



# Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY  
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

NOVEMBER

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

# Introduction

## “Pray also for us...”

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

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

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

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



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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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\***  
M, J, C  
*\*Names withheld for security purposes*



**Mark & Patti Bean**  
Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



**Wes & Nancy Collins**  
Elisa, Molly, Isaac



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



**Andrew & Angie James**  
Nicole, Camille, Zack



**Kep & Debbie James**  
Heather, Katie, Andrew



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



**Mike & Joan Ross**  
Steve, Ben, Aaron

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**Parkside Kent, United States**

Community Groups will launch this month at Parkside Kent. Pray for these new groups, which will meet in homes in Kent and the surrounding communities. Pray that the men who lead the groups will do so with faithfulness to God's Word and integrity in their lives. Pray that the host families will practice hospitality in a way that reflects the welcome of Christ. Above all, pray that these groups will be places where the word of Christ dwells richly (Col. 3:16) through the ministry of the Word, prayer, and growing relationships built on their unity in Christ.

**Vietnam (Asia).** Population: 99,497,680 Believers: 1.8%. A growing, witnessing Church is emerging from years of persecution. The Vietnamese diaspora is seeing many become believers. These converts then bring the gospel back to Vietnam with them. There is even a fast-growing missionary vision spreading among the churches of Vietnam! Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep fanning these flames of spiritual passion, all for the maturation of the Vietnamese Church and so that Jesus might be known through the entire nation.

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

Today, Kep and Debbie and Paulo, are in Monrovia, Liberia, finishing an ESI (Equipping Servants International) Facilitator Training workshop with 100 Liberian pastors. Pray that this training will equip the pastors to study the Bible and understand it more clearly and then live, teach, and preach it more effectively in their local churches. In October, Kep and Debbie spent two weeks visiting ESI groups in Rio and Sao Paulo. They helped with pastors' conferences that Billy King (Christianity Explored) led on the topic of evangelism. They are deeply encouraged seeing the impact that the study of God's Word is having on so many pastors and church leaders in Brazil. Continue to pray for them as they study Romans in the 3-year ESI process.

**Wallis and Futuna Islands (Pacific).** Population: 11,439 Believers: 1.0% More Wallisian and Futunans live in New Caledonia than live in their own home islands. Seeking work, many find themselves caught in a spiral of substance abuse instead. Pray for those in New Caledonia to find freedom in Christ and to, in turn, bring blessing back to their homeland. **American Samoa (Pacific).** Population: 43,544 Believers: 21.3%. American Samoa enjoys a higher economic status than Samoa to its west, but suffers the concomitant materialism. Pray that the indigenous people (and their relatives in diaspora) may find their destiny in wholehearted commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.



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03

**Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States**

There may soon be funding to start an Old Testament translation project for four additional Quechuan languages. Pray for Mark as he sets up computer paths with dictionaries and rules to adapt from the published Old Testament to the languages in this new project. This is a lot of work! His colleagues in Peru, who will be administering the project, would like him to have some materials ready for their first workshop, which may happen this month. Praise God for his mercies, especially in relation to their daughter's improving health situation. Patti was able to spend five weeks helping Emily and her family. While Emily still can't lift baby Addie, she is able to move about and do much more than before. With the intermittent help of church friends, she and Blake trust that they will be able to continue forward. Please continue to pray for them.

**Yeman (Asia).** Population: 35,219,853 Believers: <0.1 Amidst the terrible suffering, Yemenis are finding life in Christ through radio, Bible distribution, careful witness, and dreams and visions from the Lord! Believers meet secretly and only in small groups. They often face dangerous opposition. Praise God for these followers of Jesus. Pray for them as they learn how to honor their culture and family while faithfully serving the Lord.

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**Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States**

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the MAF work in Mexico and the best use of the tools God has provided to reach the lost. Pray that Mike and Joan will be an encouragement to Edgar and Lety and to Neri and Karina as they spend time with them in Mexico this month. 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 continue to bear much spiritual fruit. Pray that God will be glorified in Gregorio's wedding this month and that unbelieving family will hear the gospel. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much fruit for the Kingdom.

