

24. Robin Gingerich requests prayer for the 13 students from Iraq and Syria who are studying at LCC International University. Pray for them as they heal from the horrors of war and persecution and are surrounded with human manifestations of Jesus' love.

25. Today, JCS International board members gather for four days of meetings. Pray for Holy Spirit inspiration for them as they make ministry decisions for the coming year. JCS is a consortium of Christian organizations that serve in Mongolia.

26. Marilyn Peters serves in Montevideo, Uruguay. Pray for her in her ministry as associate pastor of an international congregation and as a human resources and training liaison for Christian Associates International.

27. 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.

28. Today and tomorrow, DOOR Chicago is hosting an event to showcase the program. Pray that this outreach will attract new interest in DOOR's ministry and help long-term supporters make additional connections.

29. In addition to Janie and Neal Blough's teaching, writing, and publishing ministries that require frequent travel, they also coordinate the Mennonite Center in Paris, France. Pray for them as they offer hospitality to pilgrims on geographical and spiritual journeys.

30. Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig are preparing to move to France this summer. Martine will continue her teaching ministries with Christian universities in West Africa from a home base in the land of her birth. Pray for Gary, Martine, and their son, Samuel, as they make this transition.

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- 1.** Today is the last day to sign up for Youth Venture's learning-service trips to Benin, Northern Ireland, or Peru. Is God bringing to mind any 14- to 22-year-olds who would benefit from one of these experiences? Contact them now.
- 2.** Jason and Tonya Yoder Rupp and their two children are serving at a Christian school in Paraguay. They request prayer for improved language skills, health in the coming mosquito and dengue fever season, a deepening of friendships, and guidance as they discern how to best contribute to the school's ministry.
- 3.** Ministries among refugees are a significant part of Mission Network's engagement in Australia, Turkey, the United States, Southeast Asia, and Western Europe. Pray for peace in the world, safe places for all people, and that mission workers will continue to share Jesus' love in culturally appropriate ways.
- 4.** Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder engage in educational ministries throughout West Africa from their home in Burkina Faso. Pray for them as they teach at an international school; Bible institutes in Benin, Burkina, Ghana and Nigeria; and as they mentor university students living in the Mennonite Church's hostel.
- 5.** Praise God for Mark and Mary Hurst's years of service with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray that the Hursts continue to notice where God is at work, and for wisdom to know how to respond to seekers' questions about prayer, faith, forgiveness and healing.

6. Linda Oyer continues to heal from her five-hour surgery in February. Pray for energy and inspiration as she picks up her teaching responsibilities along with her speaking and writing projects and her spiritual direction ministry.

7. Mikhail Fernandes, Tabea Fink, and Sarah Geiser serve through Mennonite Voluntary Service in Madison, Wisconsin. Pray for them as they worship with Madison Mennonite Church, relate to people with disabilities, and engage in environmental projects.

8. Felipe Oyanguren, the 20-year-old son of long-term workers Alfonsina and José, joined in the ministry of the Mennonite team in the Chaco at the beginning of this year. Pray for him as he helps with publications, bilingual education for indigenous adults and youth, and the Toba-Qom radio station.

9. In South Africa, Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen work alongside Oscar Siwali, director of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. Pray for these three and all of their partners as they work to transform conflict and build peaceful communities.

10. Thank God for Arab Christians, Messianic Jews, and North American mission workers, who—joined by their faithfulness to Jesus—live out love in the face of fear, hatred and violence in the Middle East. Pray for wisdom and protection as they communicate this counter-cultural message.

11. Ben and Laurel Woodward Breckbill serve as interns in Belfast alongside peacebuilders at Mediation Northern Ireland (Ben) and WAVE Trauma Centre (Laurel). Pray for them as they learn to share the good news with people who have experienced trauma, and to work together with them for justice.

12. Praise God for the ministry of the Ontario Christian Gleaners, an interdenominational organization that collects, processes and distributes surplus and blemished agricultural produce. Pray for SOOP volunteers willing to respond to Jesus' desire to feed the hungry, while enjoying Canadian hospitality.

13. Pray for Gloria Showalter as she works with the Education for Peace children's program and other Mennonite Church ministries for children and youth in Ecuador.

14. On this day when we remember Jesus' gift of dying for our salvation, lament the needless suffering and death in our world. Ask God to show you a concrete way to share the story of Jesus' love and the way to eternal life.

15. A volunteer couple is in the process of conducting a two-month customer survey for Top of the World Coffee in Nepal. Pray that they may discern why some people frequent the coffee shop, and why others do not. May their analysis benefit this ministry.

16. As we celebrate Easter, we are all called to spread the good news that Jesus conquered the power of evil and death through the resurrection. Join Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 60 countries around the world in proclaiming this message to your neighbors.

17. The Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, is made up of Heidi Asher, Cassidy Bush, Sam Hatch, Rebekka Heller, Jael Knoll, Matt Kroeker, and Monica Miller, leader. Pray for them as they serve through organizations such as The Children's Lunchbox, Downtown Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, and Bureau of Land Management.

18. Linda Riegsecker Gabino serves as the school nurse at Santiago Christian School in Dominican Republic. Pray for her as she works with pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students of all nationalities, and cares for their spiritual well-being and their physical health.

19. Pray for health and wisdom as Lillian and Norm Nicolson and their two children help promote literacy and cultural dignity among the Siamou-speaking people in Burkina Faso.

20. Today, DOOR Los Angeles is holding a fundraiser to share the vision and passion that is the foundation of their programs. Pray for staff as they strengthen relationships with local donors, supporters and friends.

21. Today and tomorrow, Mennonite Women and Mennonite Mission Network are co-sponsoring a Sister Care seminar in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray for Hyacinth Stevens and Cyneatha Millsaps as they lead participants in worship and healing.

22. The *Centro de Estudios*, a ministry of the Spanish-speaking Mennonite congregations in Uruguay, develops church leaders and strengthens their Anabaptist identity. Pray for this itinerant study program that travels to bivocational leaders' locations and permits them to study evenings after work.

23. 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.