

**25.** Praise God for the biblical and theological education happening among the Indigenous peoples of Ecuador. Pray that these ministries will deepen the faith of committed Christians and strengthen the unity of the body of Christ in the country.

**26.** Terrorists continue to attack peaceful populations in Burkina Faso, as they work in their fields and worship in churches, placing the country first on the 2024 Global Terrorism Index. Mennonite leaders request prayer for an end to the violence and for healing for the thousands of people who have been traumatized by seeing loved ones murdered and who are, themselves, healing from injuries.

**27.** Pray for Jack Sara — president of Bethlehem Bible College in Palestine — and the faculty, staff and students, as they continue their programs, despite the violence and suffering they experience daily. Pray for God's shalom, as they navigate the devastation around them. (p. 13)

**28.** Today, Joseph and Rachel Givens continue a tradition of gathering the guests of the Maria Skobtsova House and the other houses of refuge around Calais, France, for a Thanksgiving meal. Pray that on this day, God's love will be shown, so that people fleeing violence may find community and people who are hungry may eat their fill. (p. 24)

**29.** Robert Irundu, a leader in the Mennonite Church of Congo, requests prayers for an end to the war in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray for peace and strong faith, as some believers have lost their trust in God because of the atrocities they are experiencing.

**30.** Kate Widmer works with the community outreach ministries of the Mennonite church in France. Pray for her as she works with women and children in the Muslim neighborhood where she lives, running a sewing class, a group for girls, a group for mothers, afternoon activities, and helping with the church's café and bookstore. (p. 25)

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- 1.** Today is All Saints' Day in some Christian traditions and is a time set aside to remember our forebears, who dedicated their lives to Jesus. As a consequence, some died as martyrs. Praise God for those who laid the groundwork for Mennonite Mission Network's ministries, sometimes at great personal cost, and left a legacy, through which God's love continues to flow.
- 2.** JCS International, Mongolia, is preparing the 2025 budget. Pray that God and God's people will provide the necessary resources. Pray also for the JCS board meetings that are scheduled for this month. (p. 20)
- 3.** Mennonite Bible School, in South Africa, is preparing for graduations at all five of their local branches this month. Pray that the ceremonies will increase interest in the study of God's word, and pray for God's anointing on the graduates, as they follow God's leading in their ministries. (p. 13)
- 4.** Praise God for the work of Naomi Leary, former regional director for North America, who has moved on to another ministry opportunity. Pray for Lori Hershberger Blair, Ana Alicia Hinojosa, Alex Mace, Eric Frey Martin and Andrew Suderman, who are sharing responsibilities for the smooth functioning of Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, while the search for a new regional director is ongoing. (pp. 37-40)
- 5.** Today, presidential elections are taking place in the United States. Pray that voting will take place without violence and that the leaders who are elected will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.



- 6.** Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón, who are serving in Bolivia, request prayer for all regions of the world experiencing a lack of rainfall that is leading to devastating wildfires. Pray specifically for Chiquitania, near Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where fires are wiping out the world's largest remaining area of healthy dry forest ecosystems. (p. 29)
- 7.** From a base in the Netherlands, Anicka Fast's ministry is expanding globally, beyond Africa, where she has been teaching global church history and archiving skills for the past three years. Pray for her as she edits a new Mennonite World Conference Global Anabaptist-Mennonite History series, in addition to her teaching and traveling. (p. 23)
- 8.** A couple, who has been serving in Nepal for three decades, is nearing retirement. Pray for them, as they prepare for their good-bye tour of supporting churches in the United States. Pray also for healing, as one of them has been unable to walk for months, after ankle surgery. (p. 16)
- 9.** Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig ask us to join them in prayer for wisdom, as they live with the uncertainties of flooding in their neighborhood and at the university where Peter teaches. (p. 10)
- 10.** Participants in the San Francisco (California) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit give and receive support, teach, and learn. Pray for Conrad Liechty, as he works with community gardens; Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver, who is helping prepare students for college; and Savannah Walter, who is serving for a second year with Community Music Center. (p. 38)
- 11.** Today, Barb and Maria Thuma are completing a six-week assignment at *La Casa Grande* in Benin. This is Barb's second year of serving at the children's home and school. Pray that the seeds of God's love that were sown while Barb was teaching English and Maria was teaching Spanish will help point their students toward Jesus. (p. 10)
- 12.** Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton request prayer, as some of their ministry partners in Ecuador are changing. May Delicia and Peter have the grace to walk alongside multiple faith communities, as they discern together where God is leading. Pray, also, for Delicia's involvement with the Quito Mennonite Church's afterschool program. (p. 29)
- 13.** Robin Gingerich has served as an administrator and teacher at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her, the faculty, staff and students as they learn to be peacemakers, by living in a cross-cultural setting. Some of the students' countries are at war with one another. (p. 23)
- 14.** A couple serving in Nepal brought two of their sons with them. Two others stayed in North America, to continue their schooling. Pray for good family communication across continents and for support groups for each member of the family. (p.17)
- 15.** Pray for the churches in Latin America's *Cono Sur* (Southern Cone) region, as they gather in Choel Choel, Argentina, this month. May the participants encourage one another to engage in mission with more fervor and live out their peace witness as a unified body of Christ.
- 16.** Edward Dartey, of the Mennonite Church of Ghana, has been a member of the Prayer Vine community for two decades and asks us to pray for his country, which has elections coming up in December. He also requests prayers for the reversal of illegal mining policies that destroy farmland and pollute the water, causing disease. (p. 12)
- 17.** 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 amid his intense study. (p. 24)
- 18.** Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst are preparing to serve in Taiwan, where they plan to work with the Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien. Pray for them as they raise support to help strengthen relationships between North American mission agencies and develop relationships with the 22 Mennonite churches in Taiwan.
- 19.** Pray for Laura Rodriguez, the new Canada SOOP coordinator, as she supports volunteers. Pray also for Stephanie Weaver, support administrator for Mission Network, as she takes on additional SOOP program responsibilities. (p. 41)
- 20.** Colleen and Pablo Fast are discerning priorities in mentoring leadership with a congregation in Apuí, Brazil. Pray for them as they bring closure to this ministry and prepare to move to a new location at the beginning of 2025. (p. 30)
- 21.** Pray that God will continue to strengthen the leadership of the Nigeria Mennonite Church and help the church's Bible college impart knowledge to students, leading them into a deeper commitment to following Jesus. (p. 13)
- 22.** David and Rebekka Stutzman, and their three children, have been serving as missional church networkers in Germany for 12 years. Pray for this family as they share the love and light of Jesus in a post-Christian context. (p. 25)
- 23.** Jonah and Memee Yang serve in Southeast Asia. Pray for Memee, as she leads Sister Care seminars for women; Jonah, as he offers missional leadership development through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey program; and the couple, as they provide marital enrichment, through Compassionate Care seminars. (p. 18)
- 24.** Samir Knego leads the Anchorage Service Adventure unit in Alaska. Pray for him and participants: Samuel Landis, serving with Habitat for Humanity; Briana Nyveld, with the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management; Armando Perez, with the Downtown Hope Center; and Aviva Setiawan, with Hope Community Resources, Inc. (p. 39)