**Zambia (Africa).** Population: 21,134,695 Believers: 25.7%. Zambians widely accept Christianity, even in public institutions and the media. Former president Chiluba declared Zambia a Christian nation in 1991, and Zambians practice freedom of all religions. But national transformation along biblical lines still has not come. Too few know the Word of God, or how to live a Christian life. Pray for Christians to live pure and holy lives that depend on God alone for spiritual power and blessing. Pray that Zambia will truly be a nation that honors God.

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05

**Truth For Life, United States**

In early November, Truth For Life will host 45 pastors for a one-day seminar titled *On Preaching and Pastoring*. The event will be held at Truth For Life, and the men will spend the day learning from Alistair and enjoying a time of fellowship. Pray that the men attending will be encouraged and strengthened by the discussion and that all the details associated with the day go smoothly. Please pray for Truth For Life's volunteers and customer service team during the month of November as they enter a busy season in their Distribution and Customer Service departments. Pray for their teams to handle the volume of outgoing packages and incoming calls effectively. Also, pray that many will request the books offered in November and share them widely with children, friends, and family members as an opportunity to introduce others to Jesus.

**Zimbabwe (Africa).** Population: 17,020,321 Believers: 30.9%. As the Church has grown, so have the challenges. Pray for: a) *The relationship with the government*. b) *Social action*. With much of the country in decay, it is increasingly falling to churches to feed the hungry, care for orphans, protect the vulnerable, and heal the sick. c) *Theological training and education*—crucial as the church grows but threatened by widespread instability and want. Pray for effective teaching and discipling of those called to serve the Lord. d) *Spiritual unity*. Divisions and splits still occur. e) *The purity of the Church* is often compromised by traditional African practices that are incompatible with the gospel, often by outright witchcraft and occult activities.

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**Bobby & Julie, Central Asia**

Please pray for their family's relationship with Jesus and with each other. Thank God that their kids are flourishing at various stages, especially Providence, who is at a local school. Pray for wisdom as they continue looking for a car. Cliff, their team leader, along with his wife, Bekah, and their four children, are returning home for the first time after serving three years. Pray that God will use the time to unite the work of the gospel and strengthen the hearts and minds of his people as they reconnect with their churches and family. Bobby will be leading in Cliff's absence; pray for him as he encourages the team and guides their training time.

**Afghanistan (Asia).** Population: 43,372,950 Believers: <0.05%. The Church in Afghanistan remains almost entirely underground. Pray for Afghan believers. They can never meet publicly, and even their secret meetings must change times and locations to prevent detection. Pray for protection of these precious believers, and for the clarity and consistency of their witness. Women are once again all but banned from participating in public life. Pray for justice and freedom from gender-based oppression, and especially that women might find the true freedom that comes only through Christ.

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07

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

Pray for the coaches in their club. Over 500 kids and their families are being ministered to by these coaches. Opportunities to coach soccer in communities around NE Ohio are opening. They are encouraged by several people who once played in their club and are now returning as adults to give back by ministering as coaches. They are in need of three new coaches in the near term and many more as the club continues to grow. Pray for these new and existing coaches as they are given the opportunity to serve and share the gospel. Pray for the Ambassadors clubs and coaches in countries around the world, including Mexico, Kenya, N. Ireland, the Czech Republic, and many others.

**Albania (Europe).** Population: 2,826,020 Believers: 0.5%. Thank God for his work in this land! For a long time, it was closed to the gospel, but evangelicals grew from nearly zero to several thousand in just a few years. The Church has indigenous leadership, nationwide networks, a vision for discipleship and evangelism, and it sends out workers to other lands! And all this came about during a politically and economically unstable time. Many believe that years of devoted prayer for Albania opened the way for ministry here.

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**E & J, North Africa**

J has started splitting her language lessons between her old tutor and a new one. When learning a language, it is important to hear multiple voices as people say things differently. Pray that God will bless this lady and will draw her to himself. E & J and their team have been encountering more resistance to registering a business in the "C" region. Pray for favor with the relevant officials so that they can establish a long-term presence there. They had been waiting for almost seven months for a key approval and thank God that it has been granted. Pray for them as they continue to make decisions.

**Algeria (Africa).** Population: 46,278,751 Believers: 0.2%. The growth of the Algerian Church over the past decade is an answer to prayer! Many years of hard work by missionaries and praying people produced beautiful fruit. Persecution of Christians is intensifying as a reaction to unprecedented church growth; the future of the Church in Algeria hangs in the balance. The Algerian Church has grown due to bold witness and evangelism. Pray that they will respond to these pressures with faith and perseverance.



