

**24.** For the next two weeks, Mary and Jim Hostetter will be serving with SOOP at Okanagan Gleaners in Oliver, British Columbia. They will help process surplus vegetables into a dried vegetable soup mix that will help feed the hungry of the world. Pray that their time of service will not only help physically nourish the world but will also nourish their own souls and the souls of those they work with (pp. 43-44).

**25.** C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz continue to lead spiritual retreats and train leaders in Asunción, Paraguay, even into their retirement years. Pray for this couple as they serve German-speaking senior citizens at Residencias Concordia, where they live (p. 30).

**26.** Collin and Kimberly Sanford, and their children, have been serving in Lille, France, since 2015. Pray for their ministry of regional leadership and church planting with Greater Europe Mission (p. 25).

**27.** Grace Community Church is a ministry that shares the good news and works for economic justice in Colesberg, South Africa. Pray for their ministry to local sheep farmers, through which they share the gospel and help improve family life, economic conditions, and relations between workers and farmers (p. 13).

**28.** Austin Roberts has completed his Ph.D., ended his sabbatical and returned to serve with An Cuan, an intentional community affiliated with Youth With A Mission in Northern Ireland. Pray for An Cuan as it is going through significant personnel transitions. Pray also for Austin as he discerns his own vocational next steps (p. 24).

**29.** Pipka is the board of missions for Gereja Kristen Muria Indonesia (GKMI, Muria Christian Church of Indonesia). Pray for them as they carry out the Great Commission in places that GKMI churches have not been able to reach (p. 19).

**30.** Praise God for the Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America and their work to bring daily devotionals to uplift, educate and edify Christian women across the Spanish-speaking world. Pray that the authors would feel appreciated and heard, as they produce this continual work (p. 36).

**31.** Pray for the 45 congregations of the Nigeria Mennonite Church, as members share God's love with their communities (p. 12).

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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 2026 Mission Mosaic page number where more information can be found on workers, partners and programs. Order your free copy at [MennoniteMission.net/Mosaic](http://MennoniteMission.net/Mosaic).

**1.** Laura and Nick Sharp and their two children have completed their year of service in La Mesa, Colombia, and have returned to their home in Kansas. Pray for this family as they transition back into life in the U.S. and as they solidify plans for this next stage of life (p. 32).

**2.** Later this month, Joseph and Rachel Givens will return to Calais, France, from their North American Ministry. Upon their return, they will shift away from working at the Maria Skobtsova House and begin working with new partners in the area. Additionally, Joseph will begin seminary online. Pray for this family in this time of transition (p. 23).

**3.** Meserete Kristos Seminary, a Mission Network partner in Ethiopia, provides biblical and theological education for leaders in the Meserete Kristos Church. Pray that the students and faculty will learn from one another in love and mutual respect (p. 12).

**4.** A community in Nepal has been struggling with a damaged drinking water system for the past two years, with the burden of gathering the daily water falling on the women of the community. Praise God that, with the help of United Mission to Nepal, 26 people from the affected area were able to work together to restore their own water supply with only two days of work (p. 20).

**5.** Christy Harrison, Peter Sensenig and their three children are relocating from Montbéliard, France, to Beirut, Lebanon, this month. This will be their second move to a new continent in under two years. Pray for them as they transition into their new home and say goodbye to the friends they made in France over the past year (p. 24).



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**6.** LCC International University, in Klaipėda, Lithuania, is in the middle of its “Plakatonas: International Social Inclusion” project. Pray that this project succeeds in its attempt to strengthen the academic community through intentionally integrating international and local students to foster academic and social inclusion for a positive intercultural learning environment (p. 28).

**7.** Pray for Mission Network partner Church of Christ in Thailand District 20 Hmong as they facilitate ministries within the Hmong communities throughout Thailand and around the world (p. 21).

**8.** Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill are currently in the U.S. for their North American Ministry. Pray for their safety in travel as they visit with friends, family and supporters, and pray that they are able to successfully raise enough funding to support their second two-year term, which starts next month (p. 26).

**9.** The Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs, Colorado, begins today, with new unit leaders Elliot and Jane Radzanowski. Pray for the leaders and this year’s participants as they settle into their year of service away from friends and family (p. 42).

**10.** Seth and Stephany Rudeen are returning to Kansas after spending a year in Guatemala at the Bezaleel school in San Pedro Carchá. Pray for the Rudeens as they readjust to living in the U.S. and find new patterns in the home they left behind a year ago (p. 31).

**11.** On June 24, Venezuela experienced two devastating earthquakes that resulted in the confirmed death or injury of more than 20,000 people, with tens of thousands more still missing. Pray for everyone affected, as they continue to mourn the lost, search for the missing and rebuild, as many have been left homeless or displaced.

**12.** Bokgoni Sporting Club, in Francistown, Botswana, offers young people an alternative to life on the streets by providing a healthy environment, training in life-skills and an opportunity to play sports. Pray for health and good decision making for the youth and young adults they serve (p. 11).

**13.** The 2026 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training will be held from August 13-22 in Tamsui, Taiwan. Pray for open hearts and minds as participants are immersed in cultural experiences and take courses on conflict and peace, environmental peace education, storytelling and listening for peacebuilding, and restorative justice. (p. 20)

**14.** Bienenberg Theological Seminary is an Anabaptist-Mennonite theological seminary in Switzerland that focuses on social responsibility, peace and reconciliation. Pray for educators and students as they deepen their knowledge of history, theology and ministry from an Anabaptist lens (p. 28).

**15.** JCS International, Mongolia is a consortium of international Christian organizations with volunteers and staff from all over world. Pray for their staff and volunteers as they share the good news of Jesus in Mongolia through various programs and activities. (p. 20).

**16.** As a new school year begins, pray for Martine Audéoud, a Mennonite Mission Network worker serving in Ivory Coast. Martine works with several universities throughout the world to train Christian leaders (p. 10).

**17.** Praise God for the Iglesia Evangélica Menonita de Chile (Chile Mennonite Church), a conference of seven congregations in or near Santiago and Concepción, and their service to their community. Pray that they are able to bless those most in need through their community outreach and fundraising efforts (p. 34).

**18.** As the mission agency of Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Mission Network acts as a bridge for Mennonite congregations to participate in global mission work. Pray for devoted individuals and families to join in accompanying the marginalized, building partnerships and sharing hope in a broken world.

**19.** Pray for a couple based in Finland, that has been ministering to people across Asia since 1975. They support Community Health Educators (CHE) across Asia. Pray also for the CHes, who engage in sensitive work to better their communities (p. 15).

**20.** For the next week and a half, DMFK (the German Mennonite Peace Committee) will be leading a learning trip to Israel-Palestine. Pray that this trip goes smoothly, after they had to cancel similar trips earlier this year, due to tensions in the region. Pray for the safety of the participants and that they will be able use what they learn to help enact peace in our world (p. 27).

**21.** Pray for MVS participants as they begin their service year this coming week. Pray for a smooth transition, as units in Alamosa, Colorado; Tucson, Arizona; and San Francisco, California, will collectively welcome several new participants, as well as two returning participants (pp. 40-41).

**22.** Praise God for the Francophone Community Mennonite Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. This congregation is made up of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon and Burundi who are now living in South Africa (p. 13).

**23.** Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst have been serving in Hualien, Taiwan, for five months now, but they still feel like they are adjusting and getting used to their new home and culture. Please pray for them as they continue to work on their language learning and explore how they can most effectively do ministry in their daily lives (p. 16).