

**25.** Youth-Hope of Africa was founded in Ivory Coast to help child-soldiers find a healthier way of life. Pray for this organization, which has expanded to help disadvantaged youth learn life-skills and vocational training, as well as nurturing their spiritual development. (p. 12)

**26.** Angela (Wenger) and Tomoki Yamanaka are associate co-pastors of the Asahikawa Gospel Church in Hokkaido, Japan. Pray for them and their four children as they offer their hands and feet for God's work and preach God's word. (p. 18)

**27.** David and Rebekka Stutzman, and their three children, have served as a missional church family in Germany for 13 years. Pray for them as they network with churches and young adults throughout Germany who are seeking to live and work in missional communities in their post-Christian context. (p. 24)

**28.** Pray for the Evangelical Mennonite Conference of Paraguay, which is comprised of Spanish-speaking congregations that work together in evangelism, church-planting and leadership development. (p. 34)

**29.** Pastor Augustin Boika is a Mennonite Brethren missionary in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray for him as he serves in remote areas among the Batwa people, in eight churches and a cell group.

**30.** Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher live and work at the Peace Building Community with their five children. Pray for them as they engage with the Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute, Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Korea Association for Restorative Justice, in addition to parenting their children. (p. 16)

**31.** Austin Roberts is completing his doctoral dissertation in intercultural studies, with a focus on reconciliation and mission among emerging adults. Pray for him as he juggles his teaching and training ministry, with Youth With A Mission in Northern Ireland, and his intense study. (p. 24)

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*Connected to the true vine:  
Together, sharing all of Christ with all of creation*

**Notice:** The page numbers in parentheses at the end of certain prayer requests indicate the 2025 Mission Mosaic page number where more information can be found on workers, partners and programs. Order your free copy at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Mosaic](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Mosaic).

**1.** Toni and Matthew Krabill completed their North American Ministry and returned to Ghana at the end of April. Praise God for Matthew's renewed health, as he continues to work with Muslim-Christian relations at The Sanneh Center. Pray for both of them as they also support the Center for Justice and Peace's trainings. (p. 10)

**2.** Lora Nafziger and Mitch Rhodes serve as a counseling advisor and an expatriate coordinator, respectively, for United Mission to Nepal. Pray for them as they support mission workers and build relationships with their Nepali neighbors. (p.16)

**3.** Joseph and Rachel Givens accompany volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House and wider community in Calais, France. Pray for them as they offer a temporary home to migrants who are trying to cross the English Channel to find refuge in England. (p. 23)

**4.** Today, the United States celebrates Independence Day. As followers of Jesus, let us live out the biblical call to interdependence, realizing our deep need for one another, through which "if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26, CEB).

**5.** Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton serve as partnership coordinators for ministry in Ecuador. They request that we join all the churches of Ecuador in praying for God's shalom throughout the country, as violence is increasing, due to drug trafficking. (p. 29)



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- 6.** Pray for the Service Adventure unit leaders as they have orientation this month and prepare to mentor participants in the coming year. (p. 39)
- 7.** Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, are currently in the United States for six months. Pray for them as they connect with supporting churches and share about God's work in Chad. (p. 10)
- 8.** Today, Follow Jesus '25, Mennonite Church USA's five-day biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, begins in Greensboro, North Carolina. Pray that participants will encounter Jesus in transformative ways and witness to the power of Jesus' love.
- 9.** Today, Mission Network partners from *La Casa Grande* (The Large House), a children's home in Benin, are presenting a seminar called "Broad Spectrum Peacemaking" at Follow Jesus '25. Pray that participants will be moved to join God's shalom in creating a better world for all children.
- 10.** Today, at Follow Jesus '25, Mission Network staff are offering three youth seminars, a presentation on Afrocentric Anabaptists and a session about re-imagining mission, moving from a colonialist model to a partnership model. Pray that these offerings will help youth consider the benefits of a year of service and congregations be invigorated for mission.
- 11.** Today, Mission Network staff and partners are presenting two workshops, "What is an Anabaptist Christian?" and "Prophetic Peacemaking: Community Mediation in South Africa," at Follow Jesus '25. Pray that the presenters will inspire participants to live out their faith and work for peace.
- 12.** For the past two years, Laura Schlabach has served on the interim executive director team for JCS International, in addition to being the organization's finance and IT director. Pray for wisdom, energy and patience for Laura, as she carries a double workload for this consortium of mission agencies in Mongolia. Pray for the executive director search committee as they work through the recruiting process. (p. 17)
- 13.** Today, participants begin a week-long Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage that will take them from Washington, D.C., to Florida. Pray for open minds and hearts, as they retrace the courageous journeys of faith communities and individuals who helped enslaved people find their way to emancipation. Pray also that participants will be inspired to act for justice in their own communities. (p. 36)
- 14.** Robin Gingerich has been serving at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray that she will find time for rest and renewal during the summer months, even as LCC runs an extensive program of camps and courses. (p. 23)
- 15.** Colleen and Pablo Fast have been serving in Brazil for more than three decades. Pray for them as they mentor church leaders in Humaitá, Brazil. (p. 30)
- 16.** Daniel and Engracia Canganguela, along with Maria Bogua, are laying the groundwork for launching the Leadership Coaching Certificate Program in Luanda, Angola, this month. Pray for these leaders and all the participants as they engage with this program, developed in collaboration with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and the Mennonite Church of Congo. (p. 12)
- 17.** Mission workers who have spent years in a media ministry in the Middle East ask us to pray that Christians will be protected, as they boldly share about the deliverance and abundant life that Jesus brings.
- 18.** Anicka Fast and her family are based in the Netherlands, where Anicka continues to use her expertise in church history and missiology to mentor and train church historians around the world. Pray for her as she strengthens students' archiving skills, through online and in-person consultations. (p. 23)
- 19.** Laura and Nick Sharp, and their children, Jesse (8) and Brielle (5), are settling into a year-long assignment in La Mesa, Colombia, where they serve alongside the Colombia Mennonite Church and its kindergarten-grade 12 school. Pray for them as they adapt to new cultural patterns and immerse themselves in the Spanish language. (p. 32)
- 20.** Praise God for the three-way learning that builds up the body of Christ through a partnership between *Meserete Kristos* Seminary, with two campuses in Debre Zeit and Nazareth, Ethiopia; Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in Elkhart, Indiana; and Mission Network. Pray for deepened faith on both the African and North American continents. (p. 12)
- 21.** Jonah and Memee Yang offer trainings in Southeast Asia that focus on discipleship, equipping youth and families, and holistic community building. Pray for Jonah, as he teaches Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Missional Leadership Development program, and for Memee, as she works with women, using the Sister Care curriculum. (p. 18)
- 22.** Today, eight participants from the Faith Mennonite Church youth group, in Goshen, Indiana, are beginning a week-long Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for them as they explore the history, significance and ongoing implications of the civil rights struggle in the United States. (p. 36)
- 23.** Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill, with their two children, serve and offer hospitality at Paris Mennonite Center (PMC) in France. Pray for them as they prioritize, with the aid of the PMC's board of directors, the many opportunities for ministries, locally and internationally. (p. 25)
- 24.** Praise God for the Community of Anabaptist Theological Institutions, a network of Spanish-language education programs that facilitates the sharing of online opportunities for leadership development. Pray that many people will grow in their faith and practices through this collaboration. (p. 33)