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**Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan**

Over the summer, their church had many youth events focused on the gospel. Every year, one of the events is a three-day camp held in the mountains of Iwate, Japan. This year, they had 23 kids attend from their church. Praise the Lord that RT, KS, MH, and MA, who have been attending different youth gatherings for some time now, had their hearts open to the gospel. Please pray for them as they now enter a more focused discipleship time with the Harrington's ministry partners. Pray that the Lord will grow their faith in his promises and draw them into an irresistible relationship with Jesus.

**Principality of Andorra (Europe).** Population: 80,341 Believers: 0.4%.

Materialism holds Andorra in a tight grip. Formerly a smugglers' refuge, Andorra now attracts well-heeled tourists, financiers and those taking advantage of duty-free goods. Pray that empty materialism would be seen as the ultimately unfulfilling falsehood that it is. Pray for the witness of the handful of churches in this land. **Anguilla (Caribbean).** Population: 15,936 Believers: 17.2%. Pray that this small island and its churches may not be bypassed by the Holy Spirit. Pray that religious traditions might be infused with real spiritual life. Pray that Christ's followers may function effectively as a united body.

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**Shoreline Church, United States**

Shoreline is thankful for our prayers. The GriefShare support group began and continues to go well. Please pray for both those attending and those leading as they process the difficult emotions that come with loss. Pray for their outreach efforts in the community. They are conducting a donation drive for Project Hope for the Homeless and for the Lake Country Free Clinic. Pray that the items donated will bless the organizations and those in need who receive them. Pray for more opportunities for them as a church to serve the community. Continue to pray for their various weekly ministries.

**Angola (Africa).** Population: 37,804,634 Believers: 22.5%. Biblical Christianity grew, even amidst war and poverty! The first president, a Marxist, vowed to eradicate Christianity in 20 years. He failed! The number of evangelicals grew four times larger from 1990 to 2010, and it continues to grow today. The Church needs much prayer to overcome the wounds of past conflict. Pray for forgiveness and love in action. Only a few congregations have trained pastors. Pray for Christian unity, holy living, and biblical faith.

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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 give Filemon conviction as he deals with family members who don't want him studying the Bible. Pray that God would open doors for their son, Juan, and his wife, Amy, as they prepare to serve in a closed country. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he facilitates ESI groups in the state of Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. Pray for strength for Neri as he is scheduled for an additional chemotherapy treatment this month. Pray that Neri has wisdom to work within his limitations. Pray for healing and for Karina and the family during this difficult time. They are thankful that God provided a car with an automatic transmission that Karina, who now has a driver's license, can drive.

**Antigua and Barbuda (Caribbean).** Population: 94,816 Believers: 19.9%.

Antiguans are almost all Christian by background, including many evangelicals, but complacency prevails in the face of serious moral and spiritual challenges.

Pray for revival that galvanizes Christians to prayer, and for involvement that impacts their society. **Aruba (Caribbean).** Population: 106,177 Believers: 7.6%.

The evangelical presence has grown, predominantly due to the more recent arrivals. Large numbers have immigrated from Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia, but evangelical growth is not even. There are several English-speaking churches and many congregations using Papiamentu. Pray for a greater impact on the Asian immigrant population.

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**Fieldstone Counseling, United States**

Fieldstone Counseling is thankful for our prayers last month for their

Fieldstone Forward fundraising events. Please continue to pray for God to provide the donations needed to reach their year-end goal. They rely

on the generosity of donors to fuel the ministry, and every gift helps them connect others with the hope of Jesus Christ. Pray for an upcoming online equipping course, *Standards of Care: Advanced Issues*. It is designed to offer continuing education for seasoned biblical counselors. Pray it will be a gift and a blessing to many who serve in caring for others.

**Argentina (Latin America).** Population: 46,057,866 Believers: 9.1%.

Evangelical Christians grew from less than 1 million in 1980 to possibly over 4.5

million by 2020. Renewal, evangelism, and prayer touched the nation. Argentinean

evangelists, teachers, and missionaries touched the world! Godly, united leadership

is necessary for the future. Pray for students in the hundreds of seminaries,

Bible schools, and programs.

