

**25.** Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral care, and train church leaders.

**26.** Emmanuel Hospital Association operates 20 hospitals and 27 community health programs, including former Mennonite institutions, Nav Jivan Hospital, Champa Christian Hospital, and Sewa Bhawan Hospital. Pray for resources and personnel to meet India's COVID-19 crisis.

**27.** 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, and for the Krabills as they build new relationships.

**28.** Pray for the members of Ghana Mennonite Church's 28 congregations, and the students, professors, and staff at Good News Theological College and Seminary as they share God's love during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**29.** The Mennonite Church in Colombia's five-year plan focuses on Anabaptist identity and developing sustainable faith communities. Pray for wisdom for professors at the Mennonite seminary who help equip congregations for this challenge.

**30.** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family began the North America segment of their two-way mission early this year. Pray for them as they continue their ministry in Ecuador from a distance and as they engage in teaching ministries from Goshen, Indiana.

**31.** Today is Stanley W. Green's last day as Mission Network's executive director after 27 years of faithful service. Pray for Stanley and his wife, Ursula, as they settle in California where Stanley will work as conference minister for the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference.

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- 1.** Praise God that despite a tight lockdown due to COVID-19, followers of Jesus multiplied in the country of his birth through online Bible studies and prayer. Pray that this fervor will continue as Israel eases quarantine restrictions.
- 2.** JCS, the organization with which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in Mongolia, reports that 50 percent of Mongolian churches do not have a pastor. Pray that those who are being called by God to pastor a church will say yes.
- 3.** LCC University Summer Language Institute in Lithuania normally begins this month. Pray for Robin Gingerich and other administrators as they adapt the program to new realities created by COVID-19.
- 4.** Today is the United States' national holiday. Pray that Anabaptist believers will seek first God's priorities and break down dividing walls that separate God's people from one another. Pray that our laments against the violence of racism will bear the fruit of living in the way Jesus taught.
- 5.** Praise God for positive online learning experiences for Martine Audéoud and her students in West Africa. Pray for the students as they try to complete their courses while struggling with the COVID-19 crisis and racial inequities.
- 6.** Join Alfonsina and José Oyanguren in praying that rural Toba Qom communities in Argentina's Chaco region would be spared COVID-19 infections.

- 7.** Pray for health for the family of Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton as they weather the COVID-19 quarantine in Ecuador. Praise God for the ministries of the Quito Mennonite Church — providing food and encouragement in their community.
- 8.** Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo work in educational and pastoral ministries in Cambodia. Pray for them as they create online learning programs at Moriah Learning Center and as Petrus will continue to teach at the University of Management and Economics in November when schools are permitted to reopen.
- 9.** Praise God for the ministry opportunities that Austin Roberts had during the COVID-19 quarantine in Northern Ireland when he experienced “the longest youth lock-in in human history!” Pray that God will bring fruit from the teaching and the intensive community living experience of participants in Youth With a Mission’s Discipleship Training Schools.
- 10.** Bill and Carol Frisbie help African church leaders train disciples. Pray for wisdom as the Frisbies and the African leaders with whom they work adapt their ministries to the current reality that doesn’t permit gatherings for worship and learning.
- 11.** Some Mennonite Voluntary Service participants have returned to their home communities due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for them as they listen for God’s call to what is next in their lives. Pray for the participants (13) who are still serving with MVS and in unit leadership positions in the following locations: Chicago, Elkhart (Indiana), Manhattan, Washington D.C. and San Francisco, and Alamosa (Colorado).
- 12.** Praise God for Mission Network’s short-term service programs that help young people deepen their faith and broaden their cultural perspectives. Pray for program directors as they plan for the future with so many unknowns.
- 13.** The Pearls of Wisdom project in Mongolia translates and distributes Christian literature. Pray for health for personnel and resources to continue this ministry.
- 14.** David and Rebekkah Stutzman praise God for opportunities to re-assess priorities as COVID-19 brought much of life in Germany to a standstill. Pray for them as they help to open a nonprofit family café in a less privileged part of Mannheim through *Kinderreich*, an after-school program where Rebekkah works.
- 15.** Rejoice with Christians in Benin as COVID-19 restrictions lifted and they were able to gather for church services on June 7. Pray for Mission Network partners in Benin as they share God’s love with vulnerable communities.
- 16.** Praise God for lives touched through Mission Network’s daily Hope Series inaugurated in response to the isolation caused by COVID-19. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bind people together through prayer in interceding for brothers and sisters around the world.
- 17.** Pray for Mary Cano and Angela Opimí, co-coordinators of the Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Angela and Mary have taken ministry online, expanding encouragement across geographical boundaries that would normally separate women from each other.
- 18.** Angela and Tomoki Yamanaka serve as co-pastors of the Asahikawa Gospel Church in Hokkaido, Japan. Pray for them as they juggle the demands of ministry with parenting four pre-teen children.
- 19.** Sue and Wally Fahrer provide an Anabaptist-Mennonite witness in the United Kingdom. Pray for them as they teach and model faithful discipleship.
- 20.** Anabaptist Network in South Africa brings together people, churches, and organizations to embody a lifestyle centered on God’s reconciling vision. Pray for ANiSA as it promotes communities of peace.
- 21.** Oscar Suarez was leading plans for the Colombia Mennonite Church to host a convention of 500 Latin American Anabaptist youth this month. Due to COVID-19, the convention was cancelled. Pray for God’s Spirit to work in innovative in these difficult times.
- 22.** Pray for Mark and Stephanie Bartsch as they assist in their congregation in Kobe, Japan, and as Mark teaches at an international Christian high school.
- 23.** The Association of Anabaptists, Mennonites, and Brethren in Christ is a network of nine Anabaptist congregations in Spain. Pray for these churches as they discern how to share Jesus’ love as their country begins to relax pandemic restrictions.
- 24.** The Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso requests prayer as they experience two threats — food insecurity due to tight quarantine regulations, and violence from armed groups. Pray that the church might find creative ways to cultivate peace and justice.