

24. The UK Mennonite Trust (previously the London Mennonite Centre) is living into its vision of being a resourcing agency for Anabaptism in the United Kingdom. Pray for chairperson Stuart Murray Williams as he leads the way in mentoring the next generation of Anabaptist leaders and providing seed grants for projects and church plants.

25. *Seminario Biblico Menonita de Colombia* is experiencing transition. Pray for the seminary personnel as they move ahead with ministry within Colombia as well as in neighboring countries.

26. Angela and Tomoki Yamanaka are co-pastors of the Asahikawa Gospel Church in Hokkaido, Japan. Pray for them and their children as they engage in a ministry of evangelism, preaching, children's and youth ministries, Bible teaching, and English classes.

27. Latin American Mennonite churches are seeking ways to make Anabaptist biblical theological programs available to people who lead congregations in locations far from population centers. Pray for inspiration and resources to make this dream a reality.

28. Pray for two Journey International teams as they arrive in communities in Ecuador and Indonesia that will become their homes for the coming year.

29. Nazareth Village continues to expand its capacity to share the teaching of Jesus through interactive exploration of biblical life in Israel. Pray for the guide hired last year to translate for Russian visitors, second largest national group after guests from the United States.

30. Gloria Showalter finds her assignment with Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador "enjoyable, meaningful, and life-giving." Pray for her as she works with the congregation's peace education program; teaches biblical literacy, art and English; and participates in the church's music team.

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- 1.** David and Rebekka Stutzman are three months into a new ministry in Mannheim, Germany. Pray for them and their three young children as they build relationships with neighbors and find ways to share about Jesus in a post-Christian context.
- 2.** A mission worker whose ministry touches the lives of many women and children in a majority Muslim country, requests prayer for God's protection as they make known the good news of Jesus with families who don't share their new-found faith.
- 3.** Pray for DOOR Dwell program participants as they arrive in the cities where they will live for the coming year to serve with local agencies, build community, and engage in vocational discernment.
- 4.** Today, Jason and Tonya Yoder Rupp and their two children are scheduled to fly to Paraguay to begin a one-year assignment at *Colegio Johannes Gutenberg* (a school). Departure was delayed due to Tonya's torn Achilles' tendon. Pray for smooth travel and healing, and a good start to ministry.
- 5.** JCS, the consortium of mission agencies through which Mennonite Mission Network serves in Mongolia, has been unable to find an executive director to succeed Kwai Lin Stephens, who has graciously accepted a one-year extension to her term. Pray for wisdom and energy for Kwai Lin and JCS.
- 6.** Linda Oyer and Mennonites in France are searching for ways to show respect for freedom of religious expression. Pray for them as they mourn for a Catholic priest killed while he was celebrating mass, and as they join with Muslim leaders in condemning every form of violence.

7. From a base in South Africa, Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen serve with Oscar Siwali and the Southern Africa Development and Reconstruction Agency. Pray for them as they work at peace education in schools, community conflicts and xenophobia, church leadership, women's roles in peacebuilding, and election monitoring/crisis management.

8. Today, Mark and Mary Hurst are traveling from Australia to the United States. Pray for safe travel as they speak in churches for the next three months, and for Mary as she takes two intensive courses at Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia.

9. This month, Jonathan Brenneman is starting a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment helping implement the Israel-Palestine Partners in Peacemaking resolution adopted by delegates at the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City. Pray for Jonathan's safety as he travels, and for wisdom and creativity as he works from the Mennonite offices in Indiana.

10. Alfonsina and José Oyanguren and their four children have served the indigenous people living in the Argentine Chaco for many years. Pray for good health for the family as they work to deepen biblical understanding and promote cultural dignity for their neighbors who have been marginalized.

11. Pray that a newly arrived mission family in Turkey will be able to make friends despite the unsettled political climate in the country.

12. Mary Raber is preparing to teach fall semester courses in Ukraine. Pray that she will be able to strengthen the faith of her students as new laws that went into effect in July make it increasingly dangerous to share religious convictions.

13. Thank God for more than 40 Mennonite Church Nigeria congregations and their witness in Akwa Ibom State. Pray for wisdom for church leaders and for resources to permit expanding ministries. Ask God to bless the church's income-generating projects, the drinking-water factory, and five schools.

14. Rejoice with Canadian SOOP coordinator, Natasha Reimer, on the birth of her son, Leo. Pray for a blessed year of maternity leave. Pray also for Kendelle Fawcett as she fills in for Natasha and works with Arloa Bontrager, SOOP program director in the United States.

15. Today, Dave and Elena Entz Wiebe begin a four-month assignment at Top of the World Coffee in Nepal. They will serve at the coffee shop while Bethsaba and Dale Nafziger minister in North America. Pray that these two couples will bless God's people in Nepal and the United States.

16. Today, Bishop Leonard Dow and Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in Philadelphia are welcoming a two-day African-American leadership gathering. Pray for the inspiration of God's Spirit as African-American Mennonite Association and Mission Network collaborate to deepen relationships and respond to God's call to mission.

17. Tomorrow, Mennonite churches are invited to celebrate Peace Sunday. Pray that congregations will use worship resources created by the Peace and Justice Support Network to acknowledge and respond to the violence that continues to be our culture's all-too-frequent response to conflict.

18. Today, DOOR Denver is celebrating 30 years of mission and service in the city with a joint worship service and fundraiser connecting churches throughout the metro area. Pray that God's love will be shared in compelling ways.

19. In the past year, nearly two million people poured into Europe without documentation. Pray that Anabaptists will lead the way in offering biblical hospitality and modeling Jesus' love, both to immigrants and to residents who are fearful of their security.

20. This is an academic vacation month for Burkina Faso's universities. Pray for the students who live at the Mennonite Church's hostel. Ask God to give them safe travel as they visit their families and to provide the resources needed for the coming year of studies.

21. Today, Charles Buller of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and a team of Congolese leaders begin three weeks of Transformational Coaching seminars in Congo. A partnership delegation from Silverwood Mennonite Church in Indiana will join them for part of this time. Pray for a powerful movement of God's Spirit.

22. Mission Network has worked hand-in-hand with Mennonite Partners in China, which has now expanded its range of ministries beyond teaching English. Pray for those who are serving in the areas of peace education, exchange visits, partnership with local churches, scholarships, summer camps, and providing consultancy for Chinese retirement homes.

23. Praise God for four Youth Venture teams who built relationships this summer in India, Indonesia, Lithuania and Los Angeles. Pray for participants as they bring their new understanding of God and our global community into their daily lives of study and work.