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

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they lead the first-ever English ESI Facilitator Training conference in the United States, from November 13-16, in Cowen, West Virginia.

**Armenia (Asia).** Population: 2,777,979 Believers: 8.7%. Armenia was the world's first Christian nation, with a Christian legacy of more than 1,700 years. Praise God for the survival of the Armenian Church through the centuries, despite frequent and harsh oppression. Pray that Armenian Christians might become a source of light and blessing to the region.

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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, pray for God to equip and inspire them through the children's and youth ministries, Pastor Adam's messages from Galatians, and the classes on Faith and Life, Psalms, and Church History. Also, continue to pray that God will bear eternal fruit for his Kingdom through the missionaries they support in Dubai, UAE and Arua, Uganda, as well as through the Joseph family, who are selling their house and most of their possessions before leaving for Spanish language school in January.

**Australia (Pacific).** Population: 26,699,482 Believers: 14.4%. The Church in Australia faces a mighty challenge. The strong influence of Christianity declined as the country became more diverse in religions and became more secular in its public life and laws. Many Australians see the Church as intolerant, abusive of its power, and anti-progressive in its values. Pray for revival in the Church that will affect every area of Australian society.

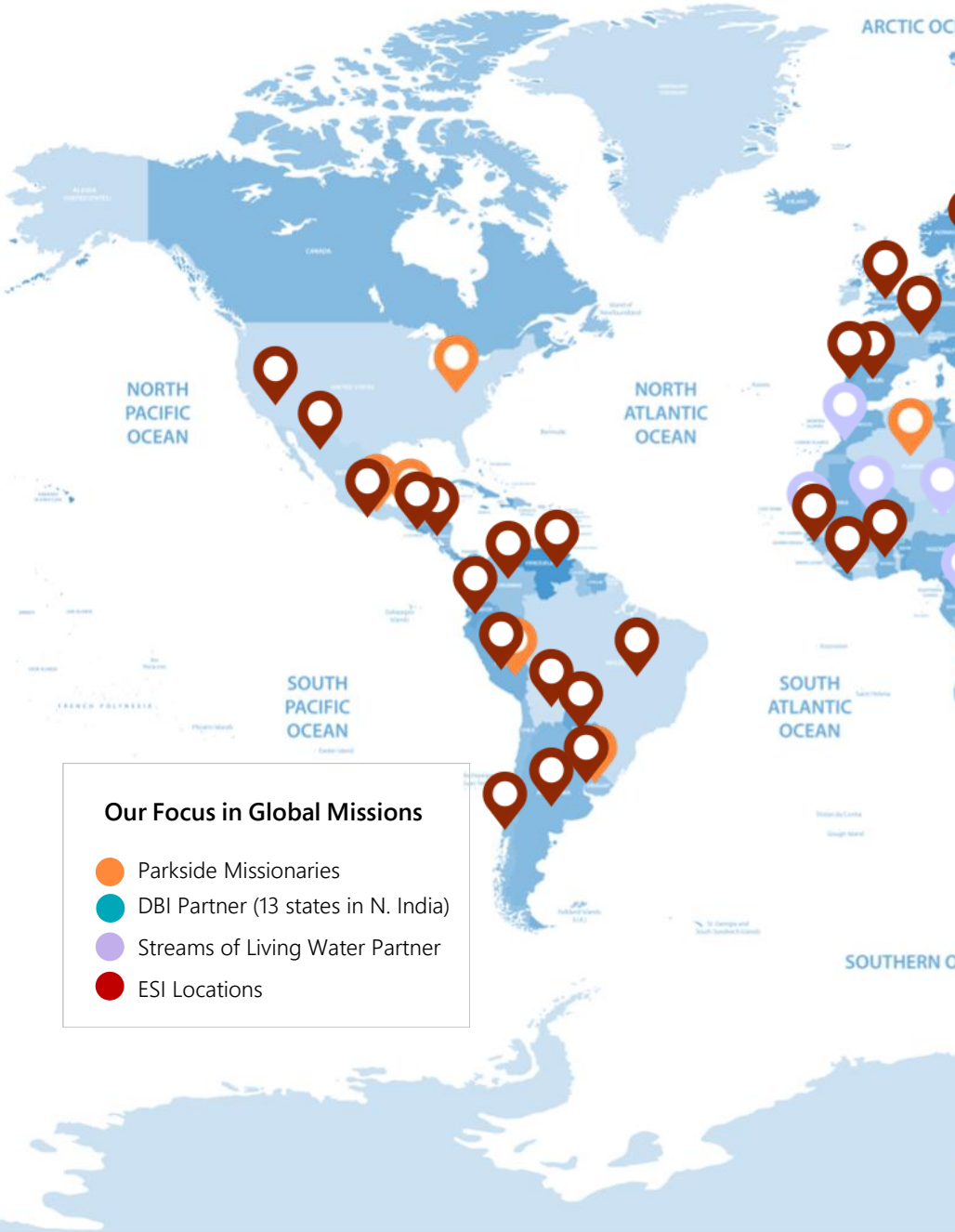
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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Please pray for Andrew as he leads a pastors' conference in Chile November 15-17. Continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as they remodel their church building in Montevideo, Uruguay.

