

24. Today through Thursday, nationwide DOOR staff will gather in Pasadena, California. Pray for God's leading as they reflect on the year, dream about the future, and fellowship together.

25. Bill and Carol Frisbie train leaders to share the biblical message in places where there is no church in Central and West Africa. September and October have been filled with sessions in Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. Pray for African leaders as they implement what they have learned together.

26. Barbara and Tad Wulliman have served in educational ministries in Philippines since 1998. 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.

27. Linda Riegsecker Gabino is the school nurse at Santiago Christian School in Dominican Republic. Pray for her as she shares God's healing and hope with students and their families.

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

29. Praise God for all the SOOP volunteers who have "provided a burst of energy" to the full-time staff at Camp Deerpark in New York. Pray for more people willing to touch lives of campers and staff through gardening, painting, and small construction projects.

30. Dustin and Moriah Steiner and their children serve in Uganda. Pray for Dustin as he coordinates local networking and community development projects, and for the entire family as they work with a local orphanage.

31. Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher work with Anabaptist ministries in South Korea. Pray for Jae Young, the director of Korea Peacebuilding Institute, as he makes conflict mediation services available to schools, and for Karen, who serves through Connexus, an education ministry.

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- 1.** Praise God that David and Rebekka Stutzman and their three children are now settled in Mannheim, Germany. Pray for them as they build relationships in their neighborhood, and begin a faith community that responds to the needs of people living in a post-Christian society.
- 2.** This month, Journey International teams in Ecuador and Indonesia are starting an Eastern Mennonite University online course, Cross-Cultural Discipleship. Pray that as they study Scripture, they can respond to God's call.
- 3.** Today, Benin Bible Institute representatives Arlette Hounkpe and Pierre Kinkponwe arrive in the United States to build relationships and increase collaboration with Mennonite partners. Pray for health and safe travels as they call North American congregations to greater faith and faithfulness during their two-week visit.
- 4.** Today and tomorrow, Kwai Lin Stephens is leading a seminar for leaders of nongovernmental organizations in Mongolia. Pray for this gathering, and praise God for Kwai Lin's willingness to continue as executive director of JCS past her mandate. Ask God to raise up a new JCS administrator.
- 5.** This year, *Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Boliviana* embarked on a five-year plan to encourage growth in congregations, prepare leaders, and develop a structure adapted to their context. Pray for Bolivian Mennonites as they prepare for the future of their church.

6. This month, DOOR is hosting several local fundraising events to help with financial sustainability of programs and to create more goodwill in the communities where volunteers live and serve. Pray for today's event in Miami and tomorrow's event in Atlanta.

7. Thank God for the fruits growing from Juliet Kilpin's ministry at the Calais refugee camp in France. Pray for wisdom for listening volunteers, and for peace and a place to belong for people who have suffered so much.

8. Praise God for Lillian and Norm Nicolson's long-term commitment to share God's word with the Siamou people of Burkina Faso. Pray for someone willing to be an educational child-care worker to help teach their children, Nadine (7) and Kenneth (4).

9. Laura Schlabach, serving with JCS in Mongolia since 1993, enjoys living in rural environments. However, work responsibilities are requiring her to spend more time in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city. Pray for a living situation that allows Laura the space to breath freely, but is also conducive to effective ministry.

10. Today is Indigenous Peoples Day. Pray for North American Mennonites of European descent to confess their complicity in the oppression of the original inhabitants of the continent on which they live. Pray also for the mission workers who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.

11. Praise God for the ministry of the Mennonite church's daycare center in Choele Choel, Argentina. Pray for coordinator Susana Chambi de Carrasco and for all the "aunties" who care for the children and reach out to their families.

12. Marvin Lorenzana gives leadership to the Missional Discipleship Initiative designed to equip congregations to make disciples. Pray for Marvin and the 200 participants in 18 congregations who share the good news of Jesus in this way.

13. Pray for Brian and Noelia Fox and their three daughters as they get into the rhythm of school in Spain after a summer of North American Ministry. Pray especially for the family as they model Jesus' love for their students at the English Academy they began four years ago.

14. Pray for the Mennonite Voluntary Service unit in Seattle, Washington, where Abigail Bechtel helps with a nonprofit environmental news site, Julia Fulk works with a food bank, Andrew Hostetter relates to formerly homeless men with chemical addictions, and Halle Steingass supports families affected by autism.

15. The Mennonite congregation in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, is trying to find a way to support a teacher to work among children in Sapouy, where road construction workers fathered children and moved on. Pray for clear discernment and resources for this ministry.

16. A long-term worker in Asia helps promote Christian literature. This month, the focus will be on material to broaden the skills of mental health counselors, especially in the areas of group therapy and recovery from co-dependency. Pray for the counselors and those who are seeking peace.

17. Praise God for women in Paraguay who bring meals to Jason and Tonya Yoder Rupp and their children while Tonya continues to be in a wheelchair and on crutches as her foot heals. Pray for complete healing for Tonya and for the family's adjustment to a new language and culture.

18. Mediation Northern Ireland grew out of the long-term ministry of Mennonites in the country. Pray for this organization as it trains people to mediate church-related conflict with alternatives to adversarial forms of resolution.

19. Join the Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi, in thanking God for a good start to their year together living and serving in community. Pray for unit leaders Caleb and Hannah Hochstetler, and participants Susannah Epp, Valerie Haupt, Niklas Kugler, and Jenessa Woodrich.

20. Thank God for the witness of Mennonite Church Nigeria. Pray for faithfulness and wisdom for leaders, for success of income-generating initiatives, and that God's light will continue to shine through church members.

21. In countries around the world where evangelism is illegal, ministry can be done through businesses that provide opportunities to teach life skills and to model God's love and respect for others. Pray for all Mission Network personnel and their local partners who engage in this form of mission.

22. 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.

23. Linda Oyer continues to nurture an Anabaptist perspective in biblical studies, missions, and spiritual formation in France. Pray for her as she teaches, writes, accepts speaking engagements, and collaborates with French-speaking organizations to help church leaders deepen their faith.