

Somalia (Africa). Population: 18,706,922 Believers: <0.1%. Somalia now has a parliament and recognized national leaders after 20 years without an effective central government. But the militant Islamist group Al-Shabaab (linked to Al-Qaeda) still controls much of southern and central Somalia and continues to hold influence in rural areas. Pray that Somalia's rulers might learn from the past, govern for the good of the people, and respect human rights and religious freedom. Pray that those deceived by the enemy into committing terrorism might encounter Jesus, who loves them and died on their behalf.

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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 God has provided to reach the lost. Pray that the door will open for a trip to Mexico with MAF leadership. Pray that Mike and Joan's extended family would love the Lord with all their hearts. Pray that the gospel seeds sown by the Parkside Dental Team in San Miguel will bear much spiritual fruit. Pray for ability for Gregorio in his final phase of training as he flies with Amos in Mexico. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much fruit for the Kingdom.

South Africa (Africa). Population: 61,020,221 Believers: 21%. Biblical Christianity has a strong legacy in South Africa. But poverty, injustice, corruption, and terrible violence are alarmingly widespread for a nation with so many claiming to be Christian. Pray for the many Christian agencies that serve among the needy sections of society. Pray that the spirit of violence might be bound under the authority of Christ.

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Parkside Green, United States

Please ask the Lord to use the people of Parkside Green to spread the good news of Jesus locally and globally. To that end, join them in asking the Lord to mature and equip the adults through fall classes on Christianity 101, Faith and Life, Psalms, and church history. Please continue to pray that God will grant endurance to and bear lasting fruit through the missionaries they support in Dubai, UAE, and Arua, Uganda, as well as through the Joseph family, who are completing their pre-mission field training.

South Sudan (Africa). Population: 11,277,092 Believers: 29.5%. South Sudan is the world's newest country. The nation was born in a great spirit of unity, happiness, and hope. Thank God for this freedom from the long, painful domination by the north. Yet, little more than 10 years on, over a quarter of the population rely on aid agencies for food, the majority of females have suffered sexual violence, and progress is continually stalled by ethnic rivalries who refuse to share power, reconcile, or build a better future together. Every family in South Sudan suffers lasting effects from the horrors of war and conflict. Pray for the Church to have a good influence in society and leadership, to make life better for all people.

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

Kep and Debbie continue to receive encouraging news from the African students they mentored through the book of Romans earlier this year in Mali and Senegal. These students are now working in small teams in challenging Muslim communities. Pray they will continue to study the Bible daily and then, with the Lord's guidance, boldly make Christ known as they plant solid, gospel-centered churches in hostile environments. Pray for the ILC Church that Kep and Debbie planted in La Paz, Bolivia, in 1990. Pray that its leadership will continue to honor Christ by staying true to his Scriptures, leading the church with integrity and faithfulness.

Spain (Europe). Population: 47,473,373 Believers: 1.0%. Few churches can afford to pay for a full-time pastor, let alone a team of them. As a result, churches must use bi-vocational pastors or be entrusted to full-time foreign missionaries, who end up pastoring instead of church planting. There are at least 15 seminaries and Bible schools. Some newer, larger churches provide in-house leadership and theological training. Pray that these schools would be filled with young Spanish future leaders, shaped by solid instruction in the Word of God.

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

Preparations are in full swing for Ambassadors Football's Global Team Gathering in Germany, October 14-21. Pray for Jon's assistant Rahel, who is organizing it. They are expecting over 140 staff and board members. Pray that all will secure the visas needed to attend. Pray for new ministry starting in several countries in Europe following summer camps. Pray for church and community connections and fruitful ministry in Bologna, Italy. Pray for Goran to have wisdom to know how to support their partners in Belarus under the current political circumstances. Also, pray for wisdom and comfort for a ministry partner in Germany whose daughter is transitioning to a boy. Pray that all Ambassadors' ministry partners in Europe will be immersed in God's Word and grow in wisdom. Pray for Laura's health issues, which have been quite challenging this year.

Sri Lanka (Asia). Population: 21,949,268 Believers: 1.2%. Tolerance and non-violence have historically been watchwords of Sri Lanka. For centuries, it was a Buddhist kingdom that welcomed refugees from India fleeing persecution—Hindus, Muslims, and Christians. However, this multi-religious, multi-ethnic country now sees religious extremism and persecution rising. Persecution against Christians comes in waves, and at least 250 churches were destroyed or damaged in recent years. Beneath the layers of Buddhism and Hinduism, the ancient spirits, gods, and demons still hold power. Pray for the power of Christ to break these strongholds.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in South Asia

Pray that the targets set for this year will be achieved. Pray for networking and partnering with local churches and leaders. Pray for the Lord to open more doors for Regional Development Training. Pray for the students to be faithful in learning and practicing God's Word. Pray that the Lord will bring more students into their sewing and computer centers and bless their efforts to build bridges in the community by helping people learn new skills.

Saint Helena (Africa). Population: 5,253 Believers: 8.8%. The Christian heritage of Saint Helena is strong, but islanders committed to faith are decreasing. Most Christians are nominal, and church attendance continues to decline. A critical mass of evangelicals on the islands is needed to generate spiritual momentum.

Saint Kitts & Nevis (Caribbean). Population: 47,847 Believers: 21.7%. There is no lack of churches or other ministries on these islands, but their impact is limited. Pray for the Holy Spirit to revive, empower, and embolden believers for Kingdom effectiveness. Pray especially for ministries that draw together the diverse denominations.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

As the remodeling of their new church facility continues, pray that the Lord will give them opportunities to share the gospel in the surrounding neighborhood and beyond. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless the lives of all involved in their youth group, small group, and ESI ministries. Pray for Andrew as he prepares to speak at conferences in Argentina in October and in Chile in November.

Saint Lucia (Caribbean). Population: 180,805 Believers: 14.5%. The majority of Saint Lucians speak French Creole. The NT, recently translated into Creole, is being used for literacy projects. Pray for the Word of God to be acquired, read, and applied in the lives of Saint Lucians. **Saint Martin (Caribbean).**

Population: 32,337 Believers: 2.5%. The tropical location and French liberality combine to make this a playground for the most wealthy. Exclusive hotels, clothing-optional beaches, designer-clothing boutiques, and cafés typify the island's culture. There is little room for or interest in a life of service to Christ. Pray that in the midst of this elegant but hedonistic paradise, people might gain a hunger for an eternal heaven.

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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 3,000 active participants, in 250 groups, meeting in 32 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, England, 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 assisted, 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 full time with students in the farm schools, local church, and university in Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church.

Financial Support to Mission Partners and Local Churches

Fieldstone Counseling	Parkside Church Westside
Hope for Glasgow	Parkside Green
Human Coalition Cleveland	Parkside Heights Church
The City Mission	Parkside Kent
Truth For Life	Scranton Road Bible Church
Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries	Shoreline Church

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 Trip

Medical/Dental Outreach

Trip Dates: March 6-16, 2025

Doctor, physician's assistant, dentist, and dental hygienist needed.

South Asia Online Opportunity

Teaching English as a Second Language

Monthly, online conversation group

Informational Meeting: September 29, at 11:45am, Room B207

South Asia Trip

Teaching English as a Second Language

Trip Date: July 2025

Informational Meeting: November 3, at 11:45am, Room B207

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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