**Austria (Europe).** Population: 8,977,139 Believers: 0.5%. Austria, a nation of culture, music, art, and beautiful scenery, lies for the most part, spiritually empty. While 84% of Austrians believe in God (high for Europe), few have met Jesus personally. Rates of suicide, abortion, and alcoholism indicate the great need for spiritual foundations. Pray for the shell of religion in this nation to be filled by the living presence of Christ.

# The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth







## AN UPDATE FROM CHRIS AND LEANNE HARRINGTON PARKSIDE MISSIONARIES SERVING IN JAPAN

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

Returning to Cleveland and reconnecting with our Parkside Church family has been a blessing. Last time we gave an update, we talked about how hard of a field Japan is. We wanted to take this opportunity to share what the Lord is doing.

### **OUR TOWN**

Over our last four years in Japan, we were blessed to have been a part of a church planting team in our town of Shichigahama. Our church is the only church in a town of 18,000 people. We have partnered with the assistant pastor at Shiogama Bible Baptist Church to plant a church. We have worship gatherings twice a month. The Lord has allowed us to use a kindergarten that closed after the tsunami in 2011. Our team has focused on getting into the community and building relationships with our neighbors and friends. The two oldest children of one of the families who has been coming to our gatherings for the last four years were baptized last year. And their mother is hoping to be baptized in December of this year. We praise God for the work he is doing in their lives.

### **OUR AREA**

One of the ways we have been helping our church in Japan is through the Bread of Life (food bank) ministry. The ministry started in the wake of the tsunami recovery



efforts in 2011. The distribution of food to those who need it in our area has allowed our church members to be able to develop loving relationships with their neighbors. This has given the church and its members a good reputation in the surrounding community. Even the local government has helped Bread of Life with food donations because they recognize our help to the community. We thank the Lord for giving us a platform to share the love of Christ through caring for the felt needs of our neighbors and then grow in relationships in order to speak to the real needs of their hearts.

## **NEW AREAS OF MINISTRY**

In early January of this year, another area of Japan, Noto Peninsula, was hit by an earthquake of magnitude 7.0, which killed many and left thousands without power, water, food, and shelter. Some even to this day. Because of the ministry of Bread of Life, we were able to send supplies and people to go to the Noto area and help with relief and recovery efforts. Living in an area that went through a difficult disaster and recovery time, our hearts go out to the people of Noto. We are thankful for the opportunity to come together and be there for them. And to support the churches in the Noto area in bringing their neighbors the true bread of life.



Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for our ministry partners, Yukimasa Otomo (Shiogama Bible Baptist Church) and Satoshi Ueno (C+Side Church) and their ministries in their local communities, as well as the work of Bread of Life in the recovery effort in Noto Peninsula. May the Holy Spirit give more opportunities to share the gospel and be Christ's witnesses in Japan's Tohoku and Noto regions.

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**Human Coalition, (Health for Her Cleveland), United States**

The clinic needs both a sonographer and a registered nurse. Pray that God will send caring medical people to join their team. Pray that the Health for Her staff will continue to be salt and light to the women who come through their doors. Pray that Americans will come to believe that no matter the stage of life, all human life is sacred and should be protected and valued.

