

24. Today, Mission Network's fifth annual Sent conference begins at Indonesian Light Church in Philadelphia. Pray that the three-day event with the theme, *Jesus is The Cornerstone*, will inspire participants to plant seeds of peace and faith in their communities and congregations.

25. Pray for a ministry that focuses on social service outreach, evangelism, discipleship training, and church planting with people living in Andhra Pradesh State in southern India.

26. Kristin Anton, Leah Friesen, and Jacob Regier work with Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Francisco. Pray for them as they help their host congregation, First Mennonite Church of San Francisco, confront injustice due to poverty, homelessness, and lack of access to health care and educational opportunities.

27. Jaden Hostetter works with the Quito Mennonite Church's refugee resettlement center. Pray for his Spanish language skills so he can be more effective in this ministry, as well as expanding the youth group's activities, helping with worship music, and teaching after-school English classes on Fridays.

28. DOOR requests prayer for staff, board and participants as they prepare for the intense spring and summer Discover season, an urban experience of learning and service. Pray also that God would send the right person to serve as the new city director in Denver.

29. Austin Roberts has been based in Northern Ireland with Youth With a Mission's Discipleship Training School staff since 2016. Pray for him as he works with community outreach and local ministry partners and teaches in many international locations.

30. The Full Circle Thrift Shop in Altadena, California, a ministry of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, raises funds for the work of reconciliation. Pray for SOOP volunteers to sort, clean, stock, price, and help organize special events.

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- 1.** Today is the deadline for Youth Venture applications. Praise God for the young people who have said yes to building relationships with people in Benin, Colombia, Israel-Palestine, Peru, Spain, and the Hopi Nation in Arizona. Pray for leaders gifted in cross-cultural communication.
- 2.** In November, a storm destroyed more than 1,000 homes and hospitals, schools and churches in Ndjoko Punda, Democratic Republic of Congo. Since the 16 deaths during the storms, more than 100 people, mostly children, have died due to disease. Pray for Mennonite church members who will be providing free medical treatment this month.
- 3.** Praise God for Menno, the 6-month-old son born to Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher. His parents said, "Raising a son in a very militarized region, we wanted to choose a name of peace for him." Pray for health and joy for Menno, his three sisters, and his community.
- 4.** Today is the final day of Service Adventure's work week at Camp Mennoscah in Kansas. Pray that participants will return to their assignments in Alaska, Colorado, Mississippi, New Mexico and Pennsylvania, renewed to faithfully follow Jesus in their daily lives.

- 5.** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer will assist the Cofán people of Zábolo in hosting several learning tours in the coming weeks. Pray for them as they lead a youth group from Waterford (Indiana) Mennonite Church this month and students from Goshen (Indiana) College in May.
- 6.** Workers, now based in the United Kingdom, have dedicated their lives to building understanding between Christians and Muslims. They request prayer for peace in Syria, which has experienced war for the past nine years. Pray also for Middle Eastern Christians and their witness.
- 7.** Pray for wisdom for Francis Dzorvor, recently elected moderator of Ghana Mennonite Church, as he inspires congregations to share God's love.
- 8.** Many Mission Network partners live in areas where most public activity has stopped due to the outbreak of the COVID-19. JCS International in Mongolia asks for prayer for all people throughout the region, and that Christians would have a strong testimony of love and comfort during this time of intense fear.
- 9.** Bekah York is enjoying the challenges of adapting to life in Colombia. Pray for her as she teaches English classes and prepares to teach a class in Spanish next semester at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia.
- 10.** On this Good Friday when we remember Jesus' suffering and the gift of his life so that we may have abundant life, lament the enormity of suffering and death in our world. Ask God to show you a concrete way to share the story of Jesus' love.
- 11.** Janie and Neal Blough are walking alongside Matthew and Toni Krabill as the Krabills assume responsibilities at the Paris Mennonite Center. Pray for the Bloughs as they prepare to retire in France after 45 years of ministry.
- 12.** In celebrating Easter, share the good news of Jesus' victory over the grip of evil in our world. Join Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 54 countries around the world in proclaiming this message to those you encounter.
- 13.** Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado serve at *La Casa Grande*, a children's home in Benin. Pray for Diana as she teaches English and Spanish, and for Felipe as he works with the young people to develop innovative agricultural and animal-breeding projects.
- 14.** Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo live out the good news of Jesus Christ in Cambodia, a Buddhist country. Pray for them as they teach at all levels, from informal classes for children to the university level, and as they help provide leadership for a multicultural congregation.
- 15.** This month, students on spring break are traveling to DOOR locations in Atlanta, Chicago and Denver. Pray that their time of learning and service will be a time of transformation as they "see the face of God" in these cities.
- 16.** Deb Byler advocates for Kekchi Mennonite Church women in Guatemala. Pray for wisdom as Deb works with women leaders to develop Bible studies that they take to congregations in remote areas.
- 17.** Robin Gingerich serves as the chair of the English program at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students and teaches TESOL and writing courses in addition to her administrative responsibilities.
- 18.** Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency partners with Mission Network to train church leaders, communities and students in conflict transformation and working for social justice. Pray for the resources necessary for these ministries, and for Oscar Siwali as he provides leadership.
- 19.** Jonah and Memee Yang and their three children are preparing for ministry in Thailand. Pray that God will equip them with everything they need as they move from Minnesota into this new calling.
- 20.** Open Door Mennonite Church hosts the Jackson, Mississippi, Service Adventure unit where participants Risa Fukaya, Paula Klätte, Estella Sandweg, and unit leaders Cynthia and Roger Neufeld Smith request prayer for household unity and wisdom for their jobs at community organizations that offer meals, after-school programs, and urban gardening.
- 21.** Praise God for a Virginia Mennonite Missions work team that traveled to Peru to help Elena and Freddy Buckwalter de Satalaya build a community center. Pray for Elena, Freddy, and the leadership team as they use the center for kids' activities, education, and worship services.
- 22.** David and Sophie Lapp Jost are serving in Germany. Pray for David as he works with the German Peace Committee, a partner of Christian Peacemaker Teams, and with Sophie as she assists as an intern in a congregation.
- 23.** Charles Buller of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, a Mission Network partner, and trainers Antoinette and Leonard Kiswangi will be leading a "Multiplying Transformational Communities" seminar in several locations in Democratic Republic of Congo this month. Pray for fruitful communication with participants and wisdom in creating a course manual.