

26. Dustin and Moriah Steiner and their children serve in Uganda. Pray for Dustin as he coordinates projects in the areas of agriculture, woodworking and tent-making, and for the entire family as they work with a local orphanage.

27. Pray for Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher who work with Anabaptist programs in South Korea, such as Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Connexus (an educational ministry).

28. Disa and Tom Rutschman are middle-school and high-school teachers in Sweden. Pray for them as they model Jesus' love to their students and to the congregation where they serve as part of the leadership team.

29. Barbara and Tad Wulliman serve in educational ministries in the Philippines. Pray for Barbara as she homeschools three kindergarten and first-grade missionary kids at the Northern Translation Center, and for Tad as he assists in facility development and other administrative work.

30. Today through Sunday, Mennonite Voluntary Service local leaders are gathering in Tucson, Arizona, for worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit's unity in relationships and in purpose.

31. Bill and Carol Frisbie train leaders to share the biblical message in places where there is no church in Central and West Africa. Pray for African leaders as they implement what they have learned together.

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Together, sharing all of Christ with all of creation*

1. Christine Lindell Detweiler, who formerly served with Mission Network in Africa for 20 years, began a year-long special assignment in January. Pray for her as she works with partners in Benin to improve childhood malnutrition in sustainable ways.

2. Hannah Hochstetler, Service Adventure leader in Jackson, Mississippi, died Jan. 19 in a car accident. Her husband, Caleb, was injured in the same accident. Pray for Caleb, their families and friends, the Jackson service unit, the Open Door Mennonite Church (the hosting congregation in Mississippi), and the Mission Network community as all continue to mourn this loss.

3. Mary Beyler leads English classes at the Tottori Mennonite Church in Japan. Pray for members of a new class that started last month, especially those who were attracted because of the "loving atmosphere" and desire to perfect their language skills, but have not yet made a decision to follow Jesus.

4. Mary Raber requests prayer for all people living as faithful witnesses of the Prince of Peace in dangerous places. Pray especially for safety, wisdom, compassion, and even joy for church leaders in Ukraine who do not withdraw but respond with Jesus' love to those in desperate need.

5. 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.



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6. Courtney Mast works at the Dow Family Children's Home in Kenya. Pray for her and other staff as they create a loving family for children with nowhere else to live.

7. Mennonite Voluntary Service recently began working alongside the Puerto Rico Mennonite Conference in Aibonito. Pray for Johanna Depenthal as she serves at *Academia Menonita Betania*, a Christian school serving around 160 students from kindergarten through ninth grade.

8. A family with two young children is serving in Turkey. Pray that this family may hold the light and hope of Jesus in an uncertain political environment, and that they may find friends and other believers to encourage them in difficult times.

9. Pray for safety, warm shelters, and food to eat for refugees around the world. Pray also for those who share Jesus' love in refugee camps and hold out hope despite life-defying conditions.

10. Yuneth Vargas directs the Samuelito Day Care Center in Bolivia. Pray for the staff who share God's love with the children and their families. Pray also for the monthly courses on faith development that Margrit Kipfer Barrón and her husband, Freddy, offer to parents.

11. Oscar Siwali and Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen, working through Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, are recruiting and training peer mediators for mediation and peace clubs this month. Pray for the students who are using their school holidays for this training.

12. The DOOR program is hosting high-school and college groups during spring break. Pray for the students as they learn about faith, race, and justice through service.

13. Laura Schlabach requests prayer for JCS, the interagency mission organization through which Mission Network serves in Mongolia. Pray for wisdom and direction as the leadership team goes through a time of transitions.

14. Connie and Dennis Byler have served in Spain for more than three decades. They request prayer to be "true to our calling to be gentle and loving spiritual mothers and fathers, as God never ceases to be" in the relationships they have within Anabaptist circles and beyond.

15. Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children got a delayed start on the Ecuador portion of their two-way mission due to a surgery to remove cancer from Jerrell's ear. Pray that God would make their remaining four months south of the equator fruitful ones.

16. Asher and Lindsey Fast are beginning an assignment in Botswana. Pray for them as they build relationships with Mennonite partners in African-Initiated Churches, youth ministries, and community organizations.

17. Praise God for SOOP volunteers who serve in Phoenix, Arizona. Pray for those who give their time and skills to work in food banks, at a refugee settlement center, as English-language teachers and aides, and to help with repair and remodeling projects.

18. An Indonesian Mennonite mission agency and Mission Network collaborate to send Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo to Cambodia. 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.

19. 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.

20. Pray for wisdom and courage as Colombia Mennonite Church members model Jesus' way of peacemaking in their communities that have experienced a long history of division and violence.

21. Annette and Paco Castillo have created a home in Ivory Coast for child soldiers and other children who don't have a supportive family structure. Pray that the children who have been baptized in the past year will grow in their faith and lead others to Jesus.

22. David Borbely, Nora Charles, Marle Moellenbruck, Kate Unruh, and unit leaders Daniel and Meg Smeltzer Miller serve through Service Adventure in Colorado Springs. Pray for the Beth-El Mennonite Church congregation who hosts the unit, and for the work they do together in the community with children, elderly adults, and people with disabilities.

23. A long-term worker in Asia focuses on making Christian literature available. Pray for her as she collaborates with translators, publishers, and counselors who help people apply what they are reading to their daily lives.

24. Pray for Stephen and Margot Longley as they bring Anabaptist perspectives to Finland's Lutheran state-church context and the Free Churches.

25. Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton use their gifts in music, education, and children's and youth ministries in the programs of the Mennonite churches in Ecuador. Pray for them as they also serve as coordinators for partnerships with churches in Colombia and the United States.