**Azerbaijan (Asia).** Population 10,462,904 Believers: 0.2%. God raised up an Azeri Church, even amidst trials! Only 40 known Azeri believers lived in the country in 1991. Now there may possibly be as many as 10,000, with the majority in Baku. Even more ethnic Azeris follow Christ inside of Iran. Even so, most Christians in Azerbaijan are primarily of foreign ethnicities (Armenian, Russian, Georgian, others). Pray for good fellowship among all the believers.

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**Wes & Nancy Collins, Guatemala, United States**

Wes and Nancy send their greetings and are grateful for their long-term relationship with Parkside. Wes recalls Parkside trips to visit them in Comitancillo, Guatemala, and shares that seeds are still being planted and Christians are growing in Christ. Pray for their ministry partners, Byron and Miriam, and Samuel and Maria, as they faithfully spread the gospel there among the Mam people. Pray for Wes and Nancy as they continue to deal with the challenges of Wes' Parkinson's Disease, especially the memory issues.

**The Bahamas (Caribbean).** Population: 415,223 Believers: 35.9%. Christian commitment is low and nominalism widespread, despite nearly all Bahamians claiming to be Christian. Most households own a Bible; few actively read it. Pray for revival and for a missionary vision among believers. **Bahrain (Asia).** Population: 1,498,712 Believers: 2.9%. Bahrain enjoys greater freedoms than almost all Gulf countries and therefore is spiritually strategic. Praise God for the local believers! Some worship with the various established churches, and others gather in more informal networks. Pray especially for unity and cooperation among these groups, as a testimony to their fellow Arabs.

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

Emily and Blake are thankful for our prayers for the local church that is starting an international students' ministry at a new campus. The church is planning monthly gatherings for the hundreds of internationals who live in apartments next door. Pray for them as they seek to share the gospel with the students. As the end of the year approaches, the Bridges team is looking ahead. Pray that God will guide their planning and keep them unified. Thank God that Emily is making great progress in her recovery. Their daughter, Addie, has a follow-up appointment with her renal doctor to determine the next steps regarding her kidney. Pray for protection and wisdom.

**Bangladesh (Asia).** Population: 174,701,211 Believers: 0.4%. Pray for leadership for the churches. Earlier movements brought thousands of people into the Church. But the lack of trained, godly leadership eventually left many believers with a weak and shallow faith. Poverty limits the number of full-time ministers and theological students, but churches also lack spiritually mature lay leaders. In Bangladesh, as in any nation, robust discipleship processes would go a long way to solving these challenges.

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### **Parkside Heights Church, United States**

Thank God and pray for those who were baptized last month and for the start of a small mentoring program for students at John Hay High School. Pray that the volunteers will be salt and light and that the school will be blessed by their involvement. Parkside Heights will be hosting a chili potluck this month. Please pray that all who come will be mutually encouraged in the Lord. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, volunteers from their church family are making plans to entertain international students from the local universities for Thanksgiving dinner. Pray for them as they share the love of Christ with those far from home.

**Barbados (Caribbean).** Population: 282,309 Believers: 34.2%. Since settlement in 1627, Barbados has been Christian. But despite overwhelming religious profession and a large number of evangelicals, real commitment to the lordship of Jesus is the exception rather than the rule. Pray for the Spirit's renewal and for the Church in Barbados to reawaken. **Belize (Latin America).** Population: 416,656 Believers: 18.8%. Most Belizeans profess Christianity, but only 10% of the population attend church regularly. People need to encounter the true gospel in ways that are meaningful and sensitive to their culture. The Spanish-speaking immigrants sometimes mix Truth with superstitions, the Mayans with paganism, and the Garifuna with black magic. Pray for revival and spiritual conviction for any confusion in beliefs.

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### **Church Plant Training Ministry in South Asia**

Pray for the students studying in the one-year residential Expository Preaching Course. Pray that the students will be faithful in learning and practicing God's Word. Pray for more doors to open for their one-week Regional Development Trainings. Pray for the Langar Sewa (distribution of hot cooked meals) among the poor. Pray for the Regional Word Conference on November 21 and 22.

**Belarus (Europe).** Population: 9,455,037 Believers: 1.3%. Evangelical Christians are increasing despite concerted opposition and intensifying persecution. The state steadfastly maintains laws that forbid meeting in homes for worship, forming congregations of less than 20 people, opening religious schools, ministering outside of the home city, and importing and distributing non-state-approved literature. Pray for patient, overcoming faith for believers to withstand such difficulties.

