

25. On Mondays, Jane Ross Richer shares Bible stories with adolescents in Ecuador. Pray for her today as she seeks for ways to relate to this “hardened group,” and thank God for the new spiritual insights she receives from them.

26. Pray for Mark and Stephanie Bartsch as they serve the international church in Kobe, Japan, and for Mark as he also teaches at a Christian high school.

27. Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland is a Mission Network partner. Pray for the people who live out the vision of this community through healing social, religious and political divisions.

28. Today through Sunday, DOOR Hollywood’s Dwell participants are on their spring retreat. Pray for these young adults as they spend time in reflection on their year-long assignment and vocational discernment.

29. Ghana Global Mission Partnership brings together two congregations in Pennsylvania, Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Belleville and University Mennonite Church in State College, with Good News Theological College and Seminary. Pray for this collaborative ministry that trains leaders of African Initiated Churches.

30. Mike and Teresa Sherrill’s family have lived in Japan since 2000. Pray for Mike, who serves as chaplain and professor of Christian Studies at a university, for Teresa as co-pastor at West Tokyo Union Church, and their three teenagers as they relate to their peers.

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- 1.** Today, the Anabaptist youth and young adults in Burgos, Spain, kick off their fifth annual Origen youth conference weekend. Pray for good cooperation in the work overload of this high-octane event, and that lives will be “Redesigned” (conference theme) as God takes broken lives and makes them into something beautiful.
- 2.** Today, 20 Mennonite Voluntary Service local leaders and staff are engaged in a four-day meeting at First Mennonite Church of San Francisco. Pray for them as they work through next steps with representatives of hosting congregations and staff continuing to shape the vision of the program.
- 3.** Thank God for Gary Wittig’s new job, a one-year contract teaching fourth grade at the American International School of Monrovia, in Liberia. Pray for strong family ties and grace as his wife, Martine Audéoud, and son, Samuel, continue to serve and study in neighboring Ivory Coast.
- 4.** Today through Thursday, DOOR’s city directors are meeting with their peers from the Presbyterian Church USA’s Young Adult Volunteers program. Pray for this gathering in Little Rock, Arkansas, as they share the joys and challenges of partnering in urban ministries.
- 5.** The *Samuelito* daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children’s parents. Pray for the center’s director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón who lead Alpha courses that engage 15–18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.



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6. Moriah Hurst recently completed eight years of ministry in Australia with Mission Network. Pray for her as she discerns God's leading to a pastorate in the United States.

7. Mary Raber thanks God for Mission Network gifts that helped to channel supplies of food, clothing, and medicine to people in militarized areas of Ukraine. Pray for Mary as she continues to encourage churches with her presence and teaching ministry, especially current seminars on conflict resolution and peacemaking.

8. Andrew and Karen Suderman teach, organize seminars, and support local churches through Anabaptist Network in South Africa (ANiSA). Pray for wisdom as they discern God's leading and join in with God's reconciling work.

9. Pray for continued attempts to heal a rift between Bolivia and Chile as young Mennonites from both countries meet at an A-mar beach retreat (play on Spanish words "to love" and "to the sea"). The dispute dates to a 19th-century war when Chile blocked Bolivia's access to the coastline.

10. Praise God for JCS International, a consortium of 12 Christian agencies ministering in Mongolia. Pray for a longtime worker who facilitates the translation and publishing of Christian literature that strengthens faith and promotes strong relationships within families.

11. Mission Network's all-staff gathering begins today through Thursday. Pray for safe travel to and from Wichita, Kansas, an openness to the leading of God's Spirit—for wise discernment in discussions and decisions—and for an atmosphere of love and collaboration.

12. Pray for Journey International (formerly Radical Journey) alumni as they reflect on their year of service and learning. May they continue to listen for the nudging of the Holy Spirit toward opportunities to share the love of God in their daily lives.

13. Pray for joy and peace as Brad and Brenna Steury Graber welcome a baby into their lives, and as they bring closure to their assignment with the three youth groups of Mennonite congregations in Paris, France. Ask God to equip new youth leaders to continue this ministry.

14. Church leaders in Botswana requested help in empowering young people in their congregations. In addition to Bible studies and other activities, Nate and Taryn Dirks responded by organizing a Christian hip-hop concert in a prison. Pray that Jesus' love will continue to flow through the Dirks family to transform lives.

15. Open Door Mennonite Church in Jackson, Mississippi, is preparing to host a Service Adventure unit this fall. Pray for this congregation as they put together housing, transportation, and service assignments for the young adults who will join them in August.

16. Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton are partnership coordinators in Ecuador and also using their gifts in music, education, and children's and youth ministries. Pray for them as they discern how to best serve the Mennonite and indigenous churches.

17. Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo are Indonesian Mennonites working in Cambodia. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics at two universities, and for Yuliana as she serves with an education ministry in a fishing village at the edge of Sihanouk City.

18. Pray for Susan and Wally Fahrer who have provided an Anabaptist-Mennonite presence in the United Kingdom since 1982.

19. Dustin and Moriah Steiner are working with an orphanage in Uganda. Pray for them as they build relationships and work at sustainability projects.

20. SOOP volunteers serve at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Toano, Virginia. Pray for them as they support the ministries of this Mennonite camp by assisting with maintenance, housekeeping, and office work.

21. Amanda and Gamaliel Falla live in central Colombia where they mentor Mennonite pastors. Pray for good health to permit them to continue this ministry of encouragement.

22. Karen Spicher and Jae Young Lee minister in Seoul. Pray for Karen's work with Connexus, a language-learning center affiliated with the Korea Anabaptist Center, and for Jae, who directs the Korea Peacebuilding Institute.

23. Disa and Tom Rutschman are middle-school and high-school teachers in Sweden's Arctic Circle. Pray for them as they help shape young lives in their community and as they help provide leadership of the Jokkmokk Free Church.

24. Lillian and Norm Nicolson promote literacy among the Siamou-speaking people and teach trades in Burkina Faso. Pray for them as they help contextualize God's word in the rural zone where they live.