

24. Cristian and Teresa Marquez and Cecilia and Demetrio Salvador lead two congregations in Caleta Olivia, Argentina. Pray for them and the group of worshipers who gather in the center of the city, and for a second group in a neighborhood on the outskirts of the city.

25. Mary Raber requests prayer for pastors who spend time in the militarized zones of eastern Ukraine and the thousands of displaced people they serve. May God provide physical and spiritual resources for those who have suffered so much.

26. Today, Service Adventure unit leaders are gathering for a four-day retreat in San Antonio. Pray for safe travel, and a meaningful time of sharing experiences from the past year and learning from each other as they give and receive counsel.

27. Anne and Daniel Kompaoré serve in Burkina Faso. Pray for them as they work with education ministries, training church leaders, and Bible translation.

28. Laura Schlabach loves to live in the rural areas of Mongolia. Pray for her as she makes the capital city, Ulaanbaatar, her base due to administrative responsibilities, but imitates the traditional nomadic lifestyle of many people in Mongolia in having a secondary home in Khentii for balance.

29. Nathan and Taryn Dirks, who have served among African Initiated Churches in Botswana with a focus on youth ministry for the past four years, are preparing to say their goodbyes in a few months. Pray for them as they mentor leaders to continue the work they've developed.

30. A young woman was given a ride by workers in a sensitive country. She saw an Arabic/English Bible in the car and mentioned that she had been looking for a Bible. Pray that she would hear God's voice as she reads that Bible they gave as a gift.

31. Pray for Mennonite churches in Congo as they share the good news of the Prince of Peace in this time of political conflict.

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- 1.** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children have airline tickets to return to Ecuador today. However, last month, Jerrell was diagnosed with melanoma in his ear. Pray for total healing for Jerrell and peace for the family as they live with uncertainty.
- 2.** Linda Oyer is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation.
- 3.** Journey International participants Katja Norton, Seth Swartzendruber and Leah Swartley work with JKI Maranatha Mennonite Church in Indonesia. Pray for them as they share their faith in the youth group and in teaching English in various settings—a Christian elementary school, after-school programs, and with hospital staff.
- 4.** Bill and Carol Frisbie are training leaders throughout Central and West Africa to share the good news with people who have never heard about God's love for them. Pray for health and safety in their travels and for insights into best communication practices.
- 5.** Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's teachers in China as they take on heavy course-loads, yet still try to be available for one-to-one conversations with students who see a difference in the lives of mission workers. May they share the hope they have in Jesus in meaningful ways.



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- 6.** Pray for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz in Paraguay as C. Paul works with more than 50 business chaplains who reach out to employees in the workplace, and as Hildi provides spiritual direction and retreats to help people deepen their faith.
- 7.** Connie and Dennis Byler minister in churches throughout Spain, and especially in the Burgos congregation and community. Pray for Connie as she carries her love of Jesus into daily conversations with people, and with Dennis as he teaches, preaches and writes on Anabaptist themes.
- 8.** Christopher Altrogge and Emma-Love Cabana are serving with Mennonite Voluntary Service in New York. Pray for them as they work alongside Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship to be “a place of peace in the city.”
- 9.** Martine Audéoud teaches in seminaries in Ivory Coast, while her husband, Gary Wittig, teaches school in Liberia. Pray for health for son, Samuel, and for his focus in elementary school, and that Gary will find a job in Ivory Coast so the family can be together again.
- 10.** Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, long-term associates with Mennonite Mission Network in Japan, have asked SOOP for help at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of Mennonite churches in Hokkaido. Pray for volunteers to help with building projects and with farm work while enjoying cultural experiences.
- 11.** Praise God for María Helena López and the two and a half years of service she had in Ecuador pastoring, working with Colombian refugee families and supporting the formation of the new church conference. Pray for her as she recently returned to her home in Colombia.
- 12.** A young family working with immigrants in France says, “This is a strategic time to be working in Europe. God is turning the world upside-down, bringing people from difficult-to-reach countries to Europe.” Pray for those who are hearing the gospel that was forbidden in their countries of origin.
- 13.** In honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, DOOR Atlanta and DOOR Miami are hosting middle school and high school groups, beginning today through Monday. Pray for participants as they learn about civil rights history and current social injustices, and reflect on how their faith calls them to respond.
- 14.** Annette and Paco Castillo have created a home in Ivory Coast for children who don't have a supportive family structure. Praise God for transformed lives that are beginning to bless the surrounding community as the children learn building and sewing trades, and share their new-found faith in Jesus.
- 15.** JCS International, the consortium of mission agencies through which Mission Network serves in Mongolia, requests prayer for “the many families in our fellowships and communities who are struggling to keep their homes warm in the cold weather this winter.”
- 16.** Linda Riegsecker Gabino is the school nurse at Santiago Christian School in Dominican Republic. Pray for her as she shares God's healing and hope with students and their families.
- 17.** Pray for Janie and Neal Blough who serve on the staff of the Paris Mennonite Center in France. They also share the Anabaptist vision through teaching in seminaries and community English classes, and as resource people in congregations.
- 18.** A worker in Senegal requests prayer for farmers. Climate change makes it impossible to grow the food crops on which the lives of their families depend. “The needs are many here,” she says. “Pray for me to trust that God will provide for each person.”
- 19.** A Christian believer has just earned a coveted position as a government-licensed midwife in Cambodia. Pray for her as she witnesses to Jesus' love, in the hospital and among her family members.
- 20.** Pray for increased faith and learning as Gloria Showalter works with the Mennonite Church in Quito, Ecuador.
- 21.** Brian and Noelia Fox work with Anabaptist youth in Burgos, Spain, to discern God's call on their lives and to reach out into the community. Pray for Brian and Noelia as they also direct an English-language academy and parent their three daughters.
- 22.** Lauren Francisco works as an expressive arts counselor at Eastwood Primary School in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Pray for her as she listens to stories of victims of neglect and trauma, and empowers them to be creators.
- 23.** A family with two young children has recently begun ministry in a country where a lot of violence is taking place. Pray for safety and for friends, and for a worshiping community, so they may share the good news of God's love that is stronger than fear.