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**Scranton Road Bible Church, United States**

They are grateful to have had a good start to their Wednesday evening Good News Kids and Youth Group. Both groups have grown in number since last year. Pray that the gospel will be clearly communicated to the kids and that the teens will be equipped to live out their faith. Pray for energy and endurance for staff and volunteers! SRBC began a new ministry with parents of teens on Monday nights. Pray for these parents as they support their young men and women. Pray that they will respond to the gospel message. As they prepare for their November Thanksgiving outreach, pray that they will serve graciously, with an eye to physical needs, and that people will respond to the gospel message that accompanies each turkey and box of sides.

**Belgium (Europe).** Population: 11,715,774 Believers: 1.2%. The secular worldview seems to have triumphed in Belgium. Atheists and non-religious now number 31% of society. The Bible has been reintroduced to Belgian society after many centuries of being discouraged, even banned, by the Catholic Church before 1960. Pray that the Word of God might take root deeply within the fabric of Belgium society.

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**E & J, North Africa**

Owen is a local brother working with their colleagues in the "C" region. He had a conflict with one of the elders from the fellowship in the capital. The immediate issue has been resolved, but there are lingering concerns about his maturity and about rebuilding his relationship/trust with this elder. Pray that they can communicate clearly with Owen and with the fellowship and walk in wisdom as they work together. E & J send thanks for continuing to pray for their kids' schooling. They have good relationships with their teachers and classmates. This is a big answer to prayer!

**Bermuda (North America).** Population: 63,935 Believers: 24.3%. Bermuda is an earthly paradise, and Christianity is a strong part of its heritage. Sadly, the appearance of religion takes priority over genuine spirituality. Pray for revival that brings lifestyles in line with biblical knowledge. **Bhutan (Asia).** Population: 792,382 Believers: 1.8%. Bhutan is one of the world's least evangelized nations. The continued isolationist policies of the government combined with the highly significant role of the Buddhist monarchy further reinforce the hold of Vajrayana Buddhism. Pray for true spiritual freedom in this "Land of the Dragon."

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**Johannes (& Grace) Thaele, South Africa**

The last week in November, Johannes is planning a youth camp about discipleship to show the young people what being a disciple of Jesus Christ means. Pray for the hearts of their young people. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help them to be strong—not ashamed of sharing their faith with friends and others.

**Benin (Africa).** Population: 14,080,072 Believers: 8.3%. Animism is a powerful force in Benin. Although Christianity is poised to numerically overtake ethnic religions in the near future, far too many Christians have a syncretized, compromised faith that sees them in church on Sunday and consulting the witch doctor during the week. Pray for a revival that purifies the Church and sees Christians honoring God alone. Pray also for many witch doctors to experience the power of Jesus and turn to him.

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### **Indigenous Church Planting Organization in Arab & Muslim Countries**

Praise God that more than 1,000 people attended their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in September. This included worship, videos commemorating those 40 years, and many inspiring messages of God's power and love for people everywhere. The conference was followed by two days of hands-on, useful training for the field workers. Pray for the funds to renovate their new ministry headquarters in Cairo.

**Bolivia (Latin America).** Population: 12,567,366 Believers: 16.2%. Evangelical Christians have grown greatly in number and in influence, but face challenges. Some follow false teachings or fail morally without good discipleship and Bible knowledge. Ask God to set apart thousands of new leaders for his use.

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

Praise the Lord that Elle, a university student in Thailand, made a decision for Jesus! Please pray that she will take the time to study the Bible with someone and that she will share her new faith with other students.

**Bosnia (Europe).** Population: 3,194,378 Believers: 0.1%. Evangelical believers have increased significantly but still represent only a miniscule proportion of the population. Pray for believers and their witness in this divided land. Bosnia is not a spiritually receptive place; pray that many hearts might open to the gospel.

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### **Parkside Church Westside, United States**

Pray for the members of Parkside Westside to boldly proclaim Christ in the daily mission fields into which the Lord has placed them. Pray for a church family abroad who is working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Pray for the health and safety of Nathanael Wiles as he finishes up his time serving with Samaritan's Purse at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya and seeks direction for the future. Pray for their ministry through International Friendships as they seek to care for students living far from home. Pray for Building Hope in the City and the work that they are doing with immigrants and for the Cleveland Pregnancy Center and the help they provide to moms in need.

