

25. Pray that God will grant health and joy to a woman who has made a life-long commitment to use her administrative skills for the strengthening of Christian ministries in West Africa. She is currently serving through Mission Inter Senegal.

26. Mary Beyler accompanies Mennonite congregations in Hokkaido, Japan. Pray for her as she teaches, preaches, leads music, and serves on conference committees.

27. Marilyn Peters serves as associate pastor for an international congregation in Uruguay. Pray for her in this role and as she also works as a human resource and training liaison.

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



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Prayer Vine

*Connected to the true vine:
Together, sharing all of Christ with all of creation*



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- 1.** SOOP needs volunteers to work at a retreat center in the Andes Mountains about 50 miles from Bogota, Colombia. Pray for men and women with skills in construction, cooking, electrical work, gardening, painting, plumbing, and sewing to help maintain this campground.
- 2.** In Northern Ireland, Austin Roberts works with trainees as they explore their vocational calling in the area of peacemaking. Pray for them as they volunteer in refugee camps in France, and help those who would like to immigrate to the United Kingdom.
- 3.** Praise God for the fruitful ministries of community health evangelists, both expatriates and those who minister locally in the places they live in Africa and Asia. Pray for them as they share, sometimes at great personal risk, the good news of Jesus who touches all parts of people's lives.
- 4.** A couple who has served God most of their lives in Asia have begun a new ministry in China. Pray for health, joy and wisdom during the long winter months as they model Jesus' love in the classroom and in the community in which they live.
- 5.** Alfonsina and José Luis Oyanguren praise God for a year of ministry through the radio station that transmits news, music, and educational and biblical programs to Toba/Qom communities in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that the good news of Jesus' love will touch even more lives in the coming year.

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- 6.** Pray for Service Adventure participants Lydia Andres, Annika Dollinger, Abby Gallegos, Milena Klassen, Armelda Xhari, and unit leaders Bob and Sondra Tolle in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as they engage in ministries with children and homeless people, and work at Habitat for Humanity ReStore and a community art center.
- 7.** Kristin and Mike Sharp and their daughters, Gabriella, 11, and Madelyn, 8, serve as community hosts for the Round Chapel in the East End of London. Pray for a spirit of hospitality and humility as they focus on developing relationships in the church and in its surrounding neighborhood.
- 8.** Marisa Smucker, mentor for the Journey International team in Indonesia, will spend time with participants beginning today through Feb. 19. Pray for safe travel for Marisa and for a good time of reflection with team members.
- 9.** Praise God for the teaching ministries of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. However, pray that he will find a good teaching position in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.
- 10.** Pray for the national council of the Mongolian church as they work with all denominations in the country to share God's love and salvation with all ethnic groups.
- 11.** Praise God for the two-way mission partnership that has blessed communities in Argentina and Illinois. Pray that participating congregations will continue to grow in faithfulness and numerically as gifts are shared between the northern and southern hemispheres.
- 12.** Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Michael Ghaly, Christina Hofer and Kiengkham Thor as they join host congregation, Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, Kansas, in ministering through urban agriculture and working with children.
- 13.** David and Rebekka Stutzman are living their way into a new way of doing church in post-Christian Germany. Pray for them as they follow Jesus' example on the Emmaus road, joining people on their journey and creating opportunities to see Jesus.
- 14.** In South Africa, Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen are working with Oscar Siwali, director of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, to develop the Peer Mediation and Peace Clubs that were launched last month. Pray for them as they prepare to train students during the school holidays in March and April.
- 15.** Mark and Mary Hurst are picking up their work "down under" after spending several months on North America Ministry assignments. Pray for them as they serve as pastors at Avalon Baptist Peace Memorial Church and engage with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.
- 16.** Amanda and Gamaliel Falla continue to encourage and support the church leaders in Colombia as the country strives toward peace. Pray for church growth and that God will equip pastors and their families.
- 17.** Today, Linda Oyer is scheduled to have her gall bladder removed in Paris, France. Pray that God will give wisdom to the surgeons and direct their hands. Ask that Linda will regain strength quickly to resume her ministries that have been put on hold for more than two months.
- 18.** Pray for DOOR's five city directors who are preparing for another busy spring break season of hosting college and high school service and learning groups.
- 19.** Janie and Neal Blough continue to teach and preach from their home base in Paris, France. Pray for them as they help lay the groundwork for a network of French-speaking Anabaptists that spans three continents—Africa, Europe and North America.
- 20.** Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder teach and support local ministries from their home in Burkina Faso and throughout West Africa. Pray for them as they walk alongside the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso outreach efforts, especially in encouraging university students in the church-run hostel.
- 21.** Pray for Mark and Stephanie Bartsch as they serve an international church in Kobe, Japan. Mark also teaches at a Christian high school.
- 22.** Colleen and Pablo Fast support church plants in river communities in Brazil. Pray for them as they train and mentor pastoral couples to lead these new congregations.
- 23.** 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.
- 24.** In Lithuania, Mennonite Mission Network personnel have served LCC International University through teaching and administration for more than two decades. Pray for the students of this four-year liberal-arts college as they are introduced to Jesus. Only 30 percent of students come to the school as Christians.