

**25.** Praise God for Mennonite Church of Congo's vibrant youth ministry led by Robert Irundu. Pray for continued faithfulness of the 90 young people who attended youth camp this summer, especially the four young men who were baptized during the camp.

**26.** Austin Roberts is serving in Northern Ireland. Pray for him as he works for peace and reconciliation with local ministry partners.

**27.** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are completing the North American portion of their 2016 two-way mission cycle. Praise God for their ministry that challenged congregations throughout the United States to greater faithfulness, and pray for them as they prepare to return to Ecuador for six months of sharing and learning there.

**28.** Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons are being sent to Cambodia by an Indonesian Mennonite mission agency. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics in two universities, and for Yuliana as she directs an education ministry for children living on the edge of the city.

**29.** Nathan and Taryn Dirks have worked among African Initiated Churches in Botswana with a focus on youth ministry for the past four years. Pray for them as they work alongside the Pula Sports Development Association to transform an empty lot into a place to teach life skills through sports.

**30.** Pray for Wally and Sue Fahrer as they provide an Anabaptist-Mennonite witness in the United Kingdom.

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- 1.** Thank God for DOOR's 30 years of ministry through its urban service-learning programs that have helped thousands of participants "see the face of God in the city." Pray that each participant will be able to respond more faithfully to God's call because of their experience.
- 2.** Praise God for the way Daniel and Anne Garber Kompaoré have dedicated their lives to ministry in Burkina Faso. Give thanks for the growth of the church in Kotoura, and pray for the believers there to continue sharing the good news of Jesus' transforming love and power.
- 3.** Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Stefan Baumgartner, Laura Hassel, Meg Short and two associate house members as they live in community and work alongside their neighbors to share God's love in San Francisco.
- 4.** Praise God for more than three decades of strong, long-term relationships through Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for all who respond to the invitation to build bridges between cultures and empower the church in Asia and North America.
- 5.** Colombia is negotiating a complicated peace process, both on the official level and among people who have a long history of division and violence. Pray that the Colombia Mennonite Church may help lead the way.

- 6.** A worker in Senegal is preparing a series of Bible studies for a women's group focusing on family spirituality and intentional faith practices. Pray for the Spirit's leading in choosing Scripture and questions for reflection that will be meaningful to the women for their context.
- 7.** Robin Gingerich has moved from Lithuania to become the academic director of an LCC International University satellite campus in Tbilisi, Georgia. Pray for her and other staff as they seek to offer hope to Syrian refugees through the opportunity to complete their university education.
- 8.** Gloria Showalter requests prayer for an open heart, a discerning mind, and a teachable spirit as she works with the Mennonite Church in Quito, Ecuador. Pray also for the Mennonite response to those who have lost family members, friends and homes in the devastating earthquake earlier this year.
- 9.** Bethsaba and Dale Nafziger have developed Top of the World Coffee in Nepal, a business-as-ministry coffee shop. Pray for them as they provide employment and model ethical business principles.
- 10.** Pray for good communication skills and cultural understanding for Journey International teams as they work with Colombian refugees in Ecuador and after-school programs in Indonesia.
- 11.** In Ivory Coast, Annette and Paco Castillo have created a home for child soldiers and other children who don't have a supportive family structure. Praise God for transformed lives. Pray for mentors to train life skills through mechanical trades and other apprenticeships.
- 12.** Janie Blough's ministry in France flows through many channels. Pray for her as she conducts worship seminars, preaches, teaches, helps create an Anabaptist hymnal and other Christian resources for French speakers, and as she enjoys her grandchildren.
- 13.** Pray for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz in Paraguay. C. Paul coordinates, supervises and supports the work of more than 50 business chaplains to provide spiritual and emotional assistance to employees in the workplace. Hildi provides spiritual direction and retreats to help people deepen their faith.
- 14.** Pray for Mark and Mary Hurst as they bear public witness to God's love through protesting Australia's inhumane treatment of refugees and through strengthening the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.
- 15.** Praise God for Bill and Carol Frisbie as they work with church leaders throughout Africa to understand Jesus' teaching and apply it to their everyday lives through the LeaderSource ConneXions Model.
- 16.** Thank God for all the SOOP participants who have walked alongside Larry and Maxine Miller's ministry in Mississippi. Pray that many people will continue to respond to God's call to build relationships through participation in worship, hospitality, home repairs, food programs, and multiple other ways.
- 17.** Dennis Byler is currently teaching a seminary class, Introduction to the Old Testament. Pray for his students whom he finds "very engaged," which makes his ministry "highly rewarding." Pray also for inspiration as he writes and translates Anabaptist books for *Ediciones Biblioteca Menno*.
- 18.** This month, Colleen and Pablo Fast are sharing with North Americans about what God is doing in Brazil. Pray for them as they inspire congregations to become more actively involved with God's work in an area where the church is growing through the efforts of Brazilian leaders.
- 19.** A young family has recently arrived in Turkey. Pray for their safety as they discern new ways to share God's love in their urban context.
- 20.** Pray for the family of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig as their teaching ministries are in Ivory Coast and Liberia, respectively. Remember especially Samuel, who turns 9 years old today. May he feel loved and secure despite his father's absence and his mother's frequent travels for professional assignments.
- 21.** Evan Finger, Jonathan Ludwig, Eva Quiring, Erin Rhodes, Abby Turner, and unit leaders Krista and Leah Rittenhouse, make up the Service Adventure unit in Johnstown, Pennsylvania this year. Pray for unity in their household and that they may be a vibrant witness in their hosting congregation and their community.
- 22.** Mary Raber is based in Odessa and teaches at theological schools in Ukraine and the Russian Federation. Pray for her as she serves through Odessa Theological Seminary, Armenian Theological Seminary in Ashtarak, and other theological schools in Ukraine.
- 23.** María Helena López is sent by the Colombia Mennonite Church to serve in Ecuador. Pray for her work among Colombian refugees, and all the other roles she fills in coordinating Mennonite ministries of the churches in Ecuador.
- 24.** Today, as we reflect on God's generous outpouring in our lives, let us also cultivate that same spirit of generosity. May we worship the Giver of all good things, yet not cling to the gifts.