

24. Tomorrow, Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their family, are scheduled to fly home to Chad. Pray for wisdom and God's leading, as Chad is refusing to issue new visas to U.S. citizens, in response to the United States's ban on issuing visas to Chadian nationals. The family's current visas expire Sept. 23. (p. 10)

25. Today, Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) and Service Adventure (SA) participants begin their week-long orientations at their service locations. Pray that the incoming members of the MVS units in San Francisco, California, and Tucson, Arizona; and the SA units in Anchorage, Alaska, and Colorado Springs, Colorado, will have the energy and openness to get a positive start on their year of living in community. (p. 37-39)

26. LCC International University is a liberal arts institution in Lithuania, where students from many nations live together in Christian community. Pray for faculty, staff and students as they transition from summer programs to preparing for the academic year. (p. 27)

27. Pray that Mennonite Christian Hospital's commitment to serving marginalized people in remote communities in Taiwan will continue to offer well-being to all people. (p. 21)

28. Pray for the Mennonite churches in Uruguay as they support generational transitions in leadership and discern ways to share their faith in a highly secular context. (p. 34)

29. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mennonite missionaries helped translate the Bible into local languages, but a Kishilele Bible is only now ready for printing. The Bashilele people make up a growing portion of the church. Pray that they will soon be able to hear God's word in their mother tongue.

30. A family has been serving in a sensitive ministry in France for 10 years. Pray for them as they assure regional leadership and engage in church planting. (p. 24)

31. Pray for Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, in Japan, as they teach in a regenerative agriculture education program and manage a spiritual retreat center. (p. 15)

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- 1.** Today is the registration deadline for the Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Just Peace Pilgrimage that will take place Oct. 7-11, on Navajo land in Utah. Pray for those whom God is calling to engage with the legacy of Indigenous-White settler relations.
- 2.** Pamela Obonde has joined the administrative team of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), as a church and donor relations coordinator. AIMM and Mission Network collaborate closely in ministries on the African continent. Pray for Pamela, who is based in Manitoba, Canada, as she builds bridges across agencies, cultures and nations. (p. 11)
- 3.** Today, the youth group from First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, begins a week-long Christ at the Border Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for the participants as they learn about the realities of migration at the Mexico-United States border and the justice that Jesus is calling them to.
- 4.** Seth and Stephany Rudeen hope to begin ministry in Guatemala this month. Pray for them as they spend their first months there improving their Spanish, before moving on to the Q'eqchi' (Kekchi) Bezaleel Mennonite Educational Center, where they will assist students in learning English and provide tutoring in other core subjects.



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5. Kate Widmer serves with an outreach team that extends the ministry of Montbéliard Prairie Church, a Mennonite congregation in the Alsace region of France. Pray for her as she works in the church's café and bookstore and leads afternoon leisure activities, focusing on children and women in the Muslim neighborhood where she lives. (p. 25)

6. A long-term mission couple, who have committed their lives to spreading the message of life-transforming faith in Jesus Christ through the creative and culturally relevant use of media, is currently engaged in North American Ministry. Pray for safety in travel and for the couple and all their local partners in the Middle East, as they engage in this sensitive witness.

7. Pray for the family of Reuben Mgodeli, director of the Mennonite Bible School in South Africa, as they grieve the sudden death of his 28-year-old son. May the many churches Reuben has served surround his family during this difficult time. (p. 13)

8. Praise God that Colleen and Pablo Fast are adapting to living in a more urban area in Brazil. Pray for them as they walk alongside Brazilian church leaders and learn to know the members of their new congregation. (p. 30)

9. Austin Roberts is completing his doctoral dissertation and preparing to defend it. Pray that he will have the time he needs for this academic work, while also overseeing the kitchen and mentoring Youth With A Mission (YWAM) participants in Northern Ireland. (p. 24)

10. Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) Summer Peacebuilding Training brings people from China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan together. Pray for participants as they return to their home communities to share the insights they learned during the training, with the goal of strengthening the movement for peace in the region. (p. 20)

11. Martine Audéoud requests prayer for 12 students, from five countries, who have just begun their doctoral studies at the University of the Christian Alliance in Ivory Coast. Pray also for Martine, who is exhausted from teaching at various universities, in addition to her administrative duties. (p. 10)

12. C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz have retired, in the sense that they are no longer employed, but they continue to be very active in leading spiritual retreats and mentoring. Pray for them as they continue to build on the foundation of 40 years of ministry in Paraguay. (p. 29)

13. A professor of Islamic studies and Muslim-Christian relationships has committed her life to facilitating conversations and understandings between Christians and Muslims around the world. Pray for her as she travels. Pray also for her many friends, who work in difficult situations of war and other forms of violence.

14. Give thanks for the 35 students who graduated this spring from Bethlehem Bible College, a Palestinian university. Pray for wisdom and boldness, as they carry what they've learned into their communities. Their celebration was bittersweet, as they prayed for the students of Gaza who have not been able to complete their studies. (p. 13)

15. Ask God to bring helpers to the Francophone Community Mennonite Churches in Durban and Johannesburg, South Africa. Many families are food insecure and are struggling to send their young people to school. (p. 13)

16. Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón have served with the Bolivia Mennonite Church for more than three decades. Pray for them as Freddy pastors a congregation and Margrit coordinates Christian education ministries. Together, they mentor young church leaders and support church plants. (p. 29)

17. Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill are directors of the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Praise God for sustaining them through an intense season of offering hospitality during Mennonite World Conference's Anabaptism at 500 events this summer. Pray for them as they provide Anabaptist resources for the French-speaking world. (p. 25)

18. A couple, who has worked long term in Asia, reports that violence against both Christians and Muslims is increasing. Pray for this couple as they work with eight organizations to provide business training that reflects Jesus' way of peace.

19. From their home in Ghana, Toni and Matthew Krabill are engaged in many ministries across West Africa. Pray for them as they work with The Sanneh Institute, churches and communities in Ghana, and the Center for the Formation of Justice and Peace in Ivory Coast. Pray for complete healing for Matthew, and pray for Toni as she writes her dissertation. (p. 10)

20. Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton are in the United States, visiting supporting churches, to report on God's work in Ecuador. Pray for safety in travel. They also request prayer for the many communities experiencing violence and instability in Ecuador. Pray for the peacebuilders team and the participants in regional peace theology courses as they seek God's responses to difficult life situations. (p. 29)

21. The Brethren in Christ Church in the United Kingdom has 10 congregations, made up of mostly Zimbabwean immigrants. Pray for them as they live out their Anabaptist theology in a new land. (p. 26)

22. Pray for a couple who has ministered in the rural areas of India for 12 years, through medical care, food distribution, evangelism and church planting.

23. Pray for the ministries of Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who work among the Toba-Qom people of the Argentine Chaco — making God's word available in the Toba-Qom language, through audio Bible recordings and radio ministry; an encyclopedic dictionary; education and multi-media programs. (p. 30)