

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

26. Pray for the Nigeria Mennonite Church and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center as they work for peaceful communities in their multi-cultural context, where Muslim-Christian relations are often challenging. (pp. 12, 13)

27. Two of the eight Mennonite denominations in India are Mission Network partners. Pray for the Bharatiyah General Conference Mennonite Church and the Bihar Mennonite Mandli, as they bear witness to the love and light of Jesus. (p. 19)

28. 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)

29. Bienenberg Theological Seminary, in Switzerland, provides an Anabaptist curriculum for French speakers. Pray that students will be inspired to enact Christ-centered transformation in their communities. (p. 27)

30. Bokgoni Sporting Club provides at-risk youth in Botswana with opportunities to build healthy relationships and life skills. Pray for the staff as they guide participants in making good life choices. (p. 11)

31. Praise God for the ministry of the Korea Anabaptist Center in Chuncheon, South Korea. Pray for the staff members as they share Anabaptist-Mennonite resources with those interested in learning about peace theology and restorative justice. (p. 20)

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1. On this New Year's Day, may God's love and light radiate through Mission Network personnel and partners, as they serve on six continents. God, help each of us use the gifts you've given us to be your hands and feet this year, in our neighborhoods and around the world.

2. Matthew Krabill has been diagnosed with a rare autoimmune condition, which has caused him to be in and out of hospital in Ghana for the past three months. Matthew and Toni are grateful for excellent medical care and a supportive community. They request prayer for discernment on their next steps and continued healing. (p. 10)

3. This month, SOOP has placed 29 volunteers in Arizona and Florida. Pray that these SOOPers will be a blessing, as they serve vulnerable populations for two weeks to four months. (p. 41)

4. Pray for a worker based in Finland, who frequently travels to Asia to encourage Community Health Educators (CHE). Pray also for the CHEs, who engage in sensitive work to better their communities. (p. 15)

5. Pray for Brazilian Mennonite students who are participating in a new online program for ministerial formation, as well as for the development of an online library for Anabaptist materials in the Portuguese language.



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- 6.** 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)
- 7.** The Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand (AAANZ) gathers people who share a passion for Jesus, community and reconciliation. Pray for AAANZ members as they work toward a more compassionate world. (p. 21)
- 8.** Martine Audéoud, who is based in Ivory Coast for global ministry, is grateful for how her family is settling into life in Ivory Coast. Pray that she will get her resident permit. Her husband and son have received theirs. She also requests prayer for the students she works with, who are dealing with many challenges to receiving their graduate degrees. (p. 23)
- 9.** 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 is just starting to walk after an ankle surgery that was followed by months of complications. (p. 16)
- 10.** Latin American Anabaptist Seminary (SEMILLA) provides biblical and theological education for 13 Anabaptist-Mennonite conferences in Central America and Mexico and, through online courses, reaches Spanish speakers around the world. Pray for the faculty, staff and students. (p. 33)
- 11.** 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)
- 12.** Join Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, a Mission Network partner, in thanking God for the Pastor's Empowerment Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which includes training and small business loans. Pastors' families and congregations have begun to experience positive outcomes in their quality of life and increased support for congregational ministries. (p. 11)
- 13.** 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. (p. 21)
- 14.** Colleen and Pablo Fast have been serving in Brazil for more than three decades. Pray for them as they bring closure to their ministry in Apuí, Brazil, and prepare to move to Humaitá, Brazil, at the end of this month. Pray also for the church leaders in the Apuí congregation, whom the Fast's mentored. (p. 30)
- 15.** 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)
- 16.** Charles Baraka is in conversation with Mission Network about ministry in Burundi. Pray for him as he conducts conflict resolution and trauma-healing workshops with church leaders in refugee camps in the Great Lakes region of Africa.
- 17.** Jonah and Memee Yang serve in Southeast Asia. Pray for Memee, as she leads Sister Care seminars for women; for Jonah, as he offers missional leadership development, through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey program; and for the couple, as they provide marital enrichment, through Compassionate Care seminars. (p. 18)
- 18.** Today, Mennonites are gathering in Cusco, Peru, for the South American celebration of Anabaptism at 500. Pray that during the next five days of worship, learning and fellowship, attendees will learn how to carry this rich legacy into their current contexts.
- 19.** David and Rebekka Stutzman, and their three children, serve as a missional church family in Germany. Pray for them as they share the love and light of Jesus in a post-Christian context. (p. 25)
- 20.** On this day, remember the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus' way of nonviolent civil disobedience in bringing hope to people marginalized by society. Pray for Mission Network's ministries that work to undo racism in the United States and around the world.
- 21.** Today, Service Adventure unit leaders are gathering for their mid-year retreat in Denver, Colorado. During the coming week, pray that they will be inspired and strengthened, as they worship together and share the joys and challenges of their ministries. (p. 39)
- 22.** Pray for the Rev. Dr. Samson Matabaro, as he provides leadership for Key Ministries International (KMI), an organization that serves refugee and immigrant communities in Cape Town, South Africa. KMI is a new Mission Network partner.
- 23.** 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)
- 24.** Pray for the Mennonite churches in Uruguay as they support leadership transitions to younger generations and discern ways to share their faith in a highly secular context. (p. 34)