**Botswana (Africa).** Population: 2,719,694 Believers: 8.1%. Praise God for political stability, economic growth, and lower corruption in Botswana. Religious freedom allows agencies to evangelize and plant churches. The government set new goals for health, economy, the environment and society (Vision 2036), which fit well with biblical principles. Vision 2036 seeks “prosperity for all” and includes a sustainable environment, human and social development, good governance, and peace. Pray that it might be so!

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

Pray for the 3,000 ESI participants, in 250 groups, in 35 countries, with 3,350 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. Pray especially for the newer groups in London, Paris, and Lisbon.

**Brazil (Latin America).** Population: 217,637,297 Believers: 26.3%.

Brazil’s evangelicals grew from 2 million in 1960 to an estimated 55 million in 2020. They are one of the largest evangelical populations in the world, and very strong in prayer meetings and movements. Praise God for Brazilian prayer warriors! Ask God also to bless the 45 current Bible translation efforts, and to send workers to help with the 10 languages that still need the Scriptures.

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**The City Mission, United States**

The City Mission is thankful for the incredible support of local churches. They have 13 open positions at Crossroads and Laura’s Home that need to be filled with Christians who faithfully walk with our Savior. Pray that the Lord will bring the right people to serve these men, women, and children. Pray that lives will be transformed through the power of the gospel.

**British Virgin Islands (Caribbean).** Population: 31,763 Believers: 27.3%.

The motto of the Virgin Islands is, “Where there’s no vision, the people will perish.” Pray that local Christians might recover a powerful vision for the lost in their own islands and abroad. **Brunei (Asia).** Population: 455,858 Believers: 6.1%. Islam dominates life in Brunei, with a brand that is conservative but not radical. Pray for an atmosphere of religious freedom and spiritual openness and for the observance of the constitutional right for other religions to be practiced. Pray for an opening for Kingdom workers to minister inside the nation.



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**Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay**

Andrew and Angie thank God for the conference last month in Argentina. The event went well, and they were able to connect with new churches and pastors who expressed interest in getting involved in upcoming ESI groups. Please pray for fruit from this conference, and that God will continue to build his Church in Argentina.

**Bulgaria (Europe).** Population 6,618,615 Believers: 1.9%. Bulgaria suffered under Communist rule from 1947 to 1989, and troubles remain. Corruption, crime networks, and poverty affect many lives. Many young people leave Bulgaria (one of the poorest EU countries) to find work and opportunity in other nations. Pray for the Church to demonstrate God's love in this country where racial tensions are strong, and hope is rare.

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**Bobby & Julie, Central Asia**

They have been praying for direction with their business, and God has provided an opportunity for a greenhouse project at the international school. Pray that God will guide and establish the project, which Bobby is leading. Pray for Larry and Micah, who are helping with the project, and that God will use their work to advance the gospel. Pray that God will provide short-term interns to help next summer. Pray for help and wisdom from God for workers who are training for church planting.

**Burkina Faso (Africa).** Population: 23,840,247 Believers: 8.9%. The spirit world is very real in Burkina Faso, where as the saying goes, the population is "50% Muslim, 20% Christian, and 100% animist!" Few countries in West Africa are more dominated by idolatry, fetishism, and secret societies. The occult shows its power even in some churches. Pray for the risen Christ to demonstrate his power and set many free. Pray for Christians to demonstrate the power and authority of the name of Jesus and to live out holy, blameless lives in his name.

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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](http://www.parksidechurch.com/missions).

## Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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

## Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

<b>Peru/United States</b>	Mark & Patti Bean
<b>Guatemala/United States</b>	Wes & Nancy Collins
<b>Mexico/United States</b>	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 3,350 graduates since 2002, and has 3,000 active participants in 250 groups, meeting in 35 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, England, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Parkside Church has assisted, and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials.

### Mexico

- 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

Physician's assistant and dental hygienist needed.

## South Asia Online Opportunity

Teaching English as a Second Language

Monthly, online conversation group

## 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](http://parksidechurch.